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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

As Easter fast approaches rehearsals for the North Gower Partnership Concert continue and music can be heard every lunchtime. Our GCSE pupils and 6th formers continue to work hard and we are encouraging a positive attitude to work but we want to ensure that they achieve a balance to find time to relax too. KS3 pupils have been busy again this month in various concerts, sporting activities and visits abroad. We have also enjoyed supporting Wales, particularly our ex pupils Dan Biggar and Liam Williams, we are very proud of them.

INSTRUMENTAL DAY

Recently we held a day of music for over 100 pupils from our partner primary schools. They joined 100 of our instrumentalists to participate in ensembles including windband, string orchestra, guitar group and percussionists. The concert, at the end of the day, was performed to packed hall of parents and families. The event culminated in a massed item playing Samba and all wanted to join in and dance!

WELSH FESTIVAL AT DISNEYLAND

Nearly 100 pupils have recently returned from a fantastic Welsh weekend in Disneyland Paris. Pupils and staff experienced the fun of the park and celebrated St David's day and the Welsh Festival held annually at the park. To end the weekend all enjoyed the parade and fireworks. Diolch yn fawr i bawb.



BRASS BAND CONCERT

We were privileged to have a visit from a youth brass band from Hangleton, Brighton. The organisers of the band are ex pupils and have close family links with Gowerton Community.

The concert was superb, with the band and soloists performing at an exceptional standard. Gowerton School provided a brass ensemble, show choir and a vocal duet. Everyone enjoyed such an excellent evening. It was wonderful to be a part of this annual community event.



Newsletter

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Right of the month:
ARTICLE 28: Right to a name and Nationality

LEGO CODING COMPETITION

Pupils in Science club recently attended a Lego First League coding competition at the Swansea Waterfront Museum. They all worked amazingly well as a team, demonstrating excellent problem solving abilities as well as resilience to complete the difficult challenges faced in the competition!



EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS

Faith Bruno-Page achieved a 6th in the 70cm and a 5th in the 80cm show jumping final.

Faith also competed in two further extra classes for more points towards the summer championships.

Eloushka Godsmark had an unlucky pole down in the 70cm and in the 80cm had a clear round but sadly not placed.

All looking good for Gowerton equestrians – some very experienced riders and ponies were at the championships who proved to be tough competition.



POSTIVE MINDSET WITH 'CAN DO KANGA'

Last month we mentioned our character 'Can Do Kanga'. We use him to promote positive mindset with our school community.

This month we have been looking at 'teamwork'.

Kanga asks us to think about how we can work as a class, a year group and a whole school community to promote a positive attitude.

What can we do to help others within our community?

BRITISH JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sam & Tristan John competed in the Year 8-9 boys category in their respective weight categories (Sam -46kg, Tristan -55kg). Tristan had some hard fights in a tough weight category, but unfortunately lost both his fights. Whilst Sam performed outstandingly to win 5 fights on the trot, before losing out to the gold medallist in a very competitive weight. Both boys train at Pontarddulais Judo Club.

Ben Hughes competed in what was again, a very competitive weight in the Year 6-7 boys category (-34kg). Ben had 4 fights & won 2/lost 2. Ben competes for Samurai/ Gendros Judo Club.

This is a prestigious event in development sport & is one of the only Judo events that allows players to represent their schools. All boys have done exceptionally well.



YEAR 7 HOCKEY SUCCESS



Year 7 girls have made it through to the next round in the U12 Welsh Girls Hockey Cup Tournament. The girls played amazingly well and even stayed behind to have a friendly with Penyrheol and Bishopston while waiting for the bus!

