

SCHOOL NEWS

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A FINAL MESSAGE FROM HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



"I can't believe that our 5 years at Cefn Hengoed is almost over. It's been a very busy term for me (and hopefully everyone) as I have had to allocate a majority of my time to revision, but this past year was incredibly eye opening and has just flown by. I wish all of my peers the very best of luck for their GCSEs."

- Owen Chen

"I simply can't believe we've only got 6 weeks left in school, these last 5 years have flown by! This year, I have been very busy with all my exams, coursework, and a lot of revision. It's a very busy time for everyone - a last final push. Exam season can be hard and stressful, but I wish all of my peers the best of luck for their GCSEs"

- Romilly Slee

KEY SCHOOL DATES

Thursday 16th April - Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday 27th April - Year 9 exams begin

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May - Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th May - Year 7 & 8 Exam
Revision Evening

Thursday 21st May - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 22nd May - INSET day

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May - Half
term

**We are wishing all our year 11s good
luck as they enter their final term!**

SCHOOL ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

- Rucksack
- Black/Blue Pen
- Up to date Uniform
- Ruler
- School planner
- Pencil
- Calculator
- Red Pen
- Water Bottle
- Rubber

A Festival of Talent and Tradition: The Eisteddfod



To celebrate Dydd Gŵyl Dewi, we came together for our annual school Eisteddfod. Year 7 proudly dressed in their house colours and enjoyed a wonderful morning filled with music, poetry and Welsh pride.

There were exceptional performances from our Year 7 students, alongside outstanding songs from the school choir, creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the event.

A huge congratulations to Team Hywel, who were crowned overall winners, proudly showing their yellow spirit!

Huge congratulations to the winner of the Chair, Amber Lloyd!



In the National Eisteddfod, the Chairing of the Bard is a ceremony to honour the best poet of the year by presenting them with a specially crafted chair.

At Cefn Hengoed, we honour this tradition by celebrating a pupil who has shown effort and flair in Welsh. Llongyfarchiadau, Amber!

Throughout the term, students in year 7, 8 and 9 completed a range of homework tasks in different subjects to earn points for their house teams.

The top 3 from each subject were rewarded with certificates.

Da iawn, pawb!

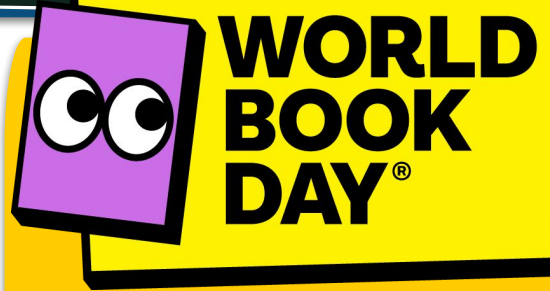




Celebrating the Joy of Reading



Our 9W girls participated in the Senior National Reading Champions quiz through the National Literacy Trust. While they didn't make it to the grand final in London, they won a prize for participation, meaning we will receive a £25 voucher for books. Well done, girls!



World Book Day was a fantastic celebration across the whole school, with pupils and staff fully embracing the occasion by dressing up as their favourite book characters. There was a real buzz of excitement as stories were brought to life in classrooms and corridors. In Miss Saunders' class, pupils enjoyed getting creative by designing their own eye-catching book covers. A highlight of the day was the whole-school scavenger hunt, where Caiwyn, Zack and Riley from 8S were crowned winners after successfully finding all 50 hidden book titles around the school—an impressive achievement!



In February, we were also delighted to host the Scholastic Book Fair, where pupils had the opportunity to browse and purchase a wide range of books and stationery, helping to further inspire a love of reading across the school.





Exploring, Learning and Growing: STF Trips



The Special Teaching Facility (STF) had a fantastic time attending Bikeability in Dunvant. It was a brilliant morning, and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with many already looking forward to returning. Even those who had never ridden a bike before were able to take part, using three- and four-wheeled bikes to join in with the activities. It was great to see everyone getting involved and achieving something new.



Mr Cardy took Year 7 and 8 pupils to the LC Leisure Centre, where they had the opportunity to try a range of inclusive sports, including boxing and wheelchair basketball. All pupils fully embraced the experience, showing fantastic enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved throughout.



A Celebration of Welsh Traditions



In our Welsh lessons, pupils enjoyed celebrating Dydd Santes Dwynwen through a variety of themed activities. They created cardiau cariad, learned about the story of Santes Dwynwen, and practised Welsh phrases. The classrooms were full of creativity and hwyl, making it a lovely way to celebrate Welsh culture.



Pupils celebrated Welsh Music Day with creative, music-themed activities. They coloured in musical notes and filled them with key Welsh vocabulary, helping to build their language skills in a fun way. These are now proudly displayed around the Welsh classrooms, adding colour and cerddoriaeth to the learning environment.



Excellence in Action: Our Sports Highlights



This term has been packed with sporting success—too much to include in full—but here are some of the highlights:



U13s Girls Football - Fixtures against Morrision



Maizie Steins has been selected for the Welsh U17s Football Team again. A fantastic achievement! We are so proud of her, well done Maizie!

Our Year 10 pupils assisted with the running of the Primary Games. It was a day of fun and fitness, with St Thomas Primary as the overall winners! Da iawn!



Year 7 pupils Poppy Havard-Brealey, Maisie Brown and Connie-Rae Mogridge representing Swansea School Girls



Year 9 girls won against Morrision with an outstanding result of 29-10



Year 11 boys - Logan James, Liam Matthews Davies, Coby Robins and Joel Wallace representing Ospreys U16s



Let's not forget our wonderful teachers who played a "friendly" game of netball to raise money for the school musical, Frozen!



Huge congratulations to our Year 8 rugby team who won the Swansea Cup Final, beating Bishopton 32-17!



Rhew, Hud a Thalent: Frozen the Musical



Our school production of *Frozen* was a huge success, showing just how talented our pupils are. The cast were so strong that several roles were double cast, giving even more students the opportunity to shine on stage. Performances included two matinees for Years 7 and 8, as well as two evening shows, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by audiences. It was a truly magical production and a real highlight of the term!

Check out the CHC Performing Arts Facebook page for more pictures of our outstanding cast!



Learning Beyond the Classroom: Our School Trips



Llangrannog 2026

In January, Year 8 pupils spent the weekend in Llangrannog, making lasting memories and embracing a range of exciting new experiences, including skiing, go-karting, tobogganing, quad biking and zip-lining. Their bravery and enthusiasm were exceptional throughout, and it was wonderful to see pupils confidently practising their Cymraeg over the course of the weekend.



New York 2026

At the end of this term, students from Cefn Hengoed enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to New York City. From Central Park and the Empire State Building to the bright lights of Times Square, pupils got to see some of the world's most iconic landmarks, alongside plenty of time to shop and explore. It was an unforgettable experience for all involved.

