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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Eisteddfod yr Urdd – County successes - Warm congratulations to all our competitors at the County Eisteddfodau over the past fortnight which means a large contingent of the Glantaf community competing at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Llanymddyfri in June. Those successes include: Senior Girls Choir; Junior Boys Choir, Senior and Junior Instrumental Ensemble; Dramatic Presentation; Theatrical Presentation; Cerdd Dant Ensemble; Junior Folk Dance Group, Folk Choir, as well Cerdd Dant Duet: Cian and Matthew; Junior and Senior Duet: Eira and Awen & Megan and Beca; Piano solo: Tom Davies; Percussion solo: Steffan John; Folk Dance solo and Recitation solo: Mari Fflur; Folk Song solo: Elen Morlais; Boys solo: Cian Glyn; Woodwind solo Owen Frohawk. We also congratulate so many other pupils who won Silver and Bronze places: *da iawn pawb* and warm *llongyfarchiadau!*

Merched GTaf - May we also note the outstanding achievements of our sporting girls teams over the past few weeks. Glantaf Girls teams progressed to the individual hockey finals at every age group within the County, and were crowned County Champions in Yr7, 9, 10 and 11! Glantaf were also National u12 Schoolgirl Champions at the Nat Hockey Centre in Cardiff. U14 7 a side Rugby Team are Plate Winners in the WRU Urdd National Sevens. In netball, every year team progressed to the County Finals with Yr 7, 8 and 11 being crowned County Champions. Sioned John and Mabli Phillips represented Wales Cross-Country in UK Schools tournament in Liverpool. Great news also that Efa Williams, Beca Evans (Yr12) and Esther Woolley (Yr11) have been selected as part of the Wales Women & Girls Cricket Tour to India, which involves four fixtures, leading coaching sessions in schools while enjoying a rich cultural visit to Mumbai. **#felmerch**



County Champions – Merched GTaf



Senior 7 a side - Cup Champions

Congratulations also to the boys with our Senior 7 a side team, now National Cup Champions in the Urdd WRU tournament. Year 9 XV have progressed to the UK Schools National Sportsmag Final, to be held at Rugby School on the 19th of April. Well done also to Osian James (Yr13) selected to represent the GB Youth Rowing squad. May we also sincerely congratulate Tomi Roberts Jones (Yr12) as he represented Cymru Athletics at the Commonwealth Games Federation Champs in Cape Town, South Africa – an amazing achievement – gwyech Tomi!

Saum, Fasting during the month of Ramadan - We wish our Muslim families well during the fasting of *Saum* during the month of Ramadan and all those pupils who will be observing some or all aspects of the fast. *Eid ul Fitr*, the end of fasting will be celebrated on 21 April. *Eid Mubarak!*

Cyfeillion Glantaf – Twmpath Dawns - Many thanks to everyone who supported our Twmpath which raised a fantastic £900 for the school. It was such an



Representing Cymru: Esther, Efa and Beca

enjoyable evening – plenty of laughter, great food and good company, look out for our next event

Reports and Examinations - Yr 9&13 full reports as well as interim reports are being published for all pupils this week. GCSE and A Level practical examinations have also started with all pupils receiving their individual examination timetables this term. Please check these carefully for accuracy as they include all the examination registrations for each student. GCSE and AS examinations start on the 12th of May with the last day of teaching for Yrs 11&12 on Friday 12th of May. Please be advised that Yr12 will return to classes following their examinations on Monday the 12th of June.



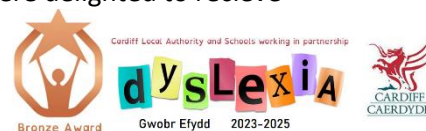
Yr7 Lego Team : winners of the innovation prize!



Yr 8 Sponsored Walk
March 2023

Wales Children's Hospital Year 8 sponsored walk - An impressive £800 was raised by our Yr8 students in a sponsored walk to support the *Noah's Ark Appeal : Children's Hospital for Wales. Da iawn chi!*

Dyslexia Award – During our last Staff INSET, we were delighted to receive the Local Authority Bronze Award as regards staff training and support for pupils with dyslexia. We look forward to further training and raising awareness as we aim for the Silver Award.



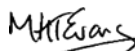
School Lunches – Unfortunately, we heard this week that the *Meal of the Day* option will increase next term from the current £3.05 to £3.20 for secondary aged pupils.

Mobile phones in school - Once again may we kindly ask you to support us with pupil mobile phone use within the school community. Unfortunately, we will need to reiterate some strong messaging regarding mobile phone use in the school community as we have witnessed an increase in their misuse as well as using cameras to film pupils and staff without their consent. Moreover, the use of mobile phones to communicate unpleasant messages through social media sites is a constant distraction which has a direct effect on individuals mental health and wellbeing. Please may we ask you to talk to your children regarding their usage, supporting them to report instances of misuse and to use their devices securely and with maturity at all times.



To close: May we also congratulate and wish Osian Jones (B17), Megan Jones (B110) and Mari Nixon (B111) well as they head to the National Youth Brass Band Championships in Manchester as part of Cardiff Schools Brass Band. Warm congratulations also to our Yr7 team in the Lego Championships held at the Principality Stadium where they secured the Innovation Prize for Glantaf. We would note our sincere thanks to St Teilo's alongside Our Lady of Lourdes Churches for contacting us with their extremely kind offer to support local families during the current hardships. We look forward to working together to offer some practical solutions to our families who require support. As this is the last newsletter this term may I wish you well over the Easter break and remind you all that we return back to school on Monday 17 April (week 1). If you are spending any of the Easter break sorting through for a *spring clean*, we are still looking for good quality PE uniform (boys and girls), which you no longer require. All donations gratefully received and best wishes over the break,

Yours sincerely,


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*Tomi Roberts Jones in South Africa
at the Commonwealth Games
Federation Champs*

