

CCYD NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS

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CCYD - CHILDREN IN NEED

Congratulations to our Head Team for organising this years Children in Need event. Both the staff and learners made so much effort dressing up and raising a whopping £1024 to donate to charity. The day was filled with fun activities and ended with a fantastic "Battle of the Bands" organised by the Music department. It was Amazing!



WELSH CHAMPION SLSC

This year we celebrate a very humble CCYD learner. Year 11 Ewyn Roberts let slip during a conversation with his form tutor that he won a Gold and 3 Silver medals in the Welsh lifeguard championships and a Silver medal in the British championships. The events take place both on the beach and the sea and involve sprinting, swimming, life saving, surf ski's and relays in somewhat extreme conditions. Super proud of you Ewyn, excellent resilience and commitment.



CCYD ENGINEERS VISIT ASTON MARTIN

Some lucky members of our Year 11 Engineering classes really enjoyed our trip to @astonmartin Lagonda today! We were given a tour of the amazing facilities where we viewed how the cars are manufactured and the strict processes and attention to detail each car goes through before being leaving the factory. "Best experience of my life!" According to one of our learners! Our thanks to the apprentices and alumni Bethan Dubber for giving up their time to show us around.



POPPY APPEAL

Year 9 CCYD learner Phoebe Evans and her team of helpers took the lead in selling poppies this year. Phoebe and her team were very passionate about the charity and spent all week in the atrium at form, break and lunch times to raise money selling poppies, wrist bands, book marks and promoting the collection box. Phoebe, you showed fantastic enthusiasm for such a worthy cause. Many people will benefit from your commitment and you have become an excellent role model at CCYD for others to follow.

CCYD MUSIC - VOICE OF AN ANGEL

CCYD learner Esther Thomas - recently performed "O Holy Night" with the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir which can be viewed on our CCYD twitter feed. Such a beautiful voice and so talented. As well as singing and performing, Esther is also going to Westminster Abbey to receive an award for winning the school Bible competition! So proud of you Esther.



WELSH CAP FOR NIA LEWIS

CCYD learner Nia Lewis was recently presented with her Welsh cap after playing football for Wales under 17's. Wales are in League B for the first round and faced Albania (Wales won 2-0, Nia scored 1), Kazakhstan (Wales won 1-0) and the Faroe Islands (Wales won 6-0, Nia scored 2). The team will now be promoted to the second round and face the winners of the other groups. What a fantastic achievement. Congratulations Nia, this is a testament to all the hours of hard work training and perfecting your football skills. Well done.



CCYD PE - RUGBY DEWAR SHIELD WINNERS

Could not be prouder of these boys! Great to see Cody, Evan, Jack, Ruben & Lucas represent @Bdsru15s and win the Dewar Shield.



DARE2EXPLORE PROJECT

Learning to light and cook on an open fire is not an easy skill, but the Dare 2 Explore group today showed their resilience to get their breakfasts made! Firstly learning how to light a fire with a flint and steel. This is a skill that comes easier with practice so tentative steps, to light the cotton wool to start. Next, how to lay the fire so it's warm enough to cook on. The menu was bacon, beans and toast. Nobody went hungry, I'm happy to say. After this we completed some crafts with the materials collected on the beach last week, mostly in a Christmas theme with some very professional items. The group confidence is growing and each learner is becoming more independent every week. All are looking forward to the last session in Bryngarw Country Park.



CCYD - FENCING & DISABILITY SPORTS WALES

The Motorskills Group of ALN learners took part in a taster session this week to try out fencing. We had the GB Fencing and Disability Sports Wales representatives to give the learners a session during lunch time. All the learners thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



TACKLE PROJECT - BRECON BEACONS

The Tackle Project was invited to visit the Brecon Army Museum as part of Remembrance Week. Learners were given a detailed history into the Welsh Guards and their service over the years. They were provided with details of the army and their roles fulfilled over the years also detailed through the 1st and 2nd world war. The memorabilia in the museum is comprehensive and some items of rarity are displayed as well as learners being allowed to try on different types of uniform from different regiments. This was a rare opportunity and learners eagerly took up the activity trying on the uniform with an explanation of each item and its purpose. A huge thank you to Ospreys Tackle and the Army for a unique and privileged incite to a vast provision that we sometimes take for granted and thanks to them for their service and support.



CCYD STAFF vs 6th FORM FOOTBALL

Bragging rights this year go to the CCYD sixth form for winning the annual clash of the titans football match. For the second year running we see the game go to penalties with the young boys coming out on top. It was an action packed game with lots of skill and energy on display. Hard luck to the staff, I'm sure they'll regroup, evaluate the match and come back stronger next year.



CCYD - LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Every week CCYD recognises the hard work and effort that our learners achieve. Using Classcharts, teachers/tutors log and reward learners for a variety of tasks throughout the school week including attendance, effort, homework and extra curricular activities. The learner with the highest achievement points for that week gets a visit from the headteacher to congratulate them, a gift and their photograph taken to display on our achievement wall in the main atrium for all to see and aspire to. These are winners this year.



CCYD BEST OF THE BEST (A2L)

Below is a list of our learners who achieved "Best of the Best" status during data drop one. These learners have achieved 3 x 1's and all the rest 2's for Attitude to Learning across all subjects this term. Here are our Best of the Best learners.



Year 7

Zi Sian Beh, Kai Blakemore, Megan Butler, Olivia Byrne, Ava Chapman, Nathan Chapman, Ethan John Cooper, Jorgie Crumby, Ioan Davies, Dylan Downton, Thomas Evans, Zak Evans, Jahmero Faal, Mia Hawkins, Gethin Hewitson, Lewis Hill, Lily Hillman, Victoria Hills, Corey Hoyle, Charlotte James, Emilia Johns, Holly Jones, Isabella-Lee Jones, Callum Kendall, Callum Kirkpatrick, Isaac Knight, Ava Lacey Thomas, Laura Lakshmi, Riley Lewis, Rio Middleton, Leyla Rampley, Alyssa Rees, Kate Richards, Garyn Riddiford, Oliver Ruck, Harley Sage, Arriana Slader, Ella Smith, Lottie Stadden, Dafydd Trevelyan, Leci Morgan, Anaya Newton, Macie Owen-Jones, Georgie Pearce, Violet Phillips, Dale-Dion Phillips-Simon, Aled Price, Elliott Ralph-Edwards, Lexie Rampley, Carys Williams, Rubi Williams, Tayla-Rae Tasker, Grace Thomas, Olivia Thomas, Ryan Thomas.

Year 8

Lili Austin, Lily-Grace Banks, Ruby Bennett, Ayon Binoy, Bella-Lee Burnell, Lacey Byrne, Lily Callicott, Ella Collins, Aneurin Cowling, Gethin Davies, Kewell Davies, Rohan Davies, Tomas Doak, Catrin Eastwood, Neve Gardner, Ethan Garfield, Jesse Hampton, Ciara Hanratty-Dalton, Damon Henwood, Ava Hitchings, Libby Howell, Oscar Humphries, Troy James, Emma John, Samuel Knight, Rhys Lake, Sophia Lewis, Morgan Littlejohns, Ocean Losada-Stallard, Molly Parry, Lily Pearce, Olly Price, Elna Mariya Saji, Evie Williams, Chantelle Short, Dylan Simons, Daisy Spanswick, Zak Thomas, Misha Tucker, Logan Tucker, Ieuan Wager, Alithia-Sophia McArdle, Dylan Merrett, Rhian Morgan, Grace Murphy, Roger Newman, Oliver Wilkinson, Rio Newman-Wetherill, Isabelle Newton, Baylee Nicholas, Jacob O'Callaghan, Hayden Painter, Joshua Turner, Kelsey Vincent, Billie-Joe Vowles, Xavier Whitehead, Julie-May Wilcox, Tia Mackenzie-Parker, Kian Wilson.

Year 9

Layla Barnes, Zi Xuan Beh, Seren Brinkley, Lola Browning, Charles Chamberlain, Jake Christopher, Amelia Cook, Chantelle David, Polly Davies, Joey-Lee Dimond, Henley Dowling, Iestyn Edwards, Rhodri Edwards, Ellie May Elward, Rhys Evans, Keziah Gibson, Lucy Gleadhill, Mollie Haines, Olly Harris, Gracie-May Hart, Maisie Hopkins, Logan Hume, Logan Kinsman, Jacob Michel, Evan Morgan, Ieuan Morgan, Lloyd Morgan, Carys Moyle-Seal, Tyler Norris, Brooklyn Osgood, Lily Owen, Tess Paget, Jayden Parkhouse, Aderyn Podmore, Evie Prentice, Ebony Rice-Williams, Mia Richards, Maisie Roberts, Theo Rose Jaydan Rowe, Isabelle Sargent, Cohen Skinner, Imogen Skinner, Brooke Stephens, Jakob Summers, Harley Williams, Ruby Worrall, Summer Wright-Rees.

Year 10

Kaya Alparslan, Sophie Blackwell, Skye Brooks, Seren Cowling, Carys Davies, Imogen Davies, Kaitlin Dyer, Daniel Evans, Maddie Flower, Ava Greenslade, Parys Griffiths, Leila Gronow, Aidan Hall, Morgan Harris, Macey Hayes, Holly Hills, Ruby-Grace Hitchings, Shannon Hopkins, Owain Humphreys, Cadi-Lee James, Mali-Marie James, Ruby Jenkins, Francesca Judd-Stone, Madison Langley, Rhys Lever, Loveday Lock, Ella-May Molumby, Molly Ridge, Abel Saji Abraham, Danielle Sostand, Harry Tatchell, Aurelia Taylor, Megan Thomas, Sky Thomas, Sophia Thomas, Esther Thomas-Bizjak, Olivia Moyle, Vlad Mykhailiuk, Ameera Ndao, Timothy Ostapenko, Wiktorija Pajak, Grace Pinches, Ofelia Pulvirenti-Warwick, Annabelle Rees, Jayden Reeves, Nicol Wdowczyk, Ella Wilkes, Finley Williams, Nathan Williams, Osian Williams, Arieon Wood, Rilee Woods-Hill, Jordan Wright.

Year 11

Kacie Andrews, Maddison Atkinson, Freya Bennett, Riley Bethell, Caitlin Britton, Rhiannon Carling, Tia Coombes, Zak Craven, Abbie Davies, Seren Davies, Thomas-Jay Davies, Gracie-Mai Davies-Sage, Seren Evans, Lillia Fitton, Iestyn Galtry, Rhydian Galtry, Gethin Garwood, Megan Grabham, Rory Griffiths, Bethan Gunner, Isabelle Harris, Seren Harris, Haydn Hoyle, Connie James, Ffion Jenkins, Maisie Jones Sion Lane, Dylan Lewis, Lucas Richards, Joe Rix, Megan Roberts, Alesha Rogers, Ellie Russell, Ffion Seal, Megan Simpson, Puneet SinghShannyn, Nia Lewis, Amelia Lloyd-Davies, Layla Matthews, Imogen Merrett, Owen Morgan, Grace Mounty, Tegan-Ellis Murrell, Shay Norris, Joel Rabyjohns, Alfie Rees, Lucas Richards Joe Rix, Megan Roberts, Alesha Rogers, Ellie Russell, Ffion Seal, Megan Simpson, Puneet Singh, Shannyn Sinnott, Ellie May Spanswick, Chantal Stanley, Taran Stringer, Darcey Tapner, Jordan Tatchell, Anwen Thomas, Chloe Thomas, Carys Waller, Mason Walmisley.

Year 12/13

Joshua Chi, Liam Davies, Naomi Davies, Joshua Eastwood, Sonny Haigh, Alana Hatcher, Haf Higgins, Cecelia Hopkins, Gracie Jones, Eden Partridge, Ella Partridge, Libby Rees, Alisha Williams, Bella Glover, Lowri Nicholls, Seren Smith, Natasha Williams.

300+ Best of The Best learners across all year groups receiving their awards and praise for the hard work they put in this academic year.



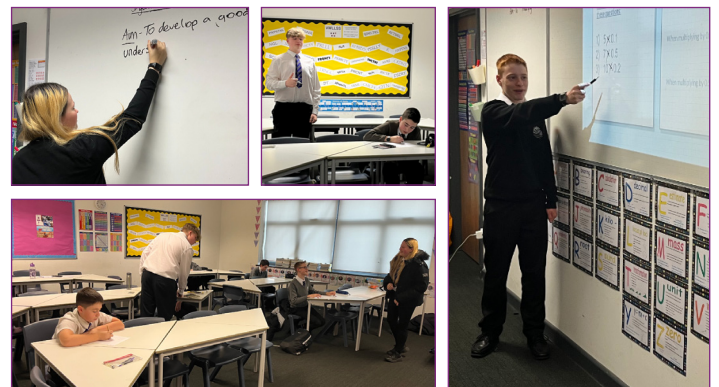
CCYD LITERACY - READING WINNERS

As part of our Literacy development at CCYD we encourage learners to read on a regular basis by incorporating DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) sessions during the term. This month's reading winners are Mrs Thomas class 7C1, well done all on this fantastic achievement.



CCYD NUMERACY - MATHS CLUB

The last Maths Club before Christmas saw our Sixth Form perform a musical sketch to support our learners with BIDMAS. Big thanks to Liam, Matthew and Megan for their enthusiasm this term! We go again next term!



CCYD PE - CROSS COUNTRY

The PE department took a full team across all year groups to the Glamorgan Valleys Schools Athletics - Cross Country Championships this year. We are so proud of the grit and determination these learners showed during the event.



CCYD CHRISTMAS DOOR COMPETITION

Challenge - To decorate your classroom door in a festive theme. The competition was judged by the school council and in joint first place we have Mr Davies in D&T and Mrs Grabham in Maths. The overall winning department who picks up the prestigious accolade is English. Well done to all learners and teachers who participated.



HRH MAJESTY'S BAND

Year 9 & 10 learners Jacob Michel, Daisy Griffiths & Holly Nichols enjoyed a full day of music making with His Majesty's "Band of the Welsh Guards". As always the learners did CCYD incredibly proud!



CCYD 6th FORM - SEREN TRIP

Ten CCYD Seren learners had the opportunity to visit Oxford University this week as part of the SEREN network. The Seren Academy supports Wales' most able educated learners to achieve their full academic potential into leading universities and succeed on highly selective degree programmes. All learners enjoyed the trip and absorbed the experience of Oxford University.



CCYD HEALTHY SCHOOLS / D&T

A big thank you to all staff and learners who took part in the plastic bottle tops competition. Thousands of bottle tops were collected. All year groups from years 7-11 took part with year 7 getting the most collections. All the other tutor groups in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 also worked really hard with their collections. The Eco committee and D&T department are currently in the process of making products. We are melting them and creating shapes for Christmas Baubles, Necklaces and Earrings etc.

Competition Results:

1st Place = 2522 bottle tops (7I, Mrs Whitney-Embleton Form)

2nd Place = 2167 bottle tops (7G, Mrs Western Form)

3rd Place = 1273 bottle tops (7W, Mrs McGuinness-West Form)



HEATHER GRIFFITHS - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



As 2023 draws to a close after a challenging year, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and continued enthusiasm. This hard work led to CCYD having some of the best examination results ever! Learners, all your hard work has borne fruit and I hope this will continue into 2024. The Estyn Report highlights many of our strong points and good practices, some of which are being adopted by other schools, this is always very encouraging as our school continues to go from strength to strength. At this time when there is so much upheaval in different parts of the world I wish you a very safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2024. Nadolig Llawen

TRACEY WELLINGTON - HEADTEACHER



It certainly has been a long but busy and successful term. It is great to see our newsletter bursting with all the achievements of our fantastic learners. This newsletter is a testament to them! We have a vast range of different talents at CCYD. During this hectic term we also had an inspection visit. We are proud of many aspects of the report which states that 'CCYD is a caring community where pupil wellbeing and inclusion is at the heart of every aspect of school life. Most pupils feel safe and are proud of their school.' I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish all of our community a restful and peaceful Christmas. Nadolig Llawen

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