



Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion | 
Bryntirion Comprehensive

NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2

Cylchlythyr Rhifyn 2



What's happened...

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Wear Red for Wales and Velindre

Our students and staff supported 'Wear Red for Wales and Velindre' day in February by wearing red items and clothes to school. This was the 3rd year in a row that we have supported this brilliant annual raising awareness campaign, this year alone Bryntirion raised over £600 for the Velindre Cancer Centre, based in Whitchurch, Cardiff. Sadly 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with a type of Cancer Centre in their lifetime in Wales, we have developed strong links with the charity through this campaign and also the Victory for Velindre Enterprise & Employability Challenge and Dragons' Den which all our pupils take part in when they are in Year 9. Our Year 9 pupils are continuing to support Velindre this term and into the summer term through the sale of their products and services in this Challenge. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this incredibly worthwhile local cause.



Valentine's Post Bocs



Our Year 8 pupils organised a Valentines Day post Bocs where we collected letters from everyone in the school and delivered them out during registration. The class then made sure that every pupil in Year 8 received a card to ensure no one felt left out or alone on Valentines day by creating a card for them letting them know they are appreciated by the school and their classmates.

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Year 9 First Give News

A group of Year 9 pupils visited the Emmaus Bridgend Superstore and Community House for their First Give Step-up project to learn more about the charity. Emmaus supports people to work their way out of homelessness, providing meaningful work and training.



E-waste Recycle

Our Sixth Form students have helped to organise a collection of old and unwanted IT equipment which will be recycled by an environmental company with a generous donation being made to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.



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Keep Wales Tidy

Matthew from Keep Wales Tidy delivered a really interesting assembly on conservation and how to help the planet. This was part of Year 10's Global Citizenship Challenge project.



Pen Pal Club

A successful term for Pen Pal Club where our pupils thoroughly enjoyed reading their letters from Morgana Court and Lodge care home in Porthcawl and are now working incredibly hard on developing their responses.



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Sport

The senior rugby team pictured below in Rosslyn Park for a sevens tournament. Also the Year 8 and 9 girls rugby squad who recently competed in the Osprey's Regional Road to Principality event.



A big well done to the U16 Hockey team, who recently came away with 2 draws and 2 loses in the U16 Welsh Cup Regional Championships (pictured bottom left).



Bridgend Schools Cap Presentation evening with pupils Tomos Thatcher Wynne and Ioan Phillips (pictured bottom right).

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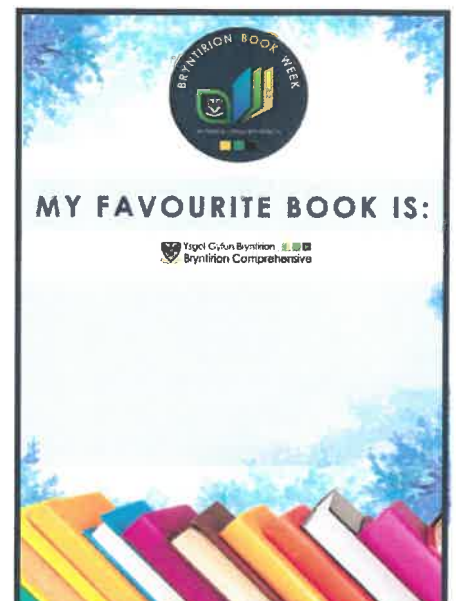
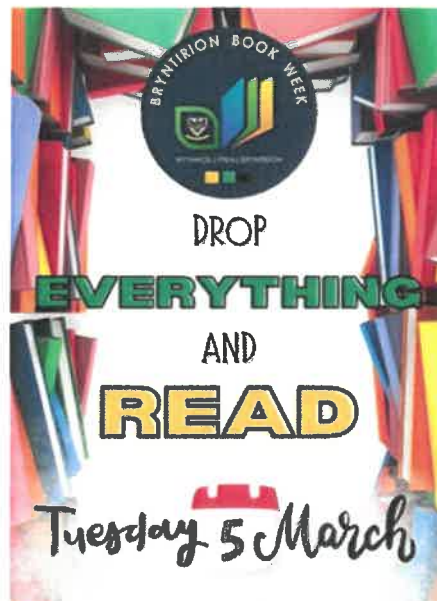
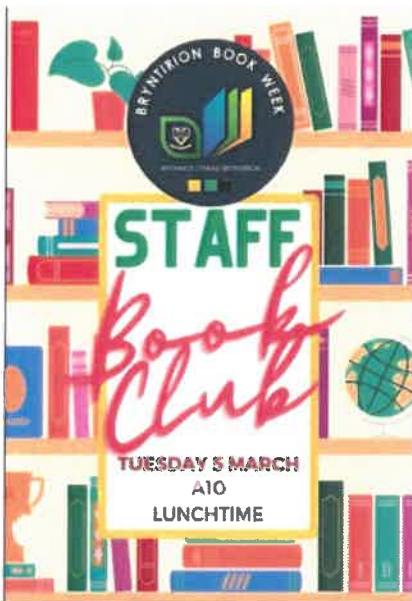


Bryntirion Book Week

“Never did I weary of reading...” Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

During the week from the 4th of March pupils and staff celebrated Book Week! They have swapped books, gifted books, talked about our favourite novels and characters, shared recommendations, asked countless questions, written to music, shared stories, listened to stories and taken the time to relax and read. Special thanks to the English department who helped organise all the events and made sure it was a huge success! Literacy is a huge focus at Bryntirion Comprehensive School and this week highlighted the importance to read.

Below are some poster events which were displayed around school;



Event	When?	Where?
Year 7 & Year 8 Readathon	All week	Whenever and whenever you can read
Form Time Quizzes	All week	In form time sessions
Drop Everything and Read	Tuesday	In lessons throughout the day
Book Swap	Wednesday	Oriel Break, lunch and after school
Scholastic Book Fair	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Oriel Lunch and after school
Y7 Author Visit: Eolise Williams	Thursday	Oriel During lesson time
Creative Writing Workshops with Eolise Williams	Friday	H block During lesson time
World Book Day Book Gift-away	Thursday & Friday	Oriel



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Here are some photos of various events from Bryntirion's Book Week.



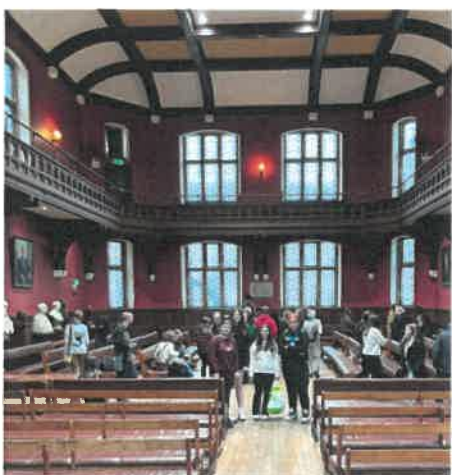
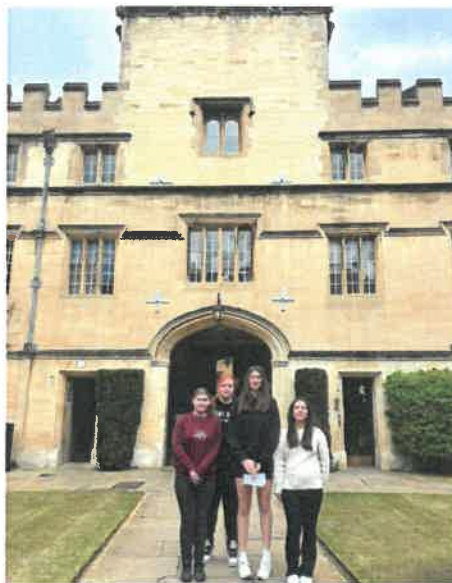
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National Seren Debate Competition - Oxford University

On Thursday 14th March, Mrs Withers took four Year 9 pupils to Jesus College, Oxford to partake in the 'National Seren Debate Competition'. Mia Abdullahi, Ava O'Sullivan, Seamus Sweeney and Chloe Willcox competed against schools from across Wales with the finals taking place on Friday 15th. During their stay, pupils will have a tour of the college, a formal dinner and will meet current students in the college. A hugely exciting opportunity and we wish the pupils all the best in the final!



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COP Winners Earth Justice, get going!

It is so exciting that the COP winners have finally got around to actioning their excellent plans to turn Bryntirion Green – literally! The winners were Earth justice – three Eco visionaries Fraser Hughes, Emelia Morgan and Harry Ngui, whose idea not only benefits everyone in the school, but was simple and easy to action too! The winning idea was to put spider plants in every room in the school so that all students can enjoy a calmer environment and benefit from their air purifying qualities. Luckily for Earth Justice, Mrs Stanton the Biology technician, has been growing spider plants for years and had hundreds of baby 'spiders' ready to be harvested.

Earth Justice have been picking the baby spiders and putting them in water to root. In a couple of weeks when roots have grown, they will then pot them up in compost and start sending them to all class rooms in the school. Earth Justice will be keeping tabs on the baby spiders to make sure that they are being cared for properly.

Other Eco activities in the school include to on-going work of the Eco Club. These tireless eco activists have been starting to plant up the pollinating garden with flowering plants that will attract biodiversity into the school grounds. They have also been painting up our plastic recycling bins so that everyone knows that these bins are for plastic bottles only. Look out for the Recycling signs!

"So stand by Bryntirion – get ready to go green!" Mae'r blaned methu aros!

Mrs Gregory



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Bryntirion Showcase

What a show! Our "Night at the musicals" showcase was a brilliant success. Each performance a testament to the hard work, dedication and creativity of our pupils. There was something for everyone to enjoy on the night; comedic musical numbers to more serious ensembles, the classical musicals to the more contemporary. The pupils had so much fun and judging by the applause at the end our audience thoroughly enjoyed too. We are very lucky to have such wonderful and talented performers in our school. We are extremely proud of each and everyone of them.



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Dysgu Byw

As part of Year 7 pupils' project work in Dysgu Byw, classes looked at sign language and developed an understanding how to communicate to each other. By the end of the project pupils could show their name in sign language and also demonstrate interesting facts about themselves.



Welsh Blood Service

Seren from the Welsh Blood Service recently spoke to our Sixth Form students about the blood donation process, allowing our young people to make informed decisions. The blood donation session for Sixth Form students and staff will be on Friday 12th April.



Please support your
Bryntirion Comprehensive
blood donation session
Fri 12 Apr

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Extra-Curricular Activities

History Club

History Club will run every Tuesday, 3:00-4:00pm. During the Autumn Term, pupils will be split into two groups:

- KS4/5 will be continuing to work towards achieving The Olympus Challenge with Mr Shell in A2.
- KS3 will be starting a Welsh History project that will be entered into the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative competition with Miss Rowe and Mrs Elliott in A5.

Science Clubs

Eco Club - Tuesday afterschool - 3.15 - 4pm

DT Clubs

Y10 & 11 Textiles catch-up session Tuesday 3.00 - 4pm with Mrs Griffiths in C3

Y11 Product Design Workshop - Tuesday 3.00 - 3.40pm in C4

Y11 Engineering Workshop - Thursday 3.00 - 3.40pm in C4

Y7 Board Game Club in C4 on Mondays Week B ONLY From 22/01/24

Performing Arts Clubs

Monday - Lunch - Dynion in D17

Tuesday - Lunch - Orchestra in drama studio

Tuesday - After school - KS3 drama club in drama studio

Wednesday - Lunch - Brass ensemble in d17

Wednesday - After school - Performing arts club in drama studio

Thursday - Lunch - Arias in d17

Thursday - After school - choir in drama studio

Friday - Lunch - keyboard club in d17

Friday - After school - Year 12 pantomime rehearsals

Instrument lessons

Monday - Singing, Guitar and Drums

Wednesday - Brass and lower strings

Thursday - Singing

Friday - Woodwind and upper strings

Pen Pal Club - Year 7

Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Ward in M1

Criw Celf / Art

Criw Celf every Wednesday 3-4pm in D8

GCSE workshops and catch-up sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm in D8.

Criw Cymreig - Monday 3 - 4pm in D1

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Sports Extra-Curricular for the Spring Term

Monday

- Year 9 Rugby - after school

Tuesday

- Hockey - all year groups - after school
- Year 7 Netball - after school

Wednesday

- Girls Football for all year groups -after school
- Year 8 Football - after school
- Year 9 Football - after school
- Years 10 & 11 Netball - after school

Thursday

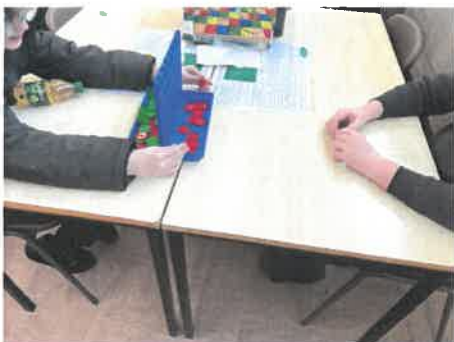
- Year 7 Football - after school
- Year 8 Rugby - after school
- Years 8 & 9 Netball - afterschool
- Year 10 Football - after school
- GCSE PE Swimming - after school

Friday

- Year 7 Rugby - after school

Board Game Club

A new board game club will start after Easter and run Week B Monday lunchtimes in C4 with Clare Finselbach.



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