

MAES YR HAUL'S 'EGGSELLENT' NEWS!



Llongyfarchiadau to Ava in Year 3 for winning our Easter picture competition.

School Council representatives decided they wanted to create their own school newspaper. They have been working hard over the past few weeks gathering information, interviewing pupils and writing articles.

The School Council hope that you enjoy reading their newspaper.

The School Council ran a competition to design the picture for the front page of the first edition. There were so many amazing entries that they decided to have a second and third place too!

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Turn to page 2 to see the second and third place pictures.



2ND PLACE WINNER - AMELIE Y3



3RD PLACE WINNER - MAISY Y6



The Easter disco will take place on Wednesday 25th of March with Zack Franks; there will be fun party games and stalls like sweets, crisps, drinks and also hotdogs.

Our Nursery and Reception children will be sharing their wonderful Easter bonnets on Thursday 26th March in their Easter bonnet parade around the school.



The Easter Story - Stori'r Pasg

Long ago, a man named Jesus travelled around teaching people about God's love. He healed the sick, helped people who were sad, and told stories about how to be kind. Many people loved Jesus, but some leaders were jealous and wanted to stop him.

Palm Sunday: The Cheering Crowd

One day, Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a small donkey. The people were so happy to see him that they waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King!" This day is remembered as Palm Sunday.

The Last Supper

A few days later, Jesus shared a special dinner with his closest friends, the disciples. He broke bread and shared a cup of juice with them, explaining that he would soon go away, but they should remember him whenever they shared a meal together.

Good Friday: A Sad Day

Later, some leaders who disliked Jesus had him arrested. Even though he had done nothing wrong, they sentenced him to die on a cross. Jesus allowed this to happen because he loved the world so much. After he died, his friends were very sad and placed his body in a tomb—a cave with a huge, heavy stone rolled in front of the entrance.

Easter Sunday: The Happy Surprise!

On Sunday morning, a few women who were friends of Jesus went to visit the tomb. When they arrived, they were shocked! The massive stone had been rolled away, and the tomb was empty! Suddenly, an angel appeared and said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has risen from the dead!"

The women ran to tell the disciples, who could hardly believe it. Later that day, Jesus appeared to them, showing them that he was alive and well. They were so happy! Jesus had risen, proving that love is stronger than death.

Why We Celebrate Easter

Easter is celebrated to remember that Jesus rose from the dead, offering hope and new life to everyone. It is a time for joy, often celebrated with flowers, new life (like bunnies and chicks), and egg hunts. On Good Friday we get the day off and Easter Monday!



Easter Story written by India

Maes yr Haul Achievements

Our roving reporters Spencer, Dottie and Louis have been finding out what our pupils have been up to outside of school and here is what they found:

Dottie from Year 6 became a Welsh CHAMPION in cross country! Here is an interview with the champ herself

“When I finished I felt like throwing up but deep down I felt proud and as soon as I was with my friends I felt like I was on top of the world”

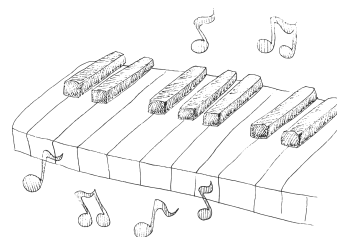


Also Noah from Year 6 has a MASSIVE achievement on Sunday 1st of Feb he went to watch Manchester United vs Fulham of course (it was surprising) Manchester United won 3-2. After the match he waited because he wanted a picture/signature from a player then a someone called out “Burno Fernandes, over here, please sign our shirts” and the first one he signed was Noah’s!

Noah said “I was so happy when he came over to me - THE MAN in the flesh. Even hours later I was amazingly happy.”

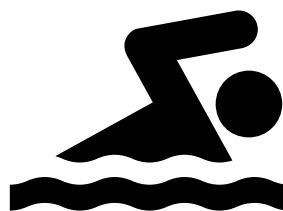


On top of that Ffion from Year 6 got a Distinction in piano grade 2. By the way, it is the highest passing grade in piano possible and here’s an interview with the mini Mozart herself. Ffion said “It felt like 2 years! But it was only 10 months, I also thought I would never get it and get all my Italian phrases right.”



Sam in Year 6 is a very talented swimmer and lifeguard he has competed in various different swimming and lifeguard competitions such as the GB which he came 4th in Welsh champs 4th, mini leagues 1st in obstacle, 1st in manikin and 2nd in tube relay.

And he achieved all this with just a can do attitude and the thrill he gets from racing and knowing what ever place he comes he knows he has tried his best.



MYH EISTEDDFOD

Report by Evie

A week before the Eisteddfod, Dosbarth Spear performed a Welsh poem about the red dragon (Y Ddraig Goch), proudly celebrating one of Wales' most famous symbols. Dosbarth Staveley told an exciting story of a Welsh legend. Year 4 performed a beautiful poem about the seasons, while Year 5 impressed everyone with a poem about different times of the day.

Then the competition judging began...

On Monday 23rd February, the myths and legends competition was judged. From what I heard, the entries were absolutely amazing!

On Tuesday 24th February, the art and handwriting competitions were judged. The work was looked at very closely by the Criw Cymraeg - and I mean VERY CLOSELY! If there was even the slightest mistake, they spotted it straight away.



On Wednesday 25th February, the Criw Cymraeg judged the singing competition as part of our Eisteddfod celebrations. There were so many children who entered that they actually ran out of time that day to hear Years 4, 5 and 6 perform! Because of the huge number of talented singers, those year groups were judged on Thursday and Friday instead.

On Thursday 26th February, the home tasks were judged. The assignment was to create an acrostic poem using the words Y Ddraig Goch. From the ones I saw, they were amazing- even if I do say so myself!

On Friday 27th February, the Criw Cymraeg judged the instrumental solo competition. Pupils performed using a variety of different instruments, showing their talent and confidence in the hall. The different instruments were: guitar, piano keyboard and drums (Who knew how many musicians we have in our school?)



Eisteddfod Results



FINAL SCORES FOR EISTEDDFOD

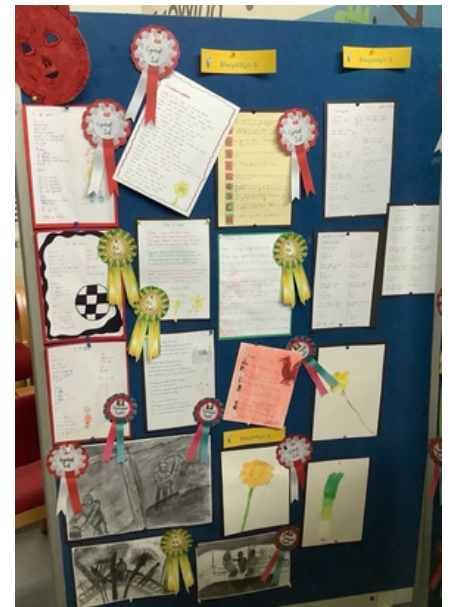
1ST COCH: 294 POINTS

2ND GLAS: 258 POINTS

3RD GWYRDD: 241 POINTS

4TH MELYN: 198 POINTS

Da iawn Coch!



The winners of the Eisteddfod competitions are all displayed in the school foyer.
Well done everyone!

SPORTS TEAM AND CLUB RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

So sports... sports are a big part of Maes Yr Haul so right now the clubs open are the football team, netball team, Minecraft club, and finally cross country and choir which have recently started.

SHOUT OUTS!

Shout out to Oliver in Year 5 for football for scoring a hat trick wait even more! Very well done!

Shout out to Owain in Year 6 for squash. He has won the Welsh champs, Welsh Open, South Wales Open, and South Wales Closed!

Also he got to the quarter finals for the British Championships, and 3rd in British South Wales competition! Really good job, keep it up.

Emery in Year 6 has played 2 matches both home games. She said the reason she loves football is because it is fun, team victories and especially just having a good time! Her favourite positions are upfront/striker and midfielder.

Morgan in Year 6 said his favourite thing about doing Minecraft club is that you get to build with your friends and when you have a win it just feels even better because you are winning as a team.

He also said that doing Minecraft club has really help with their communication.

We'd like to give a 'Shout out' to all the amazing staff coaches and volunteer leaders who have supported our teams. Thank you so so much for giving up your time so we can do the thing we love.

In our next edition we will share news about choir and Minecraft Club.

Report by Dottie and Louis

VALENTINE'S DAY DISCO



On the 11th of February it was the Valentine's disco for the juniors and I'm going to tell you how it went!

The first thing I'm going to say is at the disco nearly everybody was lining up for sweets or chocolate. There were a few country songs, there was Soda pop from Kpop Demon Hunters, there was a love song called Love Story and two kids were dancing together to it (ooh lala!). It was an AMAZING disco in my opinion, the best one ever. A few weeks after the Valentines Disco about a hundred heart balloons flew up to the sky over Broadlands at lunchtime.

At the Infants' Valentine's disco there were glitter tattoos, glow sticks, snacks and music (the chocolate song).

There was a lot of dancing and games including the coloured hearts game. There was Miss Evans and Zac Franks the DJ. He played Love Story (Taylor Swift), Golden and Soda Pop from Kpop Demon Hunters.

Next up is the Easter Disco on 25th March!

Reported by Sophia and Mali



Charity News and Fundraising



Harvest celebrations

In our Harvest assembly all of the classes performed a song or a poem to celebrate harvest. We thought about people who don't have access to good food or can't afford to feed their families. Lots of food donations were given to the food bank as a part of harvest to help those worse off than ourselves.



Pyjamarama Day

One of School Council's jobs is to decide on and organise charity events over the year. For the Autumn term we asked our classes to vote and they chose to support Children with Cancer UK. On Friday 5th December everyone came in their pyjamas (even the teachers!) and had fun to raise money for the charity. Look how much we raised:



School Council will be organising a new charity event for the Summer term. Your reps will share this information with you after Easter.

World Book Day

On March the 5th it was World Book Day and here are some of the costumes people were wearing. First a Year 3 child was Mary Lennox from The Secret Garden, another year 3 was Hermione from Harry Potter and we had a burglar in the school (just kidding!) a year 4 child was BURGLAR BILL! And another Year 4 was the tiger who went to tea. She did not bring tea because she just had a tea party. A Year 5 was Matilda. She was not a little bit naughty. A Year six was Hedwig and we had Alvin and the Chipmunks arrive at the school too.

The Year 4s were reading the year 2 children's books and let me say I loved the book I read, it was so funny it was called the Bunnies on the Bus. The year 5s were reading the year 1's books and the year 6s were making Minecraft worlds linked to the year 3 books.

Report by Evie and Lilie



School Visitors

Korean Exchange Programme

A few weeks ago , a group of people from Korea came to our school as part of a Korean exchange programme with Grace Church.

A group of the girls showed us a dance they had made up to a K-pop piece of music . Then some of the boys showed us an amazing Tae-Kwon-do routine, they were all black belts!

We got to do fun activities with them. Taekwondo, Origami and Korean Language!

In Taekwondo, they taught us how to kick, punch and how to defend ourselves.

After that we got to do Origami: we could either make a dress (Chima) or a suit (Jeongjang) and they all looked amazing . We also learnt some Korean language!

Let's hear what some people have to say about it :

Nia from 6HSA said "I loved the origami, it taught us all something new! I loved how we folded their traditional outfits. I enjoyed Taekwondo so much since it made me feel so powerful!"

Sienna from 6HSA said " I learned a lot of new Korean language! I found it really fun learning how to punch in Taekwondo."

Heidi said " It was really fun when we kicked through the boards in Taekwondo, all of the people that taught us were really kind."

Robyn from 6HSA said "I loved Taekwondo because I do martial arts and my coach started by doing Taekwondo so I found learning it fascinating and found it all so interesting."

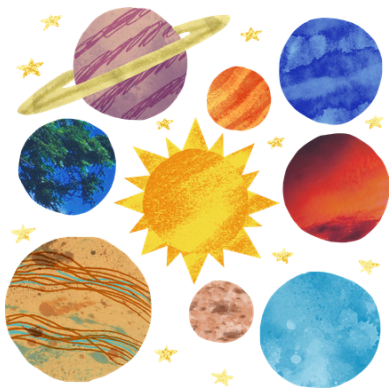
Report by Louisa



Year 6 Planetarium Visit

Here is a report on a recent school experience by Louisa:
A few weeks ago a planetarium came into our school as part of Year 6's space topic.

It was really exciting! It felt like we were outside looking up at the sky. We learnt so many new facts about our solar system, galaxy and even universe. We learnt about massive stars, past & ongoing space missions and Planets in other galaxies. It was so interesting!



Fun Facts:

The biggest star is 1700 x bigger than the sun it's called UY Scuti!

If your footprint was on the moon it could stay there for millions of years because there is no wind on the moon!

Over a million Earths could fit inside the sun!



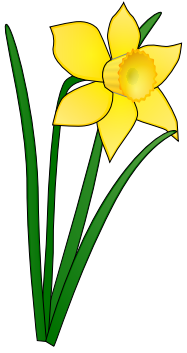
Space is completely silent!

Saturn has 285 moons!

On Mars sunsets appear blue!



SPRING TERM UPDATE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL



Year 6 Play Pals

Since the second half of the Autumn Term our new Year 6 Play Pals have been very useful supporting different year groups across the school at breaktimes. They have also taken on responsibility for keeping the two library areas organised and tidy.

Year group experiences

January

- Year 1 - Louby Lou workshop
- Family Learning workshop on managing big emotions was held for all year groups.
- Year 5 - Techniquet visit
- Year 3 and 4 - Ospreys Rugby sessions

February

- Our new school orchard was planted with support from Keep Wales Tidy
- Year 2 - Walk around Broadlands for their topic
- Visit to Ty Tanglwyst farm
- Year 3 - Newbridge Fields visit
- Year 4 - Big Pit visit
- Year 5 - School nurse delivered hygiene workshops

March

- Our school Eisteddfod took place
- Reception - Bryngarw Park visit
- Year 6 - Wonder Dome and Spark Lab visitors arrived in school for their Space topic
- Crucial Crew experience
- World Book Day celebrations for the whole school
- Nursery and Reception - Easter Bonnet Parade





Easter Recipe

Chocolate Cornflake Cakes:

Ingredients:

- Cooking chocolate.
- Cornflakes.
- Golden syrup.
- Butter.
- Spoon.
- Big cooking bowl (depends how many cupcakes you're making).
- Sugar (if you want).
- Saucepan.
- Cupcake holders.
- Get any topping you like.



On to the baking:

- 1) In the saucepan, melt the chocolate, butter, and the golden syrup together on a low heat and stir it until it's smooth.
- 2) Once you think it's smooth, put it to the side and let it cool down.
- 3) Next scoop/pour the chocolate into a bowl then add some cornflakes and stir the mixture until all the cornflakes are covered in chocolate. If you want it, add in the sugar.
- 3) Scoop the chocolate corn flakes into the cupcake holders and make sure they don't tip over and make a mess.
- 4) Add the topping/toppings on top of the chocolate cornflakes and let them cool down in the fridge for about 5-10 minutes then check on them. If they are not solid and wait another 2-5 minutes.
- 5) EAT THEM!!!

Well done, you have made your own chocolate cornflake cupcakes. I hope you enjoy them and remember **DON'T EAT THEM ALL IN ONE GO!**

Easter fun activities

Easter Jokes

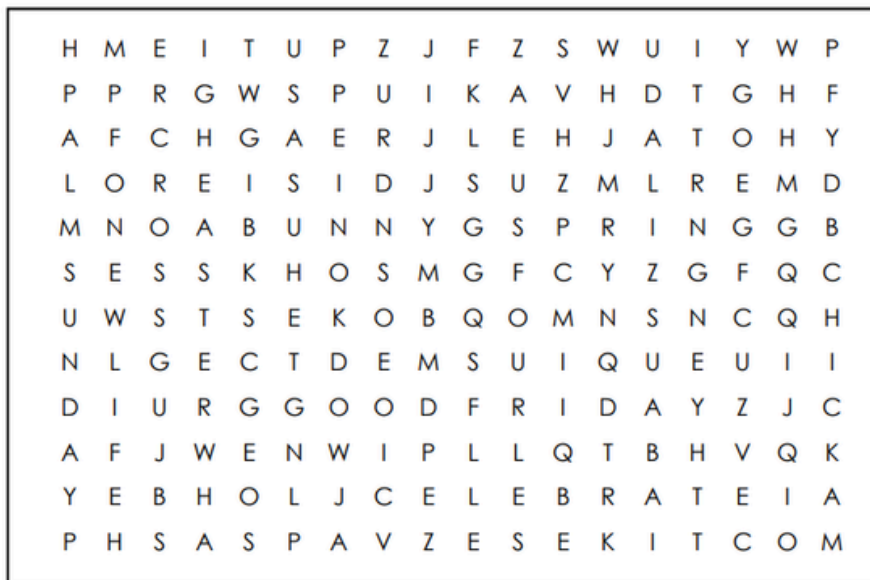
Why are we so tired in April?
Because we just finished a
march.

What kind of story does an Easter bunny
love?
One with a hoppy ending.

When does Christmas come
before Easter?
In the dictionary!

How do you know a rabbit is in a good
mood?
He's hoppy.

Easter



Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.

PALM SUNDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
CELEBRATE
NEW LIFE

EASTER
SPRING
BUNNY
CROSS

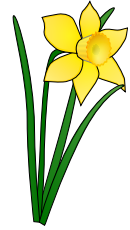
CHICK
TOMB
EGGS

Spot the difference
Can you find all 10 differences?





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Editor's comment

This is the first issue of our newspaper and we are really proud of the work our School Council representatives have put into it.

After the Easter holidays we will be working on the Summer Edition.

Please let your School Council rep know if you have any suggestions for news reports you think we should include.

Happy Easter, Mrs Kenifick and Mrs Merfield.