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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

This month we wish two colleagues 'All the very best' with the next stage of their lives as they are leaving Gowerton School. Alice Rieley has worked with the Pastoral team for 11 years and she will be greatly missed in Gofal. Karen Davies has worked on the administrative staff for 22 years and as an ex pupil of Gowerton she has dedicated most of her life to the school. We thank them both for their service to the school.

## YEAR 7 READING DAY



7C recently took part in a reading day with Miss Willcocks in the library. All activities were focused around 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. All pupils enjoyed the variety of activities and now view crocodiles with suspicion.

## WELSH FESTIVAL DISNEYLAND



The beginning of March saw pupils and staff depart for Saint David's Day Celebrations in Disneyland Paris. The 3 day excursion allowed pupils two days access to both Disneyland and Universal studios and included Welsh festival style celebrations held throughout the park all weekend.

## PAUL POPHAM CHARITY RUN



60 pupils and staff took part in a charity event organised by The Paul Popham Running Club who are part of the Paul Popham Fund. Those involved chose to do either a 5km or 10km run but some did walk! It was a wonderful morning with only a little rain which certainly didn't dampen the spirits of all involved. Pupils and staff gave of their time and energy for this very worthy cause.

The Paul Popham Fund, Renal Support Wales, is based in Swansea and was founded March 2013 by family and friends of the late Paul 'Wally' Popham who suffered with renal failure for half his life with an enviable positive attitude. His philosophy for life was to "believe in yourself".

## LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE



Six Y8 Pupils had a wonderful day attending this year's Pupil Language Ambassador Conference held at Swansea Bay Campus in early February.

The Minister for Education in Wales, Kirsty Williams, welcomed all pupils to this year's Conference and called on pupils to go back to their schools and stress the importance of studying a foreign language for global opportunities. Pupils enjoyed talks on the importance of STEM subjects with languages, global opportunities at work and university as well as attending a language taster session on Mandarin.

## GOWERTON SIXTH NEWS & SUCCESS



Congratulations to all our Year 13 students who are currently receiving offers, including many unconditional offers, for the universities of their choice.

Mrs. S. Thomas - Head of KS5

After auditions involving over 1,000 young students Catrin Jones in year 12 has been cast to play a role in 'Reflections in Swan Lake' which is to be performed in Sadler's Wells Theatre in London during August. This will further help Catrin in her desire to be an actress when she leaves school.

Lucy Jones in year 12 is a member of the Swansea ladies under 18 hockey team that has reached the Welsh cup final. Also in the team are year 11 students Freya Fleming, Freya Evans, Fern Evans and Niamh Silvey. The team is coached by former pupil Dr Chloe Guy.

## WORLD KIDNEY DAY

Year 9 recently had the opportunity to work with staff from Morriston Hospital as part of World Kidney Awareness Day. There were 10 work stations for pupils to visit and learn about healthy eating, the importance of drinking water and general health for life. It was a fascinating day and the school was very grateful to all involved. This linked with our charity run the following weekend for the Paul Popham Charity.



## LEAD CREATIVE SCHOOLS EXHIBITION



Pupils and staff from the North Gower Partnership enjoyed an evening exhibition of the films created in working with Creative Practitioners. Pupils had worked with the practitioners for weeks enhancing their skills in the use of animation, green screen, art work and drama. All involved had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## EISTEDDFOD



The Year 7 and Year 8 enjoyed their chance to compete and enjoy the events of the Eisteddfod. The two half day events included a wide range of competitions including singing, instrumental solos, group recitation and the crowning of the bard. The successful poems this year were written by Ffion Hennessy year 7 and Zahra Amran year 8. Some pupils wore colours to represent their houses and singing in the House Choir competition was very strong.

