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Annie The Musical

As 7 o'clock drew near on the Tuesday, backstage was full of excitement as the cast of Annie went through its final preparations for the opening night. With the props in place and the instruments tuned, Sony Theatre filled with noise. The sound of singing, acting and excitement. After the whole cast joined in for "Hard Knock Life" everything felt like a dream, even with the over-filled changing rooms! By the start of the second act everyone had settled and were eager to be on stage. But, after the curtains closed, the reality of the situation hit us like a wave, and before long everyone was laughing and screaming, despite the attempts of the teachers trying to keep us quiet. On the Wednesday we had two performances to finish off our two days in the theatre. On Wednesday afternoon, the theatre was full of excitement as the primary school pupils followed Annie and



Cast of 'ANNIE'

the other characters' stories in the Matinee. Then, some three hours later we had to re-dress for our closing show. The two days of performing went so quickly as we all enjoyed being on the stage. I believe that all the hard

work was worth it in the end as the curtains closed for the last time. On behalf of the whole cast, I would like to thank every member of staff who helped make the show possible. Thank you!

By Holly Thompson

Llangrannog

On a chilly Tuesday morning, two buses full of excited and noisy pupils left for Llangrannog. There was lots of singing and laughing on the way. After finding our rooms and unpacking, we all met in the hall. We were put into our groups and thankfully, we were all with our

anyone wanted that activity to end! The last activity of the day was building a shelter from wood, rope and canvas. Although our team didn't win, we had a lot of fun doing something a little different. After supper, we went for a walk in the dark. A man from the camp told us that wild cockerels lived in a nearby forest and that they could attack us with their claws! No

the high ropes course and horse riding. My favourite activity was the karting because we were able to go so fast and I felt a little out of control! That evening, the sixth form had organised a quiz for us. We all enjoyed it and the winning team won sweets. We were all very jealous! After another night's 'sleep', we all woke ready for another day's activities. We also went on a long walk to Llangrannog village and the beach, where a scene from Harry Potter was filmed in one of the caves. Mr Tudur organised a group photo where we made the word #TIMLLAN on the beach and Mr Barrow took a photo from the cliffs. After supper that evening we were ready for the main event of the trip: the disco! We had great much fun dancing and socialising with friends. The last day came so quickly, but before we were ready to leave we had time for a few more activities which were archery, swimming and we went on the quads! After that we all packed our things and tidied our rooms ready for the journey home. Everyone was very tired on the way home but it was such a great experience to spend so much time with friends speaking Welsh. Thank you to all the staff, the sixth form and the staff at Llangrannog who urged us to take part in all of the activities and made sure we had a great time!

By Cerys Richards



Year 7 on Llangrannog Beach

friends so we were all very happy about that! One of the first activities was skiing. The hardest part was having to jump whilst skiing down the slope. I think just about everyone fell over! Next we went on the toboggans which were very popular with everyone – I don't think

one was sure if he was telling the truth! After that we all went to our rooms to go to 'sleep', however we all felt that talking and eating sweets was much more important! On the second day, our groups' activities were karting,

6TH FORM NEWS

Scholarships

Over recent weeks we have heard that many of our former students have received scholarships due to their excellent results at their A level examinations.

- Cai Bradley, Swansea University Excellence Scholarship;
- Benjamin Isaac, Principal Scholarship, Royal Holloway University, London;
- Rhydian Jenkins, Creative Minds Scholarship, Cardiff University.

This is in addition to the successes of Siôn Lewis who won one of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's main scholarships to study at Cardiff Metropolitan University. Elin Crockett also received an Incentive Scholarship, also from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, and is now studying Medicine at Cardiff University. Lowri Foster Davies received the Gwalia Scholarship from Cambridge University which is presented to outstanding students from schools in Wales. Lowri is now studying Medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge. Congratulations to them all.

Les Miserables

Four members of the Sixth Form - Ffion Morgan, Ffion Margetson, Joseph Cornish and Lewis Murray - featured in the Urdd's National Theatre production of Les Miserables at the Millennium Centre over the half term holiday in October. As part of the preparations they had the opportunity to perform at the 30 year celebrations of the production at the Queen's Theatre in the famous West End area in London, along with the original and present members of the show's cast. They captivated everyone by their professional performances in both London and Cardiff.

Urdd trip to Patagonia

Over the October half term, Emily Bruce and Carys Parry from year 13, along with 23 other Urdd members from across Wales, went to Patagonia. The tour is organized in collaboration between the Urdd and Menterau Iaith Cymru to promote the use of the Welsh language in Patagonia. During their visit they visited nursery and primary schools, Chubut College and participated in radio workshops with Menter Iaith Patagonia. They were selected last year and have since been busy collecting money to go on the trip.

Nuffield Research Placements

During the summer holidays two pupils from year 13 attended a summer school at the Department of Psychology, Swansea University as part of the Nuffield Foundation sponsorship. At the end of the period they had to write a report of their work and it was displayed during a presentation evening at Techniquet, Cardiff. Shannon Treadwell received the Gold CREST prize awarded by the British Science Association for a student that has contributed something new to the scientific community or to a particular field of study.

Welsh National Wind Band

Congratulations to Nathan Isaac, year 13 for securing a place on the National Wind Orchestra for Wales for the second year in a row.



Nathan Isaac

Youth Speaks

On the 25th of November, 6 pupils took part in a public speaking contest Youth Speaks. The junior team consisted of main speaker Mari Lewis, Olivia Sutton as the chairman and Owain Jenkins, who concluded the discussion. The topic was 'How should we celebrate Christmas?' The senior team included Shannon Treadwell as the main speaker, chairman Sam Williams and Sean Thomas to conclude. The topic was 'The use of the whip in horse racing.' The junior team went through to the next round which will take place in February. Congratulations to you all.

Mari Lewis said, "The experience of Public Speaking was a good one. There were three teams competing, two Senior teams and one Intermediate team. Olivia and Owain and I were talking about the way we celebrate Christmas. Unfortunately, our Senior team lost and Maesteg Comprehensive will be competing in the next round. Maesteg talked about how if we give something, we'll always get something back. Our Senior team talked about whip-less horse riding. The talk was very exciting."

By Mari Lewis

Clothes Show

It was a really early start for the Clothes Show. We arrived at the NEC in Birmingham and had about 3 hours to explore and to shop! The arena was massive!! There was a variety of stands including 'Barry M', 'Models Own' and 'Rimmel London' and plenty more that we never even found.

When we finally went in to see the fashion show, there was a "who can scream the loudest" competition, followed by a singer and finally the fashion show. Between the different types of outfits there were dancers. The clothes were incredible and very creative. I'm not convinced you could wear them in Bridgend but it was an incredible day out. See you in 2016!!

By Ffion Wilson

IMPORTANT SPRING TERM DATES

- 4/1/16 – INSET DAY
- 7/1/16 – YR.9 PARENTS EVENING
- 28/1/16 – KS4 OPEN EVENING
- 4/2/16 – KS5 PARENTS EVENING
- 15-19/2/16 – HALF TERM
- 3/3/16 – YR.10 PARENTS EVENING
- 17/3/16 – YR.7 PARENTS EVENING
- 25/3 - 1/4/16 – EASTER HOLIDAYS