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A few words from the Head teacher: It's good to see that Year 7 have settled well at our school, and we hope that they have enjoyed their first term at Ysgol Eifionydd. For the first time in many years school numbers have risen from 365 to 380. There were several visits during the term; special thanks to the Fire Brigade and the Police for highlighting hazards and showing our pupils how to stay safe. It was also a privilege to welcome former pupils as candidates for the *Welsh Youth Assembly* and I congratulate Ifan Price following his election as the member for the Dwyfor-Meirionnydd area. Many local services have been cut-back, so it was good to receive help in launching the *Duke of Edinburgh Award* through Mrs. Nia Rees from the Youth Service. We also welcomed Miss Eleri Trythal from the *Trobwynt* scheme and thank her for the invaluable work in supporting our new *Nurturing Schools* scheme (see below). Finally, thank you for your co-operation as the school moves to a cash-free system. The system should be helpful in promoting healthy eating, avoiding allergies, and keeping Free School Meals provision anonymous and hopefully facilitating payments. I would also like to thank Mrs. Parker, a former pupil at Ysgol Eifionydd, for her generous gift of £2,000 towards school books. Merry Christmas to you all.

Dewi Bowen

Important Dates

- **18 December** – Christmas Concert
- **20 December** – Christmas Jumper day
- **20 December** – Santa Run
- **20 December** – School closes and re-opens 7/01/19
- **January 2019** – GCSE Welsh Literature
- **23 January, 2019** – Year 11 Parents evening
- **10 February, 2019** – Year 10 Parents evening

Year 5 and 6 Open evening.

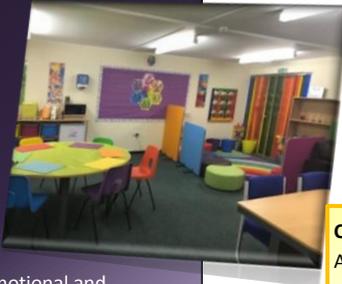
On the 23rd of October Year 5 and 6 Parents and pupils were welcomed to the Open Evening. They were given a presentation by the Headteacher and then had the opportunity to walk around the school visiting various departments.

Macey Thomas, Cadi Mair Roberts and Mali Davies were busy selling raffle tickets towards the Macmillan Charity. Congratulations to Louise Hughes' family from Ysgol Beddgelert and Cadi Mair and Jac Arthur's family from Ysgol Eifionydd for winning the prizes.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: A very successful coffee morning was held at the school to raise money for the Macmillan charity. Between the raffle and the coffee morning, £202.00 was raised for this worthy charity. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

The COB

A new room has been opened at the school which offers a safe, comfortable environment for the new Nurture sessions to be carried out. The room has been called the Cob. The staff at the 'COB' will focus on educating groups of children with the emphasis being on developing emotional and social skills whilst also working on literacy, numeracy and communication.



Mary Vaughan Jones Memorial Award: A ceremony to award Gareth F. Williams was recently held in Portmeirion. The author's family was awarded the Mary Vaughan Jones Memorial Award for Children's literature.

With Bethan Gwanas leading the evening, 6 pupils from Year 9 took part. Lewis Evans and Bedwyr Puw read part of 'O Ddawns i Ddawns'. Holly Jones and Megan Thomas acted part of 'Adref heb Elin' and Macy Thomas, Cadi Roberts, Mali Davies and Ariana Poljakovic read a part from Y Dyn Gwyrdd. It was a special and very poignant evening. We thank the

Book Council for their kindness in presenting a box of books by the author to the school and thank Nigel Hughes for the photo.



Chill Factor – Manchester

On Thursday, 8th of November, the PE Department organized a trip for 40 pupils to Chill Factor, Manchester. The purpose of the trip was for the pupils to have a 2 hour ski lesson to prepare them for the February 2019 half term ski trip to Risoul, France. The day was successful and enjoyed by everyone.



The 2018 Christmas Campaign. As a school we attempted to collect 1000 items for the local Food Bank by Christmas. Here are Ioan Richards, Kelvin Humphreys and Elin Roberts who helped Mrs. Miriam Amlyn count the goods the school had received so far.



We collected **849** items for the local food bank that serves the area – Blaenau Ffestiniog and Pwllheli Food Bank - by the last week of term. **Thank you to all who contributed.**

Children in Need – 16 November, 2018

As always, the pupils were given the opportunity to wear their own clothes to school and a sum of £278 was raised towards this popular charity.



Thank you to the girls who went carol singing in Tesco and Bodawen Nursing Home.

Staff: We wish Mrs. Sharon Roberts – Science and SENCO and Mr. Medwyn Williams, Head of Maths a happy retirement and we extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Mary Baillot who has started her new post as head of Maths at the school. Best wishes to Mr. Gareth Hughes for being appointed Head of Music at Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle and congratulations to Miss Llio Dudley for being appointed to teach KS3 Music and Mr. Emyr Rhys to teach KS4 Music. Congratulations to Ms. Sioned Williams on the birth of her son Morgan and welcome to Miss Alaw T. Roberts who will be covering Ms. Williams' maternity leave. Best wishes to Ms. Gwenno Gibbard on her wedding in the summer to Ben Bolton and also to Miss Catrin Elan on her recent wedding to Ben Roberts. We wish both couples every happiness. In conclusion we would like to congratulate Miss Llio Dudley on her recent engagement to Gwion Roberts.

BUDDIES

This is a scheme promoting support from year 10 pupils to younger pupils who need help. The buddies will offer one to one mentoring sessions and have also received training on how to counsel in areas such as:
Behaviour
Bullying
Loneliness



DEVELOPING GROWTH MINDSET

As part of a county project the school will be co-operating to develop a 'growth mindset' in the lessons in order to encourage pupils to endeavour to achieve their best work and to encourage them to persevere in order to succeed. Pupils will be guided to understand how they learn, to use prior learning and to find other ways of completing tasks if their first attempts aren't successful. Year 8 will receive growth mindset lessons as part of their PSE provision.

Parents Forum – 2nd April, 2019 – 6.00
School Library.