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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

The first half term of the year has, once again, flown by! We have had an excellent start to the year with year 7 pupils settling in well into their new environment. Already pupils are involved in their academic and extra curricular activities. Year 6 parents have visited and commented on the 'calm, enjoyable, learning atmosphere' One parent asked if we really had over 1000 pupils in school!

Year 11 pupils are busy preparing for exams after the half term holiday so we wish them all very best and thank them and staff that are giving up time in their holiday to revise.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Emma Gardiner on winning the Incentivising Attendance prize for outstanding attendance. Emma was presented the award at the IAP ceremony at the Guild Hall.



Congratulations to Antonio Rodriguez and Jessica Dickinson as they have both earned places with the National Skills Academy Swimming Squad. This is the 1st tier of the Welsh National Swimming Performance pathway to become a senior athlete.

SENIOR PREFECTS REPRESENT GOWERTON

The senior prefect team which includes Head Boy Ehsan, Head Girl Lucy, Deputy Head Boy Shaun and Deputy Head Girl Rebecca have recently represented Gowerton School at Remembrance events in Belgium. This visit was made possible due to a grant received from Cymru'n Cofio 1914-1918.



The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate takes place every evening at 8:00pm. Ehsan, Lucy and our Vice Chair of Governors Mrs Lynne Guy, participated in the ceremony and laid a wreath in memory of the World War 1 fallen of Gowerton School. It was a beautiful and poignant service. The next day deputies Shaun and Rebecca laid a wreath at the Welsh memorial in Flanders near where the poet Hedd Wyn died. The large, red dragon placed high on a Welsh stone cromlech is an impressive sight and a fitting tribute to Welsh soldiers. After continuing our visit on a beautiful, sunny day our group took part in a unique commemorative event called 'Silent City meets Living City'. At Tyne Cot cemetery we were part of the 7,000 people from all over the world marking the centenary of the battle of Passchendaele. Actors, singers and instrumentalists took part in a moving, memorable tribute. On returning home we all were grateful that we had been able to experience such an amazing weekend of events.



CYMRU'N COFIO
WALES REMEMBERS
1914 - 1918



SHWMAE DAY

While some of us were in Belgium the rest of the school took part in Shw Mae day. This is a day dedicated to promoting Welsh but we also take the opportunity to raise awareness and money for various charities.



CHARITY NEWS

This year the annual 'Bev Edwards charity run' raised over £1,000 for two charities - the 'Paul Popham cancer fund' and 'Rising Stars'. Pupils cycled, ran and walked from school along the cycle path to Dunvant, the weather was fine and all enjoyed.



Another charity event recently was the coffee morning for the Macmillan cancer charity. Our 6th form organised this and baked cakes to sell at breaktime. Everyone enjoyed a delicious selection of cakes.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Pupils from KS3 took part in an online live HIIT workout (High Intensity Interval Training) with the Body Coach Joe Wicks during the school day. The challenge was to try to get one million school pupils exercising in one week. Pupils completed the 20 minute workout during their PSE lesson. This was a very exciting activity for the pupils to participate in and also promoted the importance of exercise for high standards of health and well-being.



OPEN EVENTS SUCCESS

Recently we have had a visit from our future pupils. Year 6 primary school pupils and their parents attended our open events. On the open evening over 300 visitors enjoyed a wide variety of experiences from all the departments; twmpath dawnns with the Welsh department, keyboards and singing in Music and Bunsen burners thrilled pupils in the Science laboratories.

GLAN-LLYN RESIDENTIAL

Year 9 pupils enjoyed their first residential of the academic year to the Urdd activity centre in Glan-Llyn North Wales. They enjoyed a wide range of activities over the long weekend including, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, raft building and many more.

The aim of the trip was to focus on the use of and promotion of the Welsh language outside of the classroom environment.

A fantastic weekend was had by all!

