

Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes High School



Spring Newsletter 2023
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Update from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

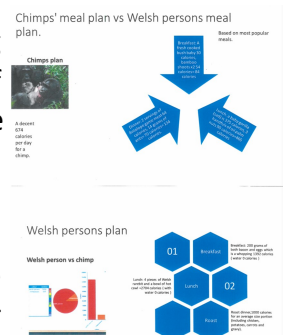
Last month, I celebrated five years as Headteacher of Llanidloes High School. What a privilege it has been to serve our wonderful children, families and smashing team of staff. Over that time, we've seen great growth, our Welsh stream has never been stronger, our team of specialist staff has grown considerably with a corresponding broadening of the curriculum, and there has been considerable investment in the indoor and outdoor learning environment and facilities. However, there is much left to do and, as John F. Kennedy said, "The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining." So, I invite you all to consider and feed-back on our non-exhaustive evaluation of strengths and priorities for improvement.



First, we remain true to our 'Gofal' ethos. 'Gofal' means 'care' in Welsh and serves as an acronym for 'Great Opportunities For All to Learn.' Llanidloes is a happy, caring school community, with a clear focus on delivering great learning experiences. Our ethos is no empty strapline; it steers all we do and how we do it. Staff continue to go the extra mile to ensure each and every pupil's experience of school is stimulating and fun.

However, there are lingering after-effects from the pandemic. Our attendance level, hovers around 90%, persistent absenteeism is higher than before the pandemic, and our pastoral team, including external agency partners, are at full stretch to meet children's diverse wellbeing needs. Delivering compassionate, collaborative care remains a top priority.

Second, we have improved our academic standards. It continues to be a humbling privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility for overseeing the education of each and every precious child at Llanidloes High School. All of us at the school take this responsibility seriously, which is reflected in the splendid results we achieve. Last year, we would have enjoyed our best results on record with or without the temporary lowering of grade boundaries. Around three quarters of pupils achieved five GCSEs at grade C or above including English or Welsh and maths. From the time they enter the school, many pupils make strong progress according to our ALPs value added calculations of vocational qualification, GCSEs and A-levels.



However, there is certainly room for improvement. This year, we are not predicting overall outcomes to be as high as last year. Many pupils' literacy and numeracy skills regressed during the pandemic and staff are working tirelessly to maximise the rate of progress in skills acquisition.

Third, we have established the Llanidloes Schools Federation and work closer than ever with all our cluster primary schools. This helps ensure our pupils enjoy strong continuity and progression as they transition from primary to secondary schooling. Each week, our Year 9 Welsh medium pupils help develop Welsh literacy of primary aged pupils through paired reading. We host Year 5 pupils in our Year 8 English literature lessons to inspire appreciation of great literature. Our federation choir practices faithfully every week and performs at school productions and musical soirees.

Update from the Head



However, there remains a great deal of work to do in relation to rolling out the new curriculum. Realising the aim of strengthening pupils' progress will never be complete. We need to extend the authentic contexts in which learning occurs, and we need to develop a clearer shared understanding of effective teaching and assessment.



Fourth, we continue to nurture creativity, integrity, compassion and humility in our young people. Our pupils have been ambassadors within the local community, supporting the elderly and vulnerable. They continue to enjoy sporting and Eisteddfod success, including first places in national events. Everyone who visits the school comments on the peaceful, calm atmosphere, strong sense of discipline and the courtesy of our wonderful children. The removal of smart phones has significantly reduced pastoral issues needing resolution throughout the average day.

It has been a busy and productive five years but our sights are firmly set on the future. Staff are focused on creating a world class curriculum featuring research-driven learning experiences that will excite, inspire and shape the next generation. All your ideas are warmly welcome.

We look forward to working alongside you all in the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any aspect of your child's welfare and progress.

Mr Daniel Owen (BA. MA. Oxon)

HUMANITIES—SPRING TERM



Before Easter we had our annual fieldwork visit to Cwm Idwal in Snowdonia with our Year 12 Geographers. This was a joint trip with Welshpool High School. As well as collecting data for their fieldwork, pupils were treated to spectacular views and strong (invigorating!) winds. A fantastic and productive time was had by all. We have upcoming fieldwork for Year 11 and Year 8.



SCIENCE AND ART

Digestive Systems

Cynefin in Science

Year 7 pupils have been completing science research projects in areas of their choice linked to Cynefin.

"Cynefin" is a Welsh term defined by Curriculum for Wales as 'the place where we feel we belong, where the people and landscape around us are familiar, and the sights and sounds are reassuringly recognisable.'

The science project is an end of unit assessment piece on a topic chosen and assessed by pupils, that incorporates meaningful numeracy and extended writing skills. One pupil chose to research and compare the digestive systems of different animals in the UK.

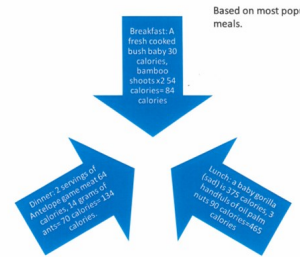
Chimps' meal plan vs Welsh persons meal plan.

Chimps plan



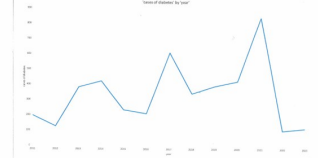
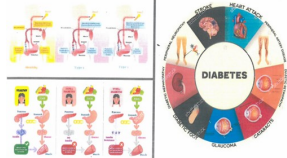
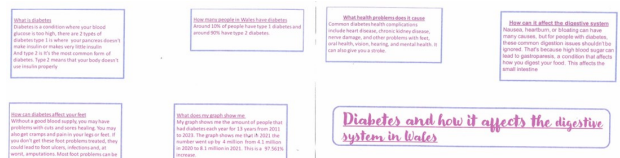
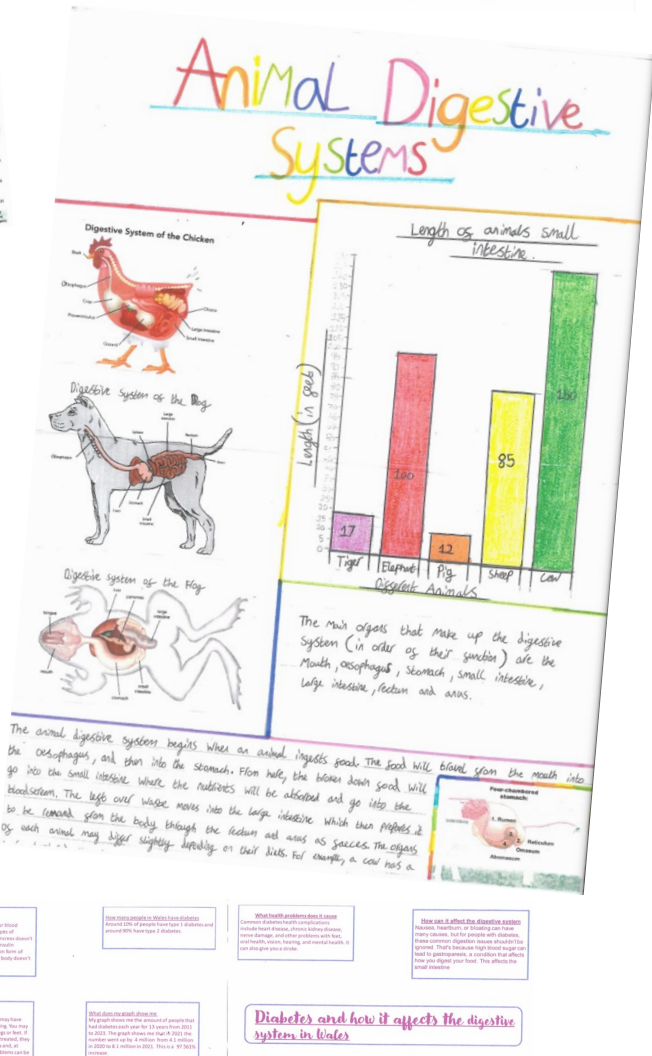
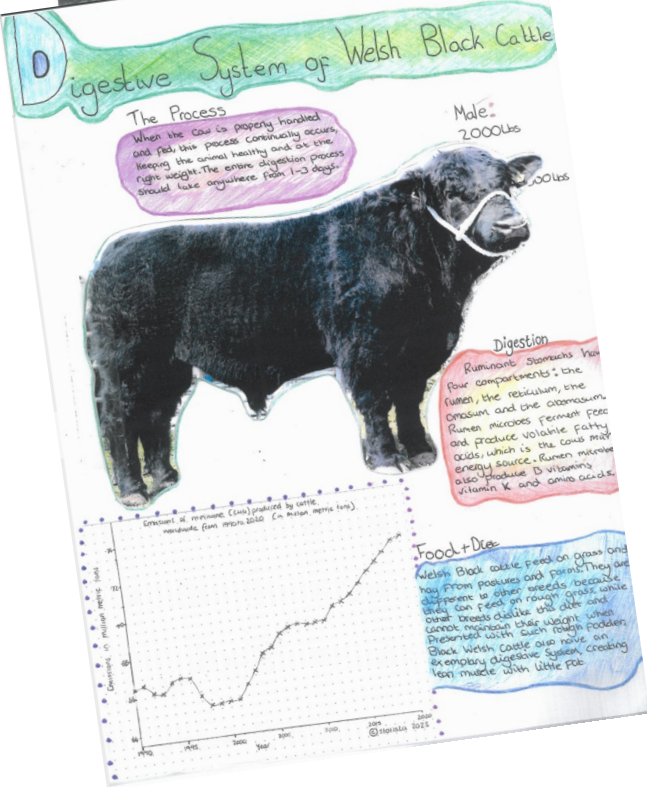
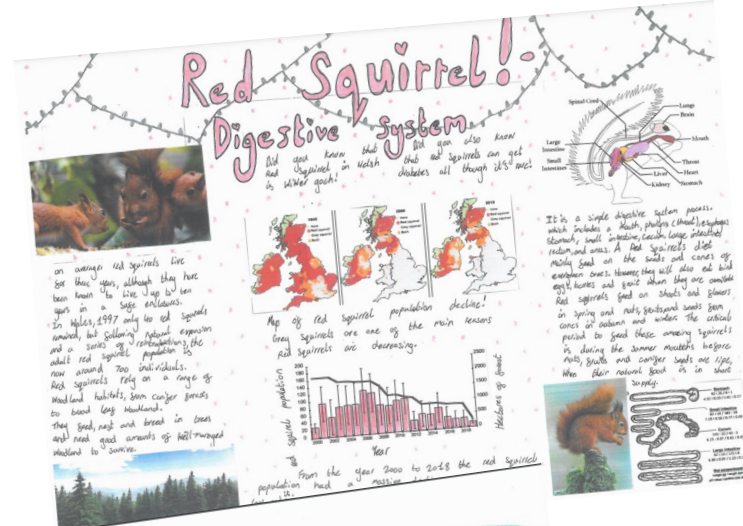
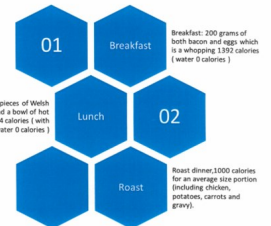
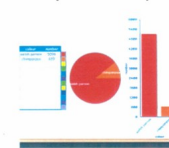
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Based on most popular meals.



Welsh persons plan

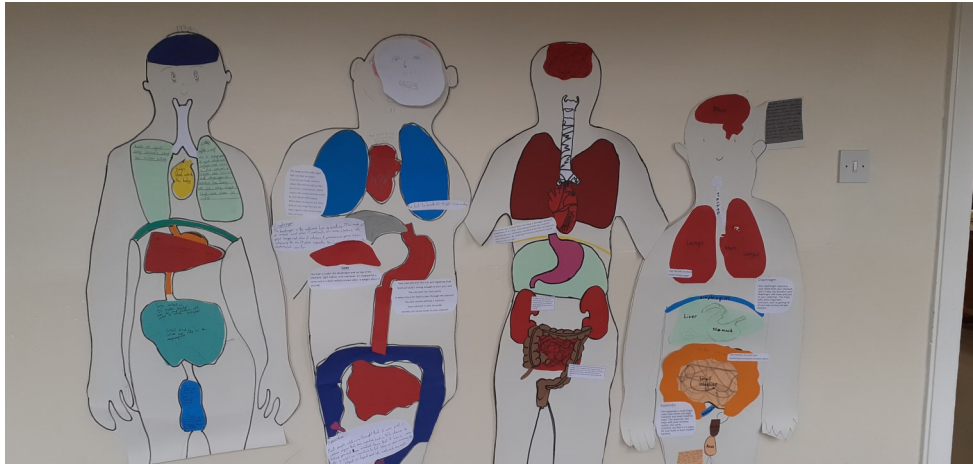
Welsh person vs chimp



SCIENCE AND ART

Human anatomy through play dough!

Year 7 have been demonstrating and extending their knowledge and understanding of human organs by working in teams to create play dough models.



Ongoing progress in computer software and digital imaging systems has helped neurosurgical students view and understand anatomy. However, these facilities are not always available. So, Year 7 pupils have found that play dough can serve as an enjoyable, low cost alternative way of reconstructing 3D bodies and organs.

Pupils in 7 Trannon also worked in teams to produce a pupil sized body diagram (they drew around each other). Each team member then took on the role of 'expert' on one organ. They researched this using their Chromebooks and added the organ and a description of its function to the body.



Lola Robinson and Erin Hillary were singled out for particular praise for their excellent leadership skills in the group task.



SCIENCE AND ART

The Chocolate Rock Cycle

The science team have come up with an innovative way of embedding the rock cycle in the minds of pupils.

Chocolate is ground into small particles (weathered), heated, cooled, and compressed — just like rocks. Unlike rocks, chocolate can undergo these processes safely and at reasonable temperatures. The process was used to create sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous chocolate rocks.

Since chocolate cannot be ingested after being used in the laboratory, pupils were careful to scale down operations to ensure surplus material was available for tasting...just to be sure it really was chocolate!



<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/>



An Inspector Calls Review

In September, our GCSE English Literature students had a fantastic opportunity to visit the theatre in Shrewsbury to see a captivating production of 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley, which they are studying for their exam. It was a fascinating performance and we held a competition for students to write a review of the show. These worthy winners were chosen from each of the GCSE Literature classes, well done Finn and Mia



Stephen Daldry's quintessential production still hits hard 30 years later

When it was first released in 1945, J.B. Priestley's [An Inspector Calls](#) served as a message of warning to the masses to show them the consequences for losing sight of those that they considered to be "beneath them" socially. Now, over 80 years later, this message is more relevant than ever, and Stephen Daldry's company deliver it with quite literally explosive energy.

The play is set on a single night in 1912, where the upper-class Birling family are celebrating their daughter's engagement to another [businessman](#). However, they soon find out they don't have much reason to celebrate when a police inspector arrives and begins interrogating the family about the death of a young girl. Over the course of the play, we watch the inspector (played by the fantastically enigmatic Liam Brennan) erode the façade of each member of the family, silently judging them as they reveal their darkest secrets to the audience, slowly bringing them down to Earth to see the consequences of their actions.

Every part of the production fits together seamlessly, from the iconic stage design of the dolls' house raised above what appears to be a bombed-out street, courtesy of Ian McNeil, to the epic music composed by Stephen Warbeck that keeps the tension high between the acts, to the legendary script that J.B. Priestley came up with all those years ago in the ashes of the second World War, charged with political messages that are just as relevant today in our modern society. It is truly something that must be seen in person to properly understand.

An Inspector Calls is certainly one of the greatest stage shows ever written, and the current production pulls it off almost perfectly. It serves as a warning, not just to the Birling family, but to us too, of where we will be heading if we continue down the path of ignorance and individualism that we are on, forgetting about those in need.

By Finn Macken

An Inspector Calls Review

Mia Morgan

An Inspector Calls Review

Stephen Daldry's play didn't disappoint in the busy Theatre Severn, from the ideal stage setting to the top-class actors. Judging by the audience reaction, this 530-year-old production of An Inspector Calls has stayed politically and socially relevant to the time the play was set and is more relevant now than ever. The play set in 1912, before the First World War, presents how the middle affluent class lived their lives, demonstrated by the Birling family. The production was written in 1945 the end of the Second World War marking a change in social and cultural times.

Inspector Goole arrived uninvited at the Birling's home, where Sheila's engagement celebrations to Gerald Croft were underway. We soon understand that a young girl who worked for the family business had died. The tension and surprises continue throughout as Inspector Goole interrogates each member of the family.

We then discover a chain of events that lead to Eva Smith's suicide, impacted by multiple members of the Birling family. Liam Brennan gives the perfect impression of an Inspector back in 1912 whom mysteriously may or may not exist. His outfit suggested he's from the 1940s due to his modern dress code.

Throughout the play the moral message implies the Birling family don't understand the concept of treating others kindly, and how one person's actions can implicate on their own actions.

The costumes portrayed whether a character appears rich or poor. After each interview, the Inspector took off a layer of clothing symbolising a weight of responsibility had been taken off his shoulders. Mr Birling wore a smart business suit, showing he was a rich, selfish person. Within the production, the Birling's home is raised above a cobbled street, highlighting that they're middle class.

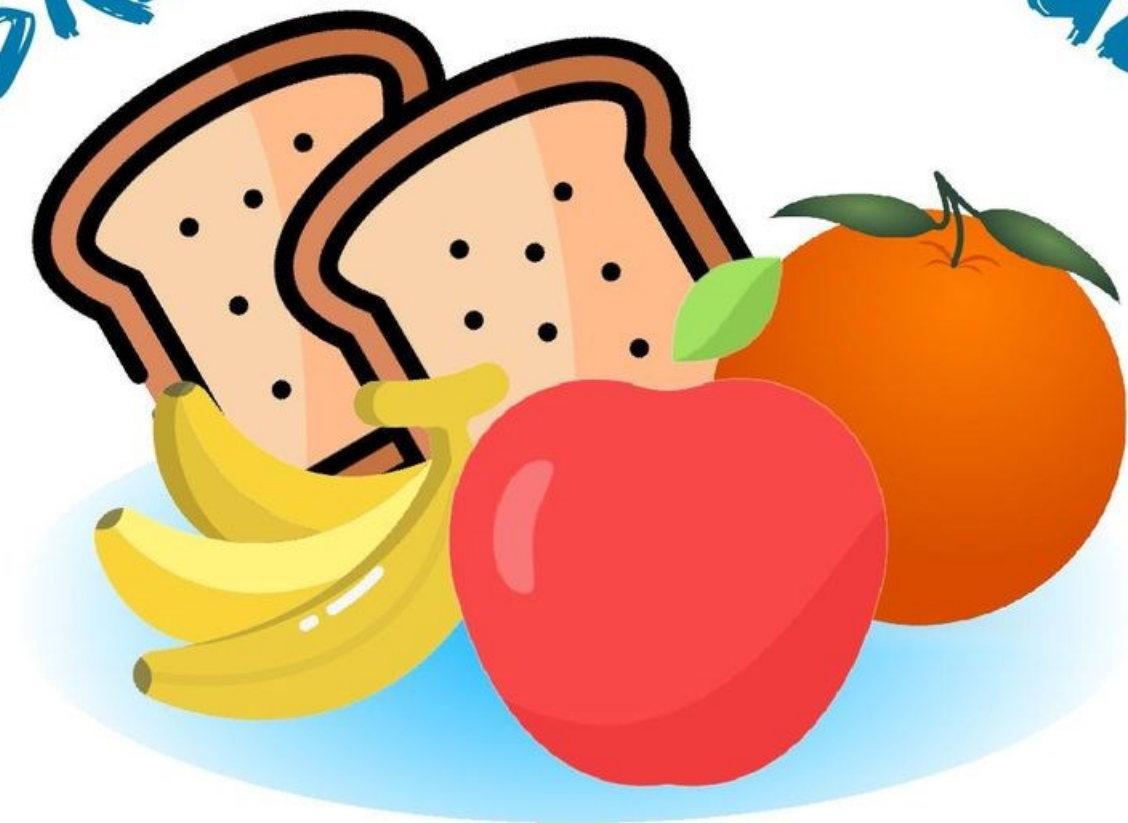
When everyone in the family is aware of their actions towards Eva Smith, the house then falls to the ground.

The ongoing message for the duration of the production is that people aren't always who they appear to be. I would certainly recommend you go to watch this superb gripping performance - you won't be disappointed!





LLANIDLOES HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB



**FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY IN THE FOOD ROOM
8:30 AM until 8:50 AM
Available for all pupils**

CAREERS FAIR

Year 9 and 11 pupils enjoyed an excellent careers fair at NPTC.

The event included representatives from over 50 employers from every sector imaginable. One pupil noted, 'What a great experience! I never knew there were so many opportunities locally.'



CHARITY



Reuben raises over £1,000 for mental health charity

One of our 12-year-old pupils has raised over £1,000 for charity by climbing Cadair Idris.

Reuben Robinson climbed the 2,831 feet to the mountain's summit to raise money for the charity CALM - campaign against living miserably. The charity support men's mental health as well as works in suicide prevention. Reuben completed the feat in memory his Dad. Mental health is an issue very close to Reuben's heart.



E-safety guidance for pupils and parents/carers

<https://llanidloeshighschool.co.uk/about/e-safety-advice/>

Under the about section -> E Safety advice

Powys Family Information Service

Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd Powys

Information for families in Powys

Gwybodaeth i deuluoedd ym Mhowys

Our service offers free and friendly information for families living in Powys Information on:

- Local Childcare Provision
 - Childminders
 - Nurseries
 - Parent/Toddler groups
 - Incredible years parenting groups
 - Breakfast/After School Clubs
 - Holiday Clubs
 - Where to go for parenting advice
 - Activities/groups in Powys/leisure opportunities
 - Local Family Services
 - National Family Services
- And much, much more



Mae ein gwasanaeth yn cynnig gwybodaeth gyfeillgar, am ddim i deuluoedd sy'n byw ym Mhowys.

Gwybodaeth ar:

- Darpariaeth gofal plant lleol
 - Gwarchodwyr Plant
 - Meithrinfeydd
- Grwpiau Rhieni a Phlant Bach
- Grwpiau Rhianta'r Blynnyddoedd Rhyfeddol
 - Clybiau Brecwast/Ar ôl Ysgol
 - Clybiau Gwyliau
- Lle i fynd am gyngor ar rianta
- Gweithgareddau/grwpiau ym Mhowys / hamdden
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Pupils Pioneering Community Eco-Project

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Bea, Bethan, Courtney and Ama have been working with the Hanging Gardens to create a website that showcases all the eco-friendly businesses in the community on a map of Llanidloes. Please visit their fantastic website:

<https://discoverecollani.wixsite.com/discover-eco-llani/about>

The site has been created, designed, built & is maintained by four Year 10 students at Llanidloes High School as part of a National Lottery Funded Waste Reduction Project. The group decided to get involved after a talk from the Hanging Gardens. One of the pupils came up with an idea which they have all worked hard to turn into a viable project.

When asked why they started 'Discover Eco Llani', the pupils explain, 'There's not a person on the planet that can't do something to help with the climate crisis. Organising this project with our school is a great way of educating and informing the towns people of Llanidloes about the importance of being more environmentally friendly and how to be greener.'



The Library of Things is a project which reduces waste, recycles tools and equipment within the community and enables those who cannot afford to buy, to still have access to tools and equipment when they need them.

The pupils explain, 'Most of us have lots of items in cupboards and garages at home, which are only rarely used, if ever. A Library of Things allows those items to be shared with others in the community, strengthening community bonds and increasing community resilience. It reduces the unnecessary purchase of yet more goods and reduces the carbon footprint associated with the making, packaging and shipping of the items.'

Once you have signed up to be a member, you can book on the website to borrow the item/s you want for a few days or a week, for a very small hire charge. The items will have been checked and, if necessary, PAT tested prior to hire. You pick up and drop off the items in Llanidloes. The website will keep track of all the items and send reminders when an item is due back.

The library of things can be accessed via the link below:

<https://llani.benthyg.cymru/>



Tree Planting

One of our gardening groups has been involved in a federation project planting trees in both schools.



Eisteddfod

Key Stage 3 students took the stage at the School Eisteddfod in October to represent their form groups. The students competed in on stage and off stage competitions and showcased their talent. The level of work and performance was very high. Well done to all who took part.

Winner of the Llanidloes High School Welsh Chair 2022 is Robin Ellis from Hafren.

Winner of the Llanidloes High School English Chair 2022 is Freya May from Y12C.



Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Daearyddiaeth 'Map o Gymru neu Map o'r Afon Awen' Bl.7

Y7 Off stage Geography 'Map of Wales or Map of the route of the River Severn' Competition:

1af Gethin Griffiths 7D*

2ail Caitlin Turner 7D*

3ydd Sean Smout 7H

Canlyniadau Gwaith Cartref Daearyddiaeth 'Poster Niagara Falls' Bl.8

Y8 Off stage Geography 'Niagara Falls Poster' competition:

1af Connie Truettens 8H

2ail Mairwen Ward 8T*

3ydd Poppy Davidson 8T*

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Daearyddiaeth 'Addasiadau Anifeiliaid ar Graff Hinsawdd' Bl.9

Y9 Off stage Geography 'Climate Graph with Animal Adaptations' Competition:

1af Romily Ellis 9I*

2ail Alice Redfern 9I*

3ydd Aron Peck 9G

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref 'Llanidloes Rufeinig' Hanes Bl. 7

Y7 Off stage History 'Roman Llanidloes' Competition:

1af Freya Lamp 7C*

2ail Milo Thomson 7T

3ydd Gethin Griffiths 7D*



Eisteddfod

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Hanes Henry VIII a/neu Tuduriaid' Bl.8

Y8 Off stage History 'Henry VIII and/or the Tudors' Competition:

1af Mairwen Ward 8T*

2ail Poppy Davidson 8T*

3ydd Victor Wiecezorek 8H

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref 'Arfbais sy'n berthnasol i'w cynefin eu hunain' Addysg Grefyddol Blwyddyn 7

Year 7 Religious Studies 'Coat of Arms related to pupils' 'cynefin.' Off stage Competition:

1af: Meggie May. 7 Hafren.

2il: Dilys Coleridge. 7 Idloes.

3ydd: Dorothy Riley. 7 Trannon.

Canmoliaeth Uchel: Emily Kiely. 7 Hafren.

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref 'Poster Y Deg Gorchymyn' Addysg Grefyddol Blwyddyn 8

Year 8 Religious Studies Off stage 'The Ten Commandments poster' Competition:

1af: Mairwen Ward. 8 Trannon*.

2il: Victor Wiecezorek. 8 Hafren.

Cydradd-3ydd: Albert Riley 8l a Teagan Rowlands 8 Idloes

Canmoliaeth Uchel: Poppy Davidson. 8 Trannon*.

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref 'Cwestiynau o ogwydd crefyddol a seilir ar gymeriad penodol a atebir drwy wyllo clipiau o'r ffilm 'The Impossible' (2012), sy'n seiliedig ar Swmami Thailand yn 2004' Addysg Grefyddol Blwyddyn 9
Year 9 Religious Studies Off stage 'Consider religious themes and answer questions - from the perspective of one of the main characters - through watching various clips from the movie 'The Impossible' (2012), based on the Thailand Tsunami of 2004' Competition:

1af: Romily Ellis. 9 Idloes*.

2il: Maddie Hughes. 9 Ceiriog.

3ydd: Cassia Hawkins-Selley. 9 Hafren.



Eisteddfod

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Bwyd BI.7

Y7 Health & Wellbeing Cookery Competition:

1st Ava Davies 7G

2nd Lexi Francis Jones 7C

3rd Bethan Evans 7D*

Highly commended: Menna Vaughan 7D*

Highly commended: Lillian Le Maitre 7H



Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Bwyd BI.8

Y8 Health & Wellbeing Cookery Competition:

1st Eva Fine 8I

2nd Megan Owen 8I

3rd Molly Cartwright 8I

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Bwyd BI.9 ac BI11

Y9 & Y11 Health & Wellbeing Cookery Competition:

BI9 / Y9

1st Rose Foskett 9D*

2nd Eleri Vaughan 9D*

BI11 / Y11

Carol Price 11H*



Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Gwyddoniaeth

Year 8 Science 'Seed Dispersal' Competition:

1st Abigail Boswell 8G

2nd Cameron Howells 8G

3rd Phoebe Short 8G

1st Olivia O'Connor 8C

2nd Max Short 8C

3rd Seren Dunnett 8C

Eisteddfod

Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Catref Cemeg Bl.9 'Gwahanu Cymysgfeydd'

Y9 off stage Chemistry competition 'Separating mixtures':

Set 9.2a

1st Orla Walsh 9T

2nd Lewis Desclaux 9G

3rd Evie Bray 9C

Set 9.2b

1st Ryan Edwards 9G

2nd Roxy Blackburn 9G

3rd= Ryan Short 9T, Ellen Davies 9T

Y7 English Off stage Competition/Cystadleuaeth Gwaith Cartref Saesneg Bl.7:

1st Bethan Evans 7D

2nd Lucy Hurst 7G

3rd Gracie Stanley 7H

High Commended – Megan May 7H

Y8 English Off stage competition / Cystadleuaeth gwaith cartref Saesneg Bl.8:

Either, 'A time when I was successful' or 'Describe someone who is successful'

1st Mairwen Ward 8T*

2nd Hannah Christofides 8H

3rd Jessica Passafonti 8G

Highly Commended: Daniel Lawless 8I

Highly Commended: Simeon Schultz 8I

Highly Commended: Teagan Rowlands 8I



Cystadleuthau Gwaith Cartred Ffrangeg/French Off stage competitions:

Year 7 : personal info poster- name/age/ where live / brothers/ sisters etc.

Year 8 - French holiday post card or holiday message.

Year 9 - Mind Map- Carte Mentale : Moi

Likes/ dislikes (hobbies.)

Eisteddfod

Y9 English Off stage competition / Cystadleuaeth gwaith cartref Saesneg BI.9:

Y Fedal Len CA3 / Junior Literary Medal

1st Ted Pert - Gwyn

2nd Aron Peck - Gwyn

3rd Sam Hurst - Trannon

Highly Commended: Mea Osborne – Hafren

Highly Commended: Haf Higgs -Dulas

Y9 English Off stage competition / Cystadleuaeth gwaith cartref Saesneg BI.9:

Y Fedal Len CA3 / Junior Literary Medal

1st Ted Pert - Gwyn

2nd Aron Peck - Gwyn

3rd Sam Hurst - Trannon

Highly Commended: Mea Osborne – Hafren

Highly Commended: Haf Higgs -Dulas



Essay Competition Winners



Llanidloes High School pupils almost secured a clean sweep in all Montgomeryshire Society Schools Competitions. They won nearly all cash prizes in the Clement Davies art competition, and Charles Churchill and Mary Valentine English or Welsh essay competitions.

The individual winners include:

English

Category A:

1st Gracie S

2nd Meggie M

Category B:

1st Lisa S

2nd Oscar L

Category C:

1st Robin E

2nd Elinor S

Art

Category A:

2nd Jessica P



Pupils received their prizes and certificates from Dr Margaret Jones.

Exam Support

Advance information

WJEC has released [advance information](#) to support learners to prepare for this summer's exams (see link below):

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/articles/advance-information-for-summer-2023-examinations/#msdyntrid=C2rRiISUZ1ne9nLKp7W7ZrNx0N8ft1iqznKnfhM5CA>

Advance information gives learners some indication on what will be assessed, helping them to focus their revision.

There's lots of helpful information and advice in Qualifications Wales' [learner guide to exams and assessment](#), so that you can support your child with identifying what support is in place this year (see link below):

<https://0a59321c47dd4452a4e24da54177b1aa.svc.dynamics.com/t/t/uLu0mQtjWkYfUT0zq5pEBKisq0oxhEcixHabHnZf6bMx/SiczuoM88O88wvsqFUr9jhJxc1fvCbe1e6qXHrOjKTMx>

Power Up supporting learners taking exams and assessments

We're pleased to partner with Welsh Government, Careers Wales, e-sgol and WJEC again to reintroduce the Power Up content hub to support learners taking assessments this year.

Extra resources are available to support learners to progress in their education journey, including revision guides, online revision sessions, health and wellbeing support, and planning their next steps.

<https://www.gov.wales/power-up-wales#msdyntrid=wAikHKrMncPpSWhqyZwYYrsnUMRWIAikYcmN1LNrwVM>



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20th April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are changing the system that we use to communicate and share information with you. There have been some ongoing issues with the 'SIMS APP' therefore we are introducing a new system called Go4Schools. We trust the move to G4S will help you to better understand your child's experiences on a day to day basis.

When using Go4Schools, you will be able to view your child's progress online and access the following information at any time:

- **Timetable** – your child's daily and weekly timetable
- **Reports** – Interim and Full reports, downloadable on the full Go4Schools site
- **Current attainment and effort information** – marks and target grades for all subjects
- **Attendance** – your child's current attendance data
- **Behaviour information** – a summary of any instances of poor behaviour, ranging from minor concerns carrying a 1-3 point tariff, repeated incidents scoring 5 and incidents of Gross Misconduct scoring 10 points. The system will also include any detentions your child has been given.

To login into Go4Schools you can go to www.go4schools.com and click on the Parents login at the top right of the main page or you can click on the following link:
<https://www.go4schools.com/sso/account/login?site=Parent>

You can also download the Go4Schools App available on Iphone and Android.

Please be aware that to have access to the site you must use the email address the school has on file for you. If your email has changed, please contact reception who will update your records.



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Go4Schools

The screenshot shows the 'Sign in' page of the Go4Schools website. At the top right, there is a 'GO 4 Parents' header with a 'GO' logo and a home icon. Below this, the 'Sign in' title is followed by a note: 'Please note that not all login methods are supported by all schools.' There are three main login buttons: 'Sign in with Google', 'Sign in with Microsoft', and 'Sign in with GO'. The 'Sign in with GO' button is highlighted with a green border. To its right are two links: 'First-time user?' and 'Forgotten Password?'. A text box explains that if a user hasn't logged in before, they should type their email address and click the 'new password' button. It also states that this password can be used for the GO 4 Schools Mobile App. Below this is a form with an 'Email address' field and a 'New password' field. A box on the right provides instructions for requesting a password: 1. Click on the 'First-time User' tab, 2. Enter your email address, 3. Click on 'New Password'. Red arrows point from these instructions to the corresponding elements on the page: the 'First-time user?' link, the 'Email address' field, and the 'New password' field.

You will then be able to 'Sign in with Go' using your email and password. Your log in details will be secure and unique to you. Once you have logged in you will be able to see all your child's data. If you have more than one child with us they will all be listed in your user area.

This is a new system and as we launch parental access we would appreciate your patience while we refine and improve the system. We will be asking you for feedback at a later date. However, if you have any queries, difficulties in logging in or any other concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Williams
Assistant Headteacher

Have your say on qualifications

Qualifications Wales have asked for help to create an inclusive menu of 14-16 qualifications.

The Full 14-16 Qualifications Offer consultation is our chance to shape the menu of qualifications available for learners aged 14 to 16 in Wales.

Help all learners to achieve, progress, and enjoy their education and become Qualified for the Future by sharing your thoughts on:

- units in Skills for Life and Skills for Work, with an Integral Skills Project qualification
- pre-vocational qualifications
- foundation qualifications

Have Your Say before 14 June at:

https://haveyoursay.qualifications.wales/#msdyntrid=CeAUJ2VvaaDAFev7U0PHBI_KNawdiRyoKfQLNeQgHh4

Mary Poppins production 'Spectacular'

Pupils from across the Llanidloes Federation teamed up to put on a spectacular production of Mary Poppins.

The event sold out leaving our office team needing to print extra tickets to cater for demand.

The lead role was played by Sioned Evans who was simply Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Sioned will be performing in Shrewsbury Theatre in November as Fantine in Victor Hugo's Les Miserables. Every single performer and participant, from the primary school choir to prop team, and sound team to stage crew, succeeded in creating a wonderful, talent-filled evening.



Global perspective fostered in partnership with Aberystwyth University

Aberystwyth University recently delivered inspiring Modern Foreign Languages sessions for some of our Year 8 pupils.

Workshops explored topics such as culture, identity, sport, music, performance, sign language, colour and food from around the world. Sessions included quizzes, engaging video footage, music and wide-ranging discussions.



Pupil feedback was invariably positive and included the following statement:

"I would totally recommend the sessions as they widened my understanding of other cultures and more. They also made me more motivated to learn languages" (Megan)

"It was really fun." (Hannah)

"My favourite session was on hair as it was really interesting to see the different meanings of hairstyles. I totally recommend these sessions to other people as they were really fun and help you learn about new cultures." (Teagan)

"I learned a lot about cultures and languages in a fun and interesting way." (Albert)

"I loved the session about colours.... Definitely this workshop was great and the lady was very nice." (Simeon)

"I learned about signs. Some have different meanings. 'Thumbs up' is considered rude in Bangladesh!" (Josie)

My favourite session was our final one because we were completely independent and we explored landmarks on Google Trek. I would recommend this to other pupils as it was a one in a life time, unique experience." (Viktor)

"In the sessions, I learned how things that seem strange to us are completely normal to people thousands of miles away. One thing I found interesting is how people can express themselves through hairstyles and how people can communicate without saying a word." (Cameron)

"I will take away a stronger social mindset when speaking to people of different nationalities" (Scarlett)

A big thank you to Abigail from Aberystwyth University for delivering the sessions.





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Sixth Form



Newly elected Head Girl and Boy and their Deputies

Staff and pupils listened to high quality speeches as part of the election process recently. Pictured above are (front left to right):

Guto Thomas-Young (Head Boy) and Elin Schultz (Head Girl)

Back left to right Grace Buschini, Teegan James-Bentley, Sarah Jerman, Bonnie Cadman the Deputies.

A visit from Russell George



As part of their PSE programme, Year 12 pupils have been finding out more about politics, looking at the role of the Welsh Government, UK parliament and House of Lords. Pupils prepared questions for Russell George MS for Montgomeryshire in a Q&A session in February

As part of their wider PSE programme, Year 12 and 13 pupils have had visits from several other external speakers including a talk of drugs and substance misuse by Adferiad; a talk on STIs and another on contraception by the sexual health nurse; and Year 13 had a talk on university student finance by Student Finance Wales in readiness for the opening of the SFW applications.

Applications are now open for Sixth Form

Applications are now open for places in our Sixth Form. Pupils have received their option booklets and will need to apply through www.powys6.cymru/home remembering to apply for their free laptop! Subjects at Llanidloes can be chosen in combination with subjects in other Powys schools and NPTC e.g. Biology, Health and Social Care and History here and Sociology via e-sgol. If there are any questions about option blocks or the process of applying, pupils should see Mrs Jerman, Head of Sixth Form or Dr Creasey, Assistant Head of Sixth Form.

Sixth Form

Careers Trip

Year 12 pupils attended a careers fair organised by Careers Wales in the Arts Centre and University in Aberystwyth in March. There were an extensive number of employers, training providers and universities represented in addition to representatives of particular careers such as the health care sections with stands for nursing, midwifery, occupational health, speech and language therapy, radiography and optometry. Pupils also had the chance to have some hands n practical experience and to see the Police dogs!

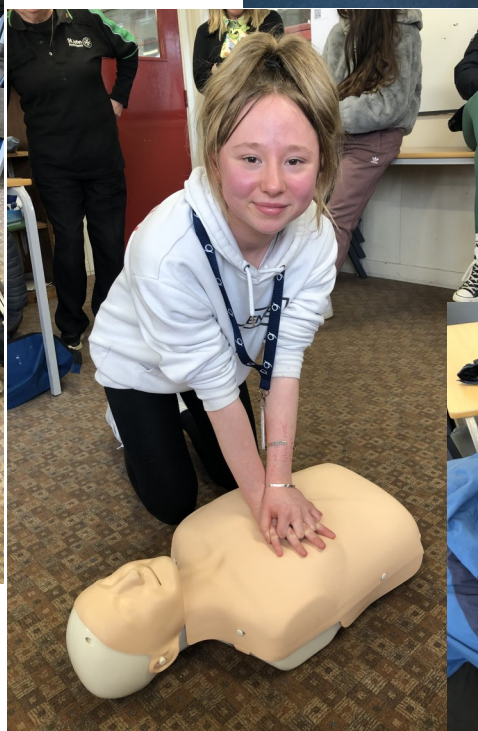


Sixth Form

St Johns



Annette Macken of St John's came in to deliver small group sessions with Sixth Formers on CPR with pupils getting the opportunity to get hands on experience on the dummy and on each other!



Ski Trip



In January we travelled to Prato Nevosa in Italy for our Ski trip. We all had the most incredible time. As well as learning to Ski pupils developed many skills. The following is a pupil's viewpoint on the trip.

'We all had the most amazing time, I really enjoyed getting to know pupils from outside of my year group. I was nervous about the journey but it was actually quite enjoyable. I absolutely loved learning to ski and really hope to go again. I made so many memories with my friends. I would recommend the ski trip to everyone.'



Technology

Ornithology and Enamelwork

The natural nesting sites which many of our beloved birds depend on are disappearing across the UK. So, pupils in Year 7 have been providing much-needed alternatives by creating and putting up bird nesting boxes as part of their SciTech 'Habitats' project.



Enamelwork is a technique of decoration whereby metal objects or surfaces are given a vitreous glaze that is fused onto the surface by intense heat to create a brilliantly coloured decorative effect. It is an art form noted for its brilliant, glossy surface, which is hard and long-lasting. Year 8 pupils have used the technique to produce spectacular enamel brooches and earrings as part of their SciTech 'Metals' project.

Well done to all pupils for their creativity and care for the environment.



Urdd

Disco Dancing

An outstanding team from Llanidloes High School competed in the Urdd Maldwyn Finals in March. The pupils won every category they entered, including the Group, Trio (featuring Carys Davies, Caitlin Turner and Poppy Jones), and the Year 9 and under solo (Layla Jones). All three entries will now represent the school and Maldwyn at the National Urdd Festival being held in Llandovery on Wednesday 31st May. Tickets are on sale on the Urdd website.



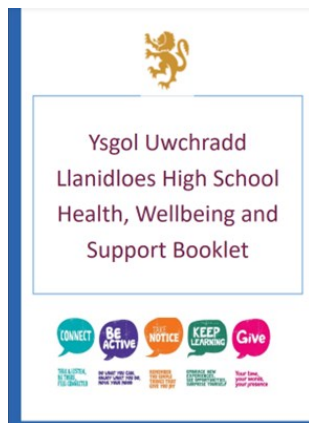
Wellbeing

Wellbeing Team



Mr Richard Williams - Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Sian Thomas Young - Mentoring Coordinator
Mr Matt Scrase - Pastoral Support Manager
Mrs Trish Turner - Pastoral Support Manager
Mrs Ann Lewis - Wellbeing Co Ordinator

Wellbeing and Mental Health Support



The latest edition of the Llanidloes High School Wellbeing Booklet has been produced and circulated by our pastoral team. It includes helpful tips and links for pupils and their families:

<https://llanidloeshighschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Wellbeing-Booklet-2021.pdf>



The Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week ran with the theme, 'Let's Connect.' Parents and carers will find useful information and activities from the link below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

All pupils already have access to these resources via their year group Team.

Wellbeing

Learning Support Centre create mental health video

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2023, members of our Learning Support Centre and Elen Chick, our Youth Intervention Officer, created a helpful short video.

The video highlights the importance of strong personal connections to support our mental health and can be viewed via the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xbvtj3UFdrk>



Interform Football Winners

Football house matches:

Key stage three pupils have been participating in a football interform competition during their lunchtimes.



Congratulations to Maddie gained her 2nd Welsh cross-country vest in the SIAB international. Gained 14th place overall. Also selected to run in the London Mini Marathon.

DATES

12 —16 June	(new) Year 13 Welsh Bac and Post-18 options week
19 June	GCSE and A Level Art and Design and Technology Exhibition Minerva Gallery
19 June	pre-sports week starts for (new) Yr 8-11
22 June	Year 7 End of Year Reports Home
22 June	Year 11 Prom
26 June	Battlefields Trip Leaves
28—29 June	Year 6 Induction Days
30 June	(new) Year 11 English oracy week launch
4 July	Year 10 (new Year 11) Trip to Alton Towers
6 July	Summer Concert
6 July	Year 8 (New Year 9) End of Year Reports Home
7 July	INSET - Non pupil day
10—13 July	(new) Year 11 Welsh Bac and English orals week
12 July	Year 7/8 Trip
13 July	Year 9 Trip
14 July	INSET - Non pupil day
17—21 July	activities week for all year groups including work experience and Gold DofE expedition
17 August	AS and A-level results day
24 August	GCSE results day
4 September	Pupils Return to School