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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

What an amazing start to the new academic year! We have so much to celebrate from whole school success with Gowerton achieving the highest status of Gold Level for its work as a Rights Respecting School to individual pupil successes. As I write this I am so proud of all we do as a school, it is thanks to all our pupils, parents, governors and wider community. Congratulations to you all and I'm sure you will continue with the commitment and enthusiasm for the rest of the year. Here are just some of the recent successes, we will share the others in next month's newsletter.

FRIENDSHIP THE WINNER

Gowerton School maintained their tradition for hosting sporting students from overseas when they billeted a touring party of Australian girls from Firbank Grammar school in Melbourne. Following some excellent games of football and netball, the Firbank girls were billeted for two nights by their Gowerton hosts' who showed them around the attractions of the Gower. When they left for the next leg of their trip it was clear that the girls had bonded really well making friendships that could last a lifetime.



Gowerton has been awarded Gold by Unicef UK's Rights Respecting School programme.

The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. This is such an honour for the school and we are delighted with the work of pupils and staff in achieving this. Ardderchog!

EQUESTRIAN TEAM



Congratulations to the newly formed equestrian team. Yes, Gowerton School now has an Equestrian Team!

Riders took part in a Show Jumping event at Pibwrlwyd college, Carmarthen this weekend. The team consisted of Kian, Tegan (year 9) and Faith (year 7)

Together they achieved 1st place in the 70cm class and a 2nd place in the 80cm class. Kian also managed to secure a 6th place individually and Tegan a 4th.

Da lawn i bawb! Ymdrech dda!

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Right of the month:
ARTICLE 28: The right to be heard.



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INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

Well done Kirsten Phillips for taking part in the remarkable event in Swansea called Now the Hero. Kirsten was a member of the recitation group, acting in the street scene and also the wedding party in the Brangwyn Hall. Kirsten was proudly wearing her school uniform after the event as seen in the photo. Hundreds of people watched the 6 nights of performances which culminated in an actor abseiling down the Guildhall clock tower!

Ben Smith has achieved an excellent result in passing Grade 8 piano with merit. This is such an achievement for a pupil aged 15. Well done Ben.

Cerys Jones has had an excellent summer. She achieved 4As at A level and then received the excellent news that her application and essay submitted for the CJ Littlejohn Medical Prize had been successful. This is an annual prize of £1000 kindly donated by the family of Gowertonian CJ Littlejohn to a pupil at Gowerton that wishes to study Medicine at University. We wish Ceres all the very best in her studies at Cardiff.

FIRST GIVE CHARITY EVENT

Congratulations to Lucy and Niamh for winning the 'Student of the Year' award out of 30,000 pupils! We are so very proud of all of the hard work and commitment they have shown to their charity Golau Cancer Foundation. They are outstanding students and are a wonderful representation of all we stand for at Gowerton School. Well done to the girls and their form class for representing Golau so well!



TRANSITION SUCCESS

We were so pleased to see such outstanding attendance for our recent Open Events. It was a pleasure to tour the school with almost 350 adults and children on the Open Evening.

If you did not have the opportunity to have a tour of the school please contact us and we will try to accommodate this before the application deadline of November 30th

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

The Maiden Factor Project - Congratulations to the 10 pupils that were chosen from approximately 300 entries. Their hands have now been painted onto the sail of the yacht and this will travel for the next 3 years taking the message of hope to children, especially girls, around the world.

Special congratulations to Emily Thornton and Thomas Rees for having their messages chosen to be printed in the book that will be published. We were the only school in Wales chosen to participate in this event as Gowertonians Tracey Edwards MBE and Jo Gooding were members of the original all-female crew from the original voyage 30 years ago.



GLAN LLYN RESIDENTIAL

Years 9 and 10 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 the Welsh language outside of the classroom environment.

