



Message from the Headteacher



Welcome to the final newsletter of the 2017-18 academic year. This edition includes a large amount of our pupils' achievements and testifies to the various talents, hard work and dedication they give not only to their studies and exams but to all the enriching experiences that are on offer to them within the school and our community.

This year we continued to address the development of our pupils' ability to be effective learners focusing on skills such as resilience, perseverance, the ability to communicate effectively in both languages, collaboration and problem solving. These are very important skills in preparing our pupils for their future. Ysgol Glan Clwyd will continue to develop an innovative curriculum during the forthcoming year. For your information we have been selected as a leading school in Assessment for Learning and we will be supporting other schools over the next year.

Pastoral care is also very important to us as happy pupils are able to make the most of the experiences offered to them. We have specifically identified pupils who are in need of our support and plan early interventions to support them. Our priority for next year is to develop a program of enriching experiences

in Health and Wellbeing, working closely with our primary schools to ensure a purposeful progression from 3-16 years old.

We are currently in the process of identifying next year's priorities and we would like to ask for your input in this process. I kindly ask you to complete the questionnaire to tell us what you are happy with and what we could improve. A link for the questionnaire will be shared with you on SchoolComms and your response will be greatly appreciated as we continue to 'Achieve Excellence Together'.

I would like to thank you for your continued support over the year. I wish you all an enjoyable summer and I look forward continuing to work with you next year.

Mrs Bethan Cartwright

Attendance!

As a school we are committed to working with you as parents/guardians to encourage attendance and punctuality of our pupils. We believe that ensuring a high attendance rate gives the best start possible to the lives of our young people.

We have set an attendance target of 96% for all pupils. There is a clear correlation between attendance and the standards that pupils achieve.

If a pupil has an attendance of 95% they will have missed two weeks of education in a school year, which also has an affect on their ability to learn, their welfare and their feeling of belonging.

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Mr Dewi Owen was nominated by Ysgol Glan Clwyd pupils for "The Teacher of the Week" award with Sound Radio Wales. He was presented with a certificate from Elisha Jones and Elin Jones Year 10.

Geography Field Trip

On Tuesday, April 17th the year 10 GCSE Geography classes went to Rhyl to study urban regeneration. The following day we visited paths around Betws y Coed and Snowdon by completing a quality questionnaire. The weather was glorious and we all enjoyed the experience especially the ice cream at Betws y Coed. **Fflur Evans (year 10)**



Under 13's Girls Football Team

Congratulations to Ysgol Glan Clwyd under 13 girls football team on reaching the finals of the Welsh Cup. The girls were very successful on their tour, winning 7 games to reach their place. They all worked very hard, and fully deserved their place, (only) losing from 1 point to 0 against a very strong team from Vale of Glamorgan. We are delighted with the girls' success, and wish them all the best again for next year.



Egni 2018

A huge congratulations to tîm Egni (Julia Bugelli, Osian Jones, Elliott Maitland-Davies) year 9 for representing Wales in the World finals of the 1st Lego League in Detroit. The pupils were very successful in America, ranking in the top 100 out of 35,000 competitors this year. Before reaching the finals in America, the team won the North Wales finals before going on to win at the British final in Bristol. Excellent feedback was received from the critics and experts in the scientific and engineering field. The team and I would like to thank everyone who supported the initiative, especially our sponsors who made the dream possible. We are extremely proud of the pupils who have put the good name of the school on the map!

Record of Achievement

Year 11 pupils received a deserving celebration of their achievements at St Asaph Cathedral last month.

It was wonderful to see the Cathedral full of parents and friends who had come to support the pupils in receiving their Record of Achievement and celebrated through song and reciting of happy memories.

We would like to take this opportunity as teachers and staff members to wish the pupils all the best for the future.



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YGC Success at Eisteddfod Yr Urdd 2018



We are very proud of the successes of our pupils in the various competitions at Eisteddfod yr Urdd this year.

These include; Years 7 and 8 Boys Party, Y Gân Actol Years 8 and 9, Year 10 Recitation Group, Year 7 Ymgom, Erin Davies – Solo Cerdd Dant Years 7, 8 & 9, Siwan Williams and Erin Davies – Duet Years 7, 8 & 9, Mali Elwy – Recitation Year 10 and Under 19, Mali Elwy – Solo from a Musical Year 10 and Under 19, Elliott Maitland Davies –

Woodwind Solo Year 7, 8 & 9, Gwenllian Vaughan – Piano Solo Years 7, 8 & 9 a Julia Bugelli – Harp Solo Years 7, 8 & 9.

We especially celebrate the pupils who were successful on the Eisteddfod stage. Third for The Girls Party Year 7, 8 and 9, Mali Elwy 2nd in the Monolog Year 10 & Under 19 and 1st for the Cerdd Dant Party Years 7, 8 & 9! (Pictured below).

Some of the pupils achieved successes in

homework competitions; Emily Morris third for her Monochrome Print (Years 7, 8 & 9), Brannon Liston-Smith second for his Musical Composition Year 10, Efa Fitzgerald – first for her Ceramic/Pottery work (Year 7, 8 & 9).

Many thanks to the coaches for their hard work and time preparing the pupils for the Eisteddfod. Also, thank you to the parents / guardians for all your support!



6th Form Awards Presentation

During the month of May, the 6th form had an awards presentation where a number of the 6th formers were presented with awards from The Head, Mrs Bethan Cartwright.

Lois Jones
Hafan Deg

To recognise a pupil's high standards in Welsh.

Ruth Roberts
Elfed Islwyn

An important contribution in drama/performance.

Gwen Williams
Gwyddoniaeth BL13

For the student in year 13 that has excelled in the field of Science.

Abi Williams
June Moseley

An important contribution to the community – the school community and the

Alys Hall
Eurwyn Keith Jones

An important contribution in English – in terms of contribution and/or standard of work.

Emily Jones
Mairlyn Lewis

For the girl who contributed most to sport at school.

Sion Jones
Tony Betts

For the boy who contributed most to sports at school.

Elin Smith
Cyfrifiadureg BL13

For the student in year 13 that has excelled in the field of IT.

Sophie Lloyd Coghlan
Gwobr Mentor y Flwyddyn

An acknowledgement of support for students in the school.



Back row (left to right): **Matthew Senior (Captain), Lewis Evans**. Front row (left to right): **Joel Gibblin, Aled Rees Williams, Morgan Edmunds**.

Welsh National Champions

A huge congratulations to **Aled Rees-Williams, Lewis Evans, Morgan Edmunds, Joel Giblin a Matthew Senior** (captain), they beat Cardiff & Vale 5-2 in the finals to make Denbighshire U12s National Champions!



Denbighshire U12's Football Team. The Welsh Champions!



Back row (left to right): **Lewis Evans, Mathew Senior, Sam Badley, Elliot Turner, Efan Edwards, Steffan Williams, Morgan Fricker**.

Front row (left to right): **Morgan Edmunds, Kofi Haliday, Aled Williams, Joel Gibblin, Ben Hesketh**.

A number of Year 7 and 8 pupils were rewarded by Billy Sass-Davies at the Denbighshire Awards Service (Wales and Crew Alexander) last week. 5 of the pupils were part of the team that won the Welsh Cup (story above).



RGC Cup Final

Year 8 win against Ysgol Caereinion in the North East Wales final for the North Wales Rugby Cup.

It was a very competitive game, in the first 15 minutes Ysgol Glan Clwyd were losing from 21-0, before playing better and passing the ball wide which had a detrimental effect on Caereinion's defence. Ysgol Glan Clwyd's team started the second half positively 22-21. During the second half Ysgol Glan Clwyd scored two quick tries to add to the score 36-21. Caereinion had two tries in the last 10 minutes of the match, however, Ysgol Glan Clwyd's defence was strong, resulting in a final score of Ysgol Glan Clwyd 36 - 35 Ysgol Caereinion.

Following this success, the team went on to the North Wales finals in May. Unfortunately they were unlucky and lost against Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy.

A Warm Welcome To The New Govenors

We have welcomed three new members on the Govenors Board as follows.

Mr John Roberts
Comunity Member

Mr Peter Roberts
Parent Govenor
(Yr.8 Parent)

Mrs Delwen Potter
Parent Govenor
(Yr.7 Parent)



The details for the Govenors Board is on our website: www.ysgolglanclwyd.co.uk/llywodraethwyr



A Welsh Cap!

Congratulations to **Josie Smith** Year 11, who has won her first Wales cap in a FAW ceremony at the Celtic Manor Hotel. Well done, this is a major achievement!



The outstanding work that earned **Hanna** her award



Emily Smith (left) and **Ella White** receiving their certificates.



Hanna Jones receiving her trophy and a cheque for £50



The Royal Cambrian Academy Art Expedition, Conwy, during May.

The Sir Kyffin Williams Art Competition

Many congratulations to Hanna, Emily and Ella on their success in The Sir Kyffin Williams Denbighshire Schools Art Competition 2018.

Hanna's painting was on display at the Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy, in May as part of Angerdd i Gymru / A Passion for Wales, Yn Cofio Celf Kyffin Williams PPRCA Centenary Celebration. The painting is now part of Royal Cambrian Academy's 136th Annual Summer Exhibition (All Galleries) from 7th July 2018 onwards, together with Emily and Ella's work and the following selected submissions:-

Catrin Burgess, Hannah Bolger, Erin Davies, Catrin Rees Williams, Julia Bugelli, Lucy Winter and Hayley Daffern.



Ruthin Art Group Portfolio Course

Congratulations to Mari Edmunds (left) and Georgina Harris (Centre) on winning a Bronze Level Art Award for participating in the Ruthin Art Group. Agnes Carter (right) received her certificate on the same day for her work last year.



The Cluster Schools 'Tag' Rygbi Tournament

Year 10 pupils organised a very successful rugby tournament for years 3 and 4 Ysgol Glan Clwyd cluster primary schools. The pupils have been working hard during the year to complete the rugby leader course and organising the Tag Rugby Tournament i was part of the course. Year 10 pupils had a great deal of enjoyment training the primary school pupils, this was evident in the performance of the 60 pupils who played in the games.

The Head of Ysgol Pant Pastynog and Ysgol Henllan commented on the whole day:

"The pupils were incredible, extremely polite, speaking every word of Welsh and great with the primary school pupils. They have made a great impression on us as pupils and primary school staff and a true reflection of the school."