

# Casnewydd

# Catchup

# A Fair To Remember!



Hello and welcome to our final issue of 'Casnewydd Catchup' for the school year! What an eventful and exciting term it has been!! One of the highlights this term was the summer fair.

Of course this year's fair was extra special as Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd celebrates its twentieth anniversary!! Therefore preparations for the summer fair began early this year with each student decorating an individual triangle with their favourite things to do in school. The triangles were sewn together to create colourful bunting which was used to decorate the outside stalls and the school hall. A very special thanks to Beth Davies, Sally-Ann Mellor, Joyce Hiscox, Bethan Willicombe,

Simone Hughes and Mandy Evans for all their hard work sewing the bunting!

The fair was packed with fun stalls selling books, toys and lots of delicious food! There were plenty of fun games to play and a bouncy castle! There were face painting and tattoo stalls! There were several special visitors too! Sali Mali and Heini came to dance, sing and play games with the children. There was also an opportunity to hold owls and other birds as 'Steve and Deb's Hawkes and owls' also came along to join in the fun.

There were special performances from the school choir and gymnastics team. The disco and creative dancing groups performed their routines from the Eisteddfod

competitions for us to enjoy. There was music from the school orchestra and the football team showed us some of their skills on the pitch.

Once again the year six stall proved very popular. The pupils had been very busy collecting produce from the school gardens and preparing jams and marmalades to sell on the stall. There were also tasty treats to enjoy as they had been baking cakes and biscuits to sell too! Phew! The hard work certainly paid off as the stall raised £160!

The fair raised over £2000 in total. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a fun day. Thank you to parents and staff who helped on the day and to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed!

## Helping Hands!

Meithrin

During the summer term Meithrin Sali Mali have been very busy learning about different jobs. We have looked at the role of the mechanic, the police, the fire brigade and the doctor and the nurse. The firemen heard about the fantastic work we were doing and decided to pay us a visit. We had the opportunity to use the fire hose and even sat in a real fire engine!!!!



## Yo ho ho!

Derbyn

The Reception class were attacked by pirates! They had a letter saying there was hidden treasure in the school, so they went on a treasure hunt following clues around the school, to the forest and finally they found a box full of chocolate coins in the sand. They had loads of tasks to complete like building a ship, writing a letter in a bottle, paint a parrot, and decorate treasure. After completing the tasks they celebrated with a pirate party and everyone came dressed up.



## History Detectives

Blwyddyn 1

Year one have had an exciting term learning all about their local area. The children have been extremely busy preparing maps so that visitors of Newport can be sure to find all the famous landmarks such as the Transporter Bridge and the steel wave. They've been encouraging tourists to the area by creating colourful posters advertising all the fun things people can do in Newport like playing golf in the famous Celtic Manor hotel. The children had an opportunity to experience one of the local attractions when they went on a school trip to Newport museum. Here they learnt about the history of Newport and went on an artefact hunt around the museum making interesting and creepy discoveries on the way including a mummy and some skeleton bones!!



## Green Fingers!

Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 children have been busy bees this term having experienced a lot of time in our cottage garden. They constructed their own investigation to find the best conditions for the sunflowers to grow healthily, along with recording various information in tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. It wasn't only the sunflower that grew this term, but the children's creative minds which was evident when writing their feelings from the sunflower's perspective. The children were inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers and created their own pieces of art.



## Fabulous Ferrets!

Blwyddyn 3

Last week Year 3 had three very special visitors - 3 ferrets! They were called Sophie (the mother) and her two children Rosie and Chubby. We had prepared questions before hand in order to discover more questions about these interesting creatures. We learnt lots of new information about them such as: they only eat meat and are called carnivores. They even eat biscuits that contain meat! Everyone was very excited to meet the ferrets and we'd like to give a big thanks to Mr Dunn for bringing the ferrets into school.



## WONDER IN THE WOODS

Year 4

During the term, Year 4 visited Goytre Forest. They went to discover more about different creatures found in the woods. The leader, Miss Haf Leyshon organised exciting and educational activities that helped the children understand more about the mystery of the woods. Cai Hobbis stated "I enjoyed building a home for the hedgehog. I learnt the importance of camouflage". In the afternoon, the children played happily with their new friend 'Roxy the dog'. It was a day to remember!



## The Future Apprentices!

Blwyddyn 5

In year 5 we have started a great business aimed at helping and saving money for orang-utans. We've started to plan what we're going to do to save up the money. So far we have thought up, cooking fantastic dishes, making eye-catching posters and jewellery, bookmarks and even an advert. We have been around the classes to see what would sell well and we must admit the marketing team and the research team have done really well! Our technology team has worked on some excellent posters and an excellent logo has been chosen, created by Evie H, Jasmine.BB Molly, Ellie-Mai and Mia. Thank you girls!! ☺



## Back to the Future!

Blwyddyn 6

We have been going back in history to the 1940s, 1980s and 1993! As part of our history project we have studied the Second World War and how people lived during this period. We went to the Swansea Bay 1940s museum to have a really good understanding of this time. It was an excellent trip, full of shelters, bombed out buildings and dressing up. We carried on with the theme in school with a 1940s day. The 1980s were filled with protests - for SAC, the Miners' Strikes, anti-apartheid and freeing Nelson Mandela and the Greenham Common women for CND and the end of nuclear weapons. We consolidated our learning with a 1980s day where we celebrated the end of the Berlin Wall. Our show this year has been based on the year 1993 as the first year of Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd. It is a celebration of the music and the events of this year - but as there were no internet and xbox, we were very happy to return to 2013!!



# Goodbye Year Six!

We will be extremely sad to say goodbye to Year 6 and we wish them the best of luck in their move to Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Duffryn. Some of the pupils have prepared their memories of their time in Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd especially for our final issue.

I remember when I got to carry the school olympic flame on sports day.  
Megan Shergold



I remember going on a class trip to the beach in year 1. Rebecca Ryan

One of my favourite memories was the science lessons because I enjoyed cutting up flowers. Connor Edmunds

One of my favourite memories is doing the conga line in the long distance running race during sports day. Connor Bowen Downs

I enjoyed canoeing in Gilwern because everybody thought they were going to fall in the canal. Gethin Marshall

My favourite memory is winning against Wales' best teams in Llanelli and receiving the huge shield. Harri Lloyd Evans and Ieuan Jones.

I will never forget the day I walked into the school and met my special friends and teachers. I will never forget my friends and the happy memories we shared.

Jasmine

My favourite memory is making friends whilst playing in the jelly in reception. Thankyou x  
Cadi

My favourite memory is going to Llangrannog because I learnt how to ride a horse and ride a quad bike.

Lewis Bates

My favourite memory is when mum came into school to do samba with us. Now I want to go to Brazil to see the world's best samba.

Gideon

I remember going to 'clwb cwtch' and the Forest school.

Kira

My favourite memory is the school trips because there were so many fun activities to do and all the teachers had smiles on their faces each time!

Megan McGill

My favourite memory is going to the gardens with Mr Comfort and learning new things about fruits and vegetables.

Molly Harmes



One of my favourite memories is going on a trip to see the Romans. They were making a film and they jumped out quickly and gave us a fright. Abigail Corten

I remember winning the Bard's Chair in the school eisteddfod in Year 6. I can remember feeling the butterflies in my stomach.

Luca Hoole

One of my favourite memories is the orange day when we had to wear orange all day and we raised enough money to adopt 4 beautiful orang-utangs in Year 5.

Erin Roberts

My favourite memory is winning my first gold square in Reception after reading 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. I've loved receiving gold squares all the way through school.

Cerian Baulch.



## Active mark

A huge congratulations to Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd as they have just been awarded the Active Mark prize! The prize is awarded to schools that show good practise in physical education. Staff and students have been working extremely hard raising their physical education skills by partaking in P.E lessons every week. Many students have been attending running club and tennis club during their lunch breaks. Key stage two students have also had the opportunity to attend athletics, rugby, netball and cricket clubs after school.

Well done everyone and thank you to Mr Taylor and all the staff who help run the clubs for their hard work.



## Writing squad!

Congratulations to Kayleigh Brown in Year 6 for being chosen as a member of the Newport Writing Squad this year. Teachers send examples of children's work who show great talent in English writing. Over a hundred applied, but only twenty were chosen. Kayleigh has thoroughly enjoyed her year. Well done!

## 1940s and 1980s

Year 6 dressed up in outfits from both these decades on two separate days. With the problems of food rationing in the 1940s, we made potato cakes and oat biscuits served with spam and corned beef sandwiches and Dandelion and Burdock. We finished the day with a VE party to celebrate the end of the war and had a traditional sports day with egg and spoon races and sack races. The 1980s day was totally different! There was a LOT of neon and hairspray!!! Year 6 was divided by the Berlin wall and those in the east had very strict rules to abide by! Thankfully, 1989 saw the fall of the Berlin Wall and so friends were reunited as we all helped to bring the wall down. We celebrated with a party filled with the sounds of the 80s, angel delight, pop, sweets and sausage rolls. What a blast from the past!!



## Forest schools

We have been extremely busy developing our woodland area this term and many exciting activities have been taking place!! Some of our students have been using tools to create paths through the forest. Follow the paths and you might just come across one of the dens the students have been busy building which may provide a good hiding place in case you come across some of the scary mud monsters they made.



Enjoying all these activities made for some hungry children so they created a fire in the log circle to toast some bread and make some yummy 'smores!



## Willow Squirrel!

The Eco Council have been busy helping to create a piece of natural art for our gardens. The Willow Company with the help of Natalie Waller came in to show us how to cut and bend the willow from our tree and to create a Squirrel! Year 5 were particularly pleased as they use the book 'Scaredy Squirrel' and create a factual booklet on squirrels. Everybody is just **nuts** about it!!!



# Sport Spot

## Amazing Athletics



Once again our school has shown great ability in sporting competitions. This time the Athletics team from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed in the Urdd Athletics Tournament in Cwmbran Stadium. Not only did we do well, we won the tournament's Shield!! Thank you to the staff and the children involved and to Mr Taylor for all the coaching and organising for the team.

In other news, our football team took part in a tournament for the Llanwern High cluster. We managed to reach the final but lost to Liswerry. Well done boys!

And finally, we managed to hold all three Sport's Days

without any changes due to rainy weather for the first time in years!! They all went swimmingly with the children cooperating together to gain points for their teams. Thank you to all who came to support and cheer.

Once again thank you to the PTA for providing to enable us to produce this newspaper and for organising the many activities throughout the term. If anybody would like to become a member of the PTA, registration forms are available in the office.