

November 2021

Newsletter



From the Headteacher's Desk

November has been a very busy month for pupils and staff. Year 11 had GCSE Maths exams and were excellent in their attitude and work ethic. We have been fortunate to have many activities in the real and virtual world. I am so proud of the work done by the whole school community. Here are some of the activities held this month:

Winter Sports Day

Pupils in year 7 & 8 were given the opportunity to participate in a Winter Sports day. A variety of sports were available. Traditional team sports like football, hockey, touch rugby, netball were popular but other sports on offer included cycling, dodgeball and Judo. Everyone enjoyed two days of competitive fun.



Interfaith Week

As part of interfaith week, Father Tim and Imam Mohsen came to visit the Philosophy Religion and Ethics department at Gowerton School to speak to students about their faith and the work they do in the community. They spent the morning talking to students from Year 8, 9, GCSE and A Level students. Students were then given the opportunity to ask questions linked to courses and topics they have been studying and big questions relating to Philosophy and Ethics.

Charity Success

Congratulations to the 6th form for their excellent fancy dress for Children in Need. Thanks to staff and pupils for contributing to the £300 collected.

Well done Mr Lewis for your effort!



Remembrance Service

This year, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our usual Service of Remembrance. Instead we created a virtual service which can be accessed on our website. As we are celebrating 125 years of education we wanted our Year 13 to participate in a Remembrance assembly. The 6th form prefect team Zahra, Joe, Arash and Niamh with pupils from Sea, Air and Army cadets helped us understand more about Remembrance. Millie from Year 10 played the last post while our cadets laid wreaths at our WW1 and WW2 memorial plaques.



Kind Donation

We were honoured recently when Major Dean Owens kindly donated a rugby shirt he received after setting a Guinness World Record. Major Owens, a pupil at Gowerton from 1982 - 1987, has been in the Army since 1988. He was part of a team that set the World Record for the highest game of Tag Rugby 7's, played on a frozen lake in a place called Gorak Shep (Nepal). Major Owens started his rugby at Waunarlywydd Primary and continued whilst at Gowerton. Representatives from the school's senior rugby team gratefully received the framed shirt. Major Owens spoke to us of his amazing experience. He also wanted to show current pupils that anything is achievable and it starts in school.

Major Owens presented gifts to our cadets to thank them for their participation in the Remembrance Service.



November:

Right of the month:
ARTICLE 19: The right to be safe

