



# Ysgol Glan y Môr

## Parents' Bulletin - Easter 2013



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### March

22 School closes for holidays  
25 - 5/4 Easter Holidays

#### April

8 School re-opens  
8 Year 10 Work Experience Week  
19 Year 10 Reports  
23 **Year 10 Parents' Evening (3.45 - 5.45)**

#### May

6 May Day  
7 Year 11 Presentation Ceremony  
(*Date has changed from 8th*)  
13 GCSE examinations begin  
16 School Sports Day (**weather permitting**)  
21 **Yr 9 Examinations**  
21 Support Clinic  
24 School closes for ½ term  
Whitsun Holidays 27/5/13 - 31/5/13

### Religious Studies

A special service was arranged for St David's Day on March 1st. Appropriate reading were read by pupils from year 7—11 and Mr Noel Dyer emphasised the importance of making use of the welsh language. Musical items were arranged by Mrs Einir W Jones. Rachel from the Christian Group Trobwynt spoke to Year 10 on the sanctity of life as part of PSE lessons. She also discussed the theme of people trafficking with Year 9 as part of their unit on Human Rights

**School Uniform** - We are grateful for all your support in ensuring that all pupils wear the appropriate school uniform, we would also like to remind you that only **plain black trousers (not jeans)** and **black shoes/plain black trainers** are acceptable.

After the Easter holidays the girls will be allowed to wear a green skirt (available through the school.) The girls will be allowed to wear flat, black shoes with thick black tights or thinner skin coloured tights with their skirt.

It is important that your child wears their full uniform at all times i.e. white polo, green sweatshirt.

**Items of the school uniform are for sale at the school.**



### Geography visit to Snowdonia National Park

Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Geography visited parts of the Snowdonia National Park to see first hand the effects of man on the environment. They also saw the work being done to resolve some of the problems faced e.g. traffic problems and path erosion.

**Urdd** Congratulations to the Cerdd Dant Party on coming first in the Urdd Eisteddfod. Good luck to them and Mirain Evans, who was successful in the Folk Song for Yr 13 and younger in Pembroke.

**5 x 60** There is an opportunity for your child to have Sailing lessons in The Hafan, Pwllheli as part of a combined 5x60 & CHIPAC activity on **Friday evening, April 12th 5 - 7.30 pm**. The cost will be £18 (upfront - £3 a session). Forms are available in the school office.

**Golf** - Well done to Daniel Williams Yr 9 a Sean Davies Yr 9 who took part and won a golf tournament sponsored by "Shelter Cymru". They won the first round (Gwynedd) and are now through to the second round playing the rest of Wales. Good luck to you.

**Mathematics Department-** At the beginning of March some Yr 7 & 8 pupils took part in a World Maths Day Competition. The successful pupils from Ysgol Glan y Môr were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Moli Williams (7E) (629 pt); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rhys Owen (7P) (411pt); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Peryf ab Owain (7P) (386 pt); 4<sup>th</sup> - Cadi Ellis (7E) (344); 5<sup>ed</sup> - Elin Roberts (7E) (335). 54 Year 8 pupils took part in the "Mathematical Competition" organised by the National Scientific Society. We look forward to seeing the results next term.



### School Skiing Trip 2013

Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 24 pupils went on a skiing trip to Santa Caterina in Italy. They went skiing, skating, and shopping as well as holding a funny eisteddfod. Mr Kelvin Pleming, Mrs Sianelen Pleming and Mr Erddyn Davies went with them. There were some falls but everyone returned safely home.



### Draughts competition between pupils and staff.

An exciting draughts competition was held between the pupils and staff in the Library. The final score was 11 games to 6 to the staff with 3 draw games. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### 'Cool Club.' (writing and activities)

During the last meeting of the club, the members visited Glasfryn Park, Y Ffor, where they took part in the ten pin bowling.

**Science Department** Some of our Year 10 and 11 pupils will be attending Science revision sessions at Bangor University over the Easter holidays.



### WORLD BOOK DAY - 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

A 'Lucky Book Dip' activity was held in the library during the lunch break on 'World Book Day'. The library was open for pupils and staff to take part. Everyone who took part had the opportunity to choose a book from the book dip. As a result, a total of £20.00 was raised for 'Comic Relief'.

### Readathon

Years 7 and 8 have begun with their Readathon campaign during their English lessons in the library and classroom. The money raised as a result of Readathon will be distributed between the 'Clic Sargent' and 'Roald Dahl Foundation' charities which together help children with different illnesses.



### 'World Book Day' Competition—4th of March.

A competition was held in the library to design a book-themed bookmark. Congratulations to the following on their success; 1st—Lowri Elen Roberts 8A; Joint 2nd—Joe Palmer 7A/Iwan Lloyd Roberts 7A Joint 3rd—Sera Jones 7R/Megan Jenkins 8A. The winners received a book and Easter egg.

## Comic Relief 2013

A big thanks to all the pupils who took part in raising money for Comic Relief. We raised nearly £750 for the charity.

### Bake Off

The idea came to Catrin while watching the television programme "The Great British Bake Off". She then mentioned to her friends at school that it would be a good way to raise money for Comic Relief in the school. Megan and Erin liked the idea and mentioned it to Mrs Menai Jones the Headteacher, who also liked the idea. The preparations began!! There was a lot to organise including choosing the pupils and teachers who were to take part. After choosing 9 pupils each from year 7 and year 8 as well as selecting willing teachers, they split them into nine groups of three - 1 teacher and 2 pupils. They then needed to find enough sponsors to enable them to buy ingredients, and then to choose the recipes. On Monday the year 7 group made Smartie Biscuits, and year 8 made Rocky Road cakes on Tuesday. In the final held on Wednesday the teams (2 from Tuesday and 2 from Wednesday) they made a Chocolate Roulade. Mrs Menai Jones and Mrs Caryl Jones (Cookery teacher) were the lucky judges. The winners were announced in the hall after watching the video which was filmed over the 3 days. The winners were - Mr Tom Williams (PE teacher), Eli Gruffudd (8E) & Elis Bryn (8P) - each were given an apron with "Cystadleuaeth Cogino Comic Relier Ysgol Glan y Môr" written on it, made and donated by Megan Megan Jenkins.



Alaw Pritchard, Cerys Williams & Llio Griffiths were busy making and selling cakes



Cadi Ellis & Lowri Hughes (Yr 7) dressed up as men



Erin Povey, Catrin Jones & Megan Jenkins - busy counting their money from the "Bake Off"



The group who wore their Onesies! (Apart from Mrs Jones!!)

## Sports

The school has taken part in many sporting activities this term including cross country, hockey, football and rugby. The school had a resounding success in the Meirion Dwyfor Cross Country Competition: Twm Bryn, Jason Banks, Cai Bullard, Kian Pritchard, Cerys Studt, Niamh Gower, Lois Jones, Seren Bowen, Cerys Jones, Sophie Lamond, Harri Hughes, Gwern Griffith, Deio Davies, Sian Rosewarne, Steffi Studt, Morfudd Ifans and Elin Daly went through to the Eryri stage. Twm Bryn, Kian Pritchard, Cerys Studt, Niamh Gower and Harri Hughes then went on to the Welsh Championships.

This year the Girls' Yr 7-9 hockey team took part in the Eryri Cup. They finished 2nd after missing out to Botwnnog on goal difference. Yr 7 & 8 boys football teams reached the finals in the Gwynedd Football Cup Tournament. Unfortunately the Yr 7 team 3-1 to Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen, Caernarfon and yr 8 team lost to Ysgol Friars, Bangor 2-0.

Two of the schools rugby teams reached the quarter finals in the Eryri Cup after two resounding victories against Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen, Caernarfon.

In terms of individual success, on the 3rd of March Ifan Roberts Yr 8 represented North East Wales in an indoor athletics competition. His team won and will now go on to represent Wales in the British Finals on 7th of April. We wish him the best of luck!!

Congratulations to Gethin Owen Yr 8 who over the weekend of 16 - 17 March sailed with Optimist National squads at Weymouth. Gethin was 6th overall and won the Intermediate Squad cup. He has also been invited to represent Britain again this year in the International Sailing Championships in the Netherlands. Well done Gethin.

Gethin is also featured in the magazine "Yachts and Yachting" - see the link below.

<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/168459/Optimist-Joint-Squads-Weekend-at-Weymouth>



**SCHOOLS' ATTENDANCE  
% TARGET**

**= 95%**

**Remember everyday counts!!**

## Drafts & Chess Competition

It was a sunny March afternoon when members of the school's chess and drafts team left for Ysgol Botwnnog accompanied by Mr Huw Meilir Williams and Mrs Jane Jones.

Last year Botwnnog were the winning team and managed to clinch the shield but could Ysgol Glan y Môr return the favour this year? There was plenty of excitement and tension as the crew entered the minibus with Sam Humphries at the helm. We were welcomed warmly at Botwnnog by the pupils, Mrs H Brunelli and Mr G Jones and everyone was raring to get started on the games.

**Chess:** Glan y Môr's Cian Ireland and Siôn Adams won their games, Owain Rhys drew but unfortunately Luke Walker, Rhys Williams, Hari Hughes, and Peryf ab Owain lost. Alan Rowlands also lost in the end but had to play four games before this happened. The final score was Botwnnog 5 1/2, Glan y Môr 2 1/2

**Drafts:** Yet again these were very close games but ultimately Botwnnog won 5 - 3. Ysgol Glan y Môr's winners were Harri Morris, Rhys Gough & Rhys Jones. Eifion Pari, Ceirion ab Owain, Georgina Hildyard, Owain Hedd & Rhys Owen lost their games. Congratulations then to Botwnnog who succeeded in keeping the Trophy for another year! It was great to see both schools enjoying the afternoon. Perhaps it will be our turn next year!!