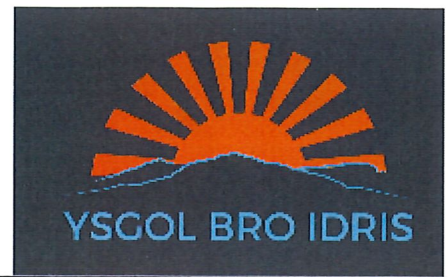


Phase 3 Newsletter

January 2020



Happy New Year!

Estyn Report

The Estyn report will be published on the 13th of February. A copy of the report will be on Estyn's website and the school website.

Poetry Workshop with Aneirin Karadog

In November years 10 and 11 pupils were fortunate to be able to take part in a poetry workshop with Aneirin Karadog. Prior to the visit pupils had been studying the poem 'Ofn' (Scared) by Aneirin Karadog for their Welsh Literature course and they had the opportunity to challenge and question the poet during the workshop. It was nice to see the pupils' interpretation of unfamiliar poetry and this was valuable practice before the poetry exam.



Promoting Welsh Meat

At the end of November, in order to prepare for their Food and Nutrition coursework, Year 11 welcomed Mr Rhys Llywelyn of 'Hybu Cig Cymru' to the school for a discussion and a presentation on produce and Welsh Foods. Very interesting information was provided on the subject of the food industry here in Wales and all over the world. The following week pupils were given the opportunity to visit the Winter Fair in Builth Wells. This was a special opportunity to see and taste Welsh produce at its best. The children will include this research in their coursework in the new year and design a menu based on Welsh recipes and produce. We can't wait for the Year 11 feast.

Christmas Service

At the end of term a Christmas Service was held in Tabernacl Chapel, Dolgellau. There were a variety of items including traditional carols, readings, sketches, recital party and the staff choir. Thanks to all staff members for preparing the pupils for the service, to parents for their support and especially to the pupils for their work at the end of a very busy term.

Charity Work

Since Ysgol Bro Idris opened in 2017 we have been successful in collecting £11,054.83 for different charities. Thanks to everybody for their contributions and for supporting this work.

Using Welsh Workshop with Eurig Sailsbury

Eurig Sailsbury from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth visited a group of year 9-11 pupils in November to conduct a workshop on the benefits of using Welsh and the purpose of studying Welsh in higher education.

This was an interactive workshop and the pupils were mature in their contributions and took advantage of the opportunity to ask how Welsh would benefit them in areas of work of interest to them.



Key dates:

- 20/1/20:** Year 11 parents evening
- 21 + 28/1/20:** Practical GCSE Science exams
- 13/2/20:** Interim Report 3
- 14/2/20:** HMS (no school for pupils)
- 17/2/20:** Half Term
- 5/3/20:** Urdd Eisteddfod (Regional)
- 14/3/20:** Urdd County Eisteddfod (Secondary)
- 3/4/20:** Interim Report 4
- 3/4/20:** Last day of term

Busy GCSE Period

It's a very important time for year 10 and 11 pupils. It is essential that all pupils work hard and attend school every day in order to achieve results that they can be proud of. Of course, this busy period can also cause stress and we would therefore like to remind you that the Hafan is available to support the pupils through this period.



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