

Ysgol Uwchradd

Llanidloes

High School



CYLCHLYTHYR IONAWR 2015 JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Urdd Stage and Dance Entries

The deadline for online entries for stage and dance entries for the Urdd Eisteddfod is Thursday, 26th February 2015. Please see Ms. Brewer or Miss Crawford for further details.

School Eisteddfod

Pupils are busy preparing for the school Eisteddfod on 2nd March. There will be off-stage competitions in many subjects and stage competitions in English, French, Drama, Welsh, Dance, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music and Choral Music. Learners in Years 7-9 will be preparing for this in many curricular areas during this half term.

IAW Magazine

Congratulations to the following students whose work was published in IAW magazine for Welsh learners:

Danielle Owen

Joe Bufton

Harri Anwyl

Tegan Rowlands

Poppy Evans

Rosie Evans

Ryan Rowlands

Rhys Coates

Harry Rees

Llongyfarchiadau i chi gyd a daliwch ati!

Urdd Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the following pupils who represented the school at the gala in Newtown:

Josh Turner

Adam Lawrence

Owen Bennett

Ryan Evans

Kate Jerman

Ella Dyke

Hannah Pugh

Bethan Rees

Ben Johnson Rolfes

Gemma Price

Good luck to Gemma in the finals in Cardiff at the end of January.

Pob lwc Gemma, Diolch i bawb am gynrychioli'r ysgol

Sports Stars Shine at Awards

Sports stars from across North Powys have been honoured at the Montgomeryshire Sports Awards.

The accolades, which are co-ordinated by Powys County Council's Sports Development team, recognise and celebrate sporting success of local individuals and teams involved in sport at all levels. This year saw over 60 nominations.

The awards were sponsored by McDonalds and saw individuals and were presented at a ceremony at the Hafren entertainment venue in Newtown on Friday 23rd January.

Nominated for their achievements in their sports were;

Joseph Crutchley & Lauren Williams from the world of athletics in the Junior Sports

Abigail Roberts for sailing in the Junior Sports Personality of the Year - U18's

Amy Hill for Young Sports Volunteer of the Year

Winning the Young Sports Volunteer of the Year 2014 was **Kayleigh Davies**. Kayleigh has so far volunteered over 130 hours over the last 18 months. She is extremely enthusiastic about racquet sports and coaches twice a week at Llanidloes Tennis Club. Using her own initiative, this autumn, she set up a lunch time tennis session at Llanidloes primary school for 8 weeks. Kay is on her way to becoming an established Tennis coach with a level 1 qualification, in addition she also has hockey and badminton leadership levels. She also volunteers at Shrewsbury Tennis Club at weekends and facilitates holiday coaching camps. Kayleigh has recently gained a place on the Powys Gold Ambassadors steering group and is an inspiration to everyone she coaches.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the cost and the fuss of making packed lunches.

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Our cooks prepare the meals for your child; it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Your child may be entitled to receive Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.

Income Support.

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.

Universal Credit.

Save money

If you were planning to pay for your child to have school meals or are already doing so, you could save around £460 per year if your child qualifies for Free School Meals

More information and application can be found at:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=3108&L=0>

or collect a form from the school main office.

Red Jumper Day

The school is joining up with the British Heart Foundation and taking part in the Wear it Beat it campaign on 6th February 2015. The staff and pupils will be encouraged to wear a red jumper and pay a minimum of £1 towards the charity in Mr Davies' name as he had a love of sporting teams that wore red. The donations will be split between the British Heart Foundation and Cariad.

The British Heart Foundation has been pioneering research for 50 years that has transformed the lives of people living with heart and circulatory conditions. Their work has been central to the discoveries of vital treatments that are changing the fight against heart disease.

Cariad is a registered charity that was set up by Mrs Sherilyn Hamilton-Shaw, to raise the necessary funding to provide schools with defibrillators and training. Cariad also raises the awareness regarding the importance of defibrillators and basic life support within our communities.

Cariad to date has supplied 29 schools with Defibrillators and 40 defibrillators have been provided to communities across Wales. They are committed to continue to raise funding and awareness until every school / community that wishes to receive this vital life saving equipment has been supplied.

Mr Davies

Darren Davies, Headteacher of Llanidloes High School, passed away on Tuesday 6th January.

Darren, who was appointed Headteacher in January 2010, joined Llanidloes High School in April 1997 as Deputy Head. He worked as a teacher in his native south Wales for several years.

James Rees, Chair of Governors at Llanidloes High School, said: "This tragic news has come as a great shock to everyone associated with our high school.

Darren was a highly respected colleague who was totally committed and motivated in raising the standards of education at Llanidloes High School.

It is a testament to his ability that Llanidloes High School is now widely recognised as one of the leading secondary schools in Wales, this was something Darren was very proud of.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and two children during this sad time."

Cllr Arwel Jones, Powys County Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "Darren was a highly respected headteacher who created a learning environment which enabled pupils to thrive and achieve their aspirations.

Our thoughts are with his close family, friends and everyone associated with Llanidloes High School during this difficult time."

Darren, who would have been 52 on 9th January leaves his wife Hazel, and children Siobhan and Iestyn.

There is a book of remembrance in the main office at the school.

Contacts

Would you please inform the school if your address, telephone numbers or any other details have changed.

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

Llanidloes High School joined in this charity event on Friday 12th December. Lots and lots of different Christmas jumpers were worn by both learners and staff. The school raised £329.61 on the day which the government matched for the charity.

Well done to all those who walked around all day wearing Father Christmas, or a reindeer or a Christmas tree. It certainly was a great effort great fun and helped Save the Children with their charity work. Same again next year?

Broneirion Half Term Activity Day

Join them for a day of Dance, Drama, Music and Costume Creation on Monday 16th February 10am—3.30pm. £19 per child, £15 for siblings, Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Future Dates for your Diary

February

4—Y13 Reports Home

5—Y10 Parents' Evening

10—Y12 Reports Home

16-20—Half Term

26—Y8 Parents' Evening

March

2—Eisteddfod

12—Y9 Options Evening

16-20—Y10 Exams

26—Y11 Reports Home

26—Last day of Term

April

13—Term Starts

13-17—Y9 Exams

Sporting News

Wales Call Up

Current Llanidloes HS Year 12 pupil and Llanidloes Town defender Alex Jones has been included in Wales' 18 man squad which hosts Australia Schools at Ystrad Mynach College on Thursday. Former Llanidloes HS pupil and Caersws midfielder Jolyon Harries joins Alex in what is a remarkable rise for both players. We wish the boys every success both on and off the field and hopefully we can get a trip organised for their next fixture!

Powys Schools Cross Country

Well done to all the Llanidloes HS pupils who participated in the Powys Schools Cross Country in Dolerw Park, Newtown. Everyone gave their all and represented the school with pride. There were also very good results in their respective race categories including:

Joe Crutchley 1st,
Liam Lees 4th,
Savannah Evans 2nd,
Abi Roberts 3rd,
Kate Jerman 6th,
Sophie Cook 10th,
Maria Francis Jones 12th,
Katie Davies 14th

Indoor Athletics

Llanidloes HS proved to be an athletic force once again at this years North Powys indoor athletics event held at Llanfair. It was great to see the teams doing well and the following individuals have been selected for the North Powys indoor athletics team who will be competing in Llandrindod in the Powys finals next week:

Joe Crutchley, Savannah Evans, Helen Evans, Kai Evans, Oscar Crutchley, Rob Williams, Chloe Hamer, Dyani Hinds, Emmie Bell, Nia Williams, Willow Weedall

House Matches

School House Matches will be taking place again during the last week of term with Boys Rugby and Girls Football. After a successful set of house matches during November we hope to see the same enthusiasm, positive attitude and organisation including correct kit from all pupils in our school.

Year Football Matches

Boys football matches will be starting again when the weather breaks with Year 7 vs Year 8, Year 9 vs Year 10 and Year 11 vs 6th form.

Future England Development Day

In December of last year Ellis Hamilton Y10 was asked to attend the Cerebral Palsy Future England Talent camp held at St. Georges Park. He was only 1 of 21 throughout the Country to be invited. He spent the whole day there and trained with both of the England International goalkeepers plus the No.2 England goalkeeping coach. He thoroughly enjoyed it.

