Bryngwyn Matters

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Sporting Digest

Fly Fishing

Success has once again hit Bryngwyn Ownzone's Fly Fishing club. Lewis Rumble, Wyn Jones, Thornton Boswell and ex-pupil, Jamie Baier have all received a Welsh Cap and have been selected to represent Wales in the Four Nations competition in Lake of Mentieth, Scotland in 2011. Lewis has also been selected for the World Championships which take place in Italy in 2011. Lewis is also the Welsh Youth Under 14's Fly-tying Champion following the Championship which was held at the Elan Valley Hotel, Rhayader on Sunday, 28th February.

Rugby

Llanelli School Boys U15s

Elis Evans	**Year 11**
Ethan George	**Year 11**
Daniel George	**Year 11**

Scarlets Development Squad

Elis Evans	**Year 11**

Carmarthenshire

Steffan Milello	**Year 9**

Football

The Under 14s team are currently second in the Llanelli schools League.

Life Saving

Ben Clarke and William Bowen, Year 11, were part of a team representing Wales in a Life Saving competition in Sheffield and came 3rd out of 16 teams competing. Well done to you both.

Llanelli Schools Hockey Representation

Under 14s

Leah Wilson-Randell	**Year 11**
Natalie Davies	**Year 9**
Chloe Davies	**Year 9**
Kirsten Rees	**Year 9**

Under 16s

Katie Schmidt

Netball

Llanelli Schools

Chloe Davies	**Year 9**
Ffion Webb	**Year 9**

West Wales

Ffion Webb	**Year 9**

Cricket

Carmarthenshire

Hasnain Ikram	**Year 9**

Year 8 (Under 13's) cricket team reached the semi finals of the Dyfed cup and lost to Greenhill School, Tenby. This was an outstanding achievement as all our players were a year younger.

Swimming

Nofio Sir Gar

Katie Howe	**Year 10**

Urdd

Callum Beare, Year 9 is through to the National Finals, being held in Cardiff on January 30 - Freestyle and Breast

Girls' Football

West Wales U16s Squad

Catherine Williams	**Year 11**
Stacey Webber	**Year 11**

Urdd gymnastics

Abigail Bowler Davies. Alisha Davies, Jack Wilcockson, Megan Trippet, Katie Protheroe, Courtney Davies, Joshua Jones, Jason Owens and Stacey Webber represented Bryngwyn at the Urdd Gymnastics competition held in Carmarthen. We are awaiting the results, however all pupils did exceptionally well and Josh Jones coming first in his category.

Pyramid Project

As part of the KS2/KS3 transition activities aimed at gifted and talented pupils, Mrs Julia Hughes of the English Department organised a Debating Day in September. Former debaters and former pupils, Matthew Purdue and Sam Pomeroy, along with Year 11 pupil, David Hughes and Year 9 pupils, Alex Mitchell, Catherine Meal and Ryan Davies were on hand to help fellow pupils. Following this, a mixture of Year 6 and 7 pupils prepared, rehearsed and performed a series of 'Balloon Debates' culminating in an exciting final in the afternoon. Each pupil had to take on the role of a famous person, alive or dead, who find themselves in a hot air balloon which is punctured and sinking fast. Each person made a dramatic speech to save their skins. The event provided lots of fun and discussion for all**.**

Prize Evening

Mr Wyn Williams, Head of Education Services of Carmarthenshire County Council was the Guest Speaker at our Annual Prize Evening which was held on October 14th this year. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of Bryngwyn pupils in a number of fields, from the academic to the sporting; and from cultural to community linked achievements. Mr Williams delivered a lively and thought provoking address, which both encouraged and congratulated winners.

Bryngwyn New Web Site

Please visit our new website www.bryngwynschool.co.uk which is now live! You will be able to find out about all the latest news and sporting news around Bryngwyn along with important diary dates, after school activities, etc. In the event of bad weather such as snow, our website will keep you up to date about school closures. If you have any requests or suggestions to improve our website, please send them to: **enq@bryngwyn.carmarthen.sch.uk**

Chemistry Olympiad

William Bonnell, Curtis Young, Patrick Sykes and Daniel Thomas represented the school in a competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. They were successful in rounds 1 and 2, beating Tregib and Maes Yr Yrfa, losing out in round 3 to Dyffryn Taf School.

An Audience with Carwyn Jones.

Team spirit and forward thinking led two of our Year 10 pupils on the road to Cardiff for a rare private meeting with Wales' First Minister, Carwyn Jones on 15th October. Kalem Williams and Jack Evans have been involved in an extensive project

focusing on Literacy, Transition and the Football World Cup. Helen Mary Jones was particularly impressed with how the project had developed and organised the visit to meet Mr Carwyn Jones at the Senedd after speaking to the pupils. Mr Carwyn Jones spoke of his concern that the performance of pupils in Wales suffers at transition and praised them for their motivation and community spirit, noting that activities such as theirs are invaluable at helping pupils as they bridge the transition between primary and secondary school. Following the visit, Ms Helen Mary Jones took the pupils on a guided tour of the Senedd, even encouraging them to sit at her seat in the Chamber!

Duke of Edinburgh

26 Year 11 pupils survived everything the Gower had to throw at them for their qualifying expedition in October. After an excellent first day on South Gower with no mishaps, the campsite at Bank Farm turned into a swimming pool overnight and although the expedition ended in the campsite café with hot chocolates all round, all pupils qualified! A big thank you to all the staff that took part.

Musical Notes

Music Play Days

On October 21st, 2010, Bryngwyn School Music Department hosted a musical playday. Over 120 pupils from our partner primary schools came to Bryngwyn to join our pupils to form a symphony orchestra for the day. At the end of the afternoon they gave a short concert for parents and visitors, featuring classic hits such as The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Blowin' in the Wind and Delilah, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

Carol Service

This year Bryngwyn celebrated Christmas with its annual Carol service held at Felinfoel Church. With congregational carols, musical items, and mince pies to follow, it has brought the term to a festive conclusion.

Salvation Army Appeal

Yet another record! The credit crunch hitting the rest of the world didn't stop Bryngwyn pupils digging deep and raising a phenomenal sum of £3000 for this year's appeal. When the presents were collected for the underprivileged pupils in the area, Major Back couldn't praise our pupils more highly.

Special mention to form 8-6 and Mr Paul Barnes, who have raised £400 for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. With over £600 raised last year, the form have topped the £1,000 mark. They have also raised £150 for Leukaemia Research early this year.

Congratulations

Warm congratulations are offered to Mr David Williams, who is currently based at Olchfa School. Mr Williams will be joining us in January as our new Deputy Headteacher. We look forward to welcoming him to Bryngwyn School.

Fond Farewells

This term we had to say fond farewells to several members of staff. Ms Shan Evans, Reprographics Technician left us at the end of September to take up a new post. Mrs Sue Jones, our Attendance Officer, took early

retirement at the end of August. We wish them both well for the future. We also have to say "So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye" to Mr Oliver Craze, who has been a valued member of the Music Department for the last five years, as he leaves us to take up a new position as Head Of Department at Cumberland School, London. Mr Craze will be missed by both staff and pupils alike, and we wish him all the very best for his future.

Warm Welcomes

As we say farewell to old faces, we welcome several new arrivals to the school. Miss Jemma Davies, who has joined us as part of our Admin Team, and will be working in reception, Ms Nerys Lloyd joins us as temporary Teacher of Biology, Mr Dominic Williams joins us in the role of Laboratory Technician, Ms. Donna Jones and Miss Rebecca Francis join us in the Learning Support Department. Croeso cynnes iawn i chi gyd!

Wedding Bells

Sun, sand, sea and wedding bells were the order of the holiday for one member of staff. Miss Alison Collins got married in Cuba. Congratulations and warm wishes are extended to Miss Collins and her husband Anthony.

New Arrivals

The stork has once again been busy at Bryngwyn School. Congratulations to Mrs Eleanor Bozkurt and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, and to Mr Gavin Heyes and his wife, Emma, on the birth of their son, born on November 8th. Best wishes are extended to you both and we hope you don't have too many sleepless nights!

and finally:

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi i gyd!