



Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion |   
Bryntirion Comprehensive

# NEWSLETTER

EDITION 6

Cylchlythyr Rhifyn 6



# What's happened...

Digwyddiadau yr Hanner Tymor Hyn



## Charity Football Match

During October there was a Staff vs Sixth Form football match to raise money for Velindre charity. The event was a great success and the Sixth Form were victorious with a 3-1 win.



## Females in Sport

A selection of photos from the PE Department of our female pupils participating in various sporting activities such as hockey, cross country and netball.





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## Auschwitz Educational Visit

During October half term pupils from the RVE department visited Auschwitz in Poland for a very important educational visit. The trip was led by Mrs Matthews and pupils were incredibly moved by what they saw and experienced.



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## Sixth Form

As a mark of Remembrance all pupils were given an opportunity to pay their respects during assemblies and registration classes. Sixth Form students also were in attendance at the memorial service in the Bridgend town centre. 'Lest we forget'.





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## Talks with Industry

A large group of Year 11/12 students attended a very successful and informative session, learning about careers in the Legal Sector. Staff from RLE Law facilitated the session with support from Careers Wales.



## Glan Llyn Educational Visit

In November, Year 13 students were fortunate to attend an enriching three-day trip to Gwersyll Yr Urdd, Glan-Ilyn. The pupils had the unique opportunity to network and socialise with Welsh second-language A-Level students from across Wales, enhancing their understanding of the language and culture. They participated in exam skill sessions led by examiners and sector specialists, equipping them with valuable insights for their studies. Beyond academics, the students explored the beautiful town of Bala and visited Llyn Celyn, a historically significant site they studied in Year 12, where they learned about the drowning of Capel Celyn. Amidst these activities, there was plenty of time to enjoy the leisure facilities, the surrounding breath-taking scenery and of course, practise their Welsh language skills. It was a packed and productive trip where much was learned, and fun was had by all!



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## Sixth Form

Year 12 student Grace Lee recently spoke to all Year groups in assemblies, she discussed things around climate change and Youth Parliament. (pictured left)

Sixth form pupils went to Cardiff Met University for a Rugby Open Evening. Pupils enjoyed a talk from Gareth Baber, a campus tour and a night on rugby 1 watching Cardiff Met take on Loughborough. (pictured right)



## Y8 Girls STEM trip

Year 8 girls recently went to WEAP industries to meet women in engineering and laboratory work. The pupils got to tour the site, ask questions about the machinery, experiment and make paper in the labs. They also got to ask questions to women in the industry about their roles and qualifications





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## Remembrance workshops

Rob Carter, a WW2 survivor, came to speak to the pupils about his experiences growing up during the war time in Wales. Pupils were able to handle real artefacts and ask questions about his experiences and what life was like.



## The Hive on Instagram

The Hive at Bryntirion is now live on Instagram! Follow their account for regular updates and all the interesting things happening @bryntirion.hive.



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## Gymnastics

Lexi Cowan has recently qualified for the Welsh finals in gymnastics. She then placed 1st overall in the Welsh Finals in North Wales representing Penybont Gymnastics.



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## Christmas Carol Service

On Monday, December 16th, Bryntirion's School Choir attended Nolton Church and hosted a heartwarming Carol Service of Nine Lessons, bringing together the community in a celebration of Christmas, music and reflection. The evening featured a remarkable 85-pupil choir, plus a brass band a lively ukulele group, who inspired the congregation to join in a spirited rendition of "Jingle Bells."

The choir delivered a breathtaking performance, showcasing a blend of traditional and contemporary pieces, including *Gaudete*, *Believe* from *The Polar Express*, *Breath of Heaven*, and *Born is the Light of the World*. Adding to the occasion, the Solace Alumni Choir, made up of past alumni pupils, joined the service for the first time, creating an extraordinary sense of unity and tradition.

This year's service was especially poignant as it was the first without our much-loved Mrs Hawkes. In her honor, the evening concluded with the choir and alumni uniting for a deeply moving tribute, performing John Rutter's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* and Philip Stopford's *A Christmas Blessing*. The emotional finale was a fitting celebration of a cherished teacher, mentor, and friend, leaving everyone with a profound sense of gratitude and remembrance. It was a night to treasure the enduring power of music.





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## **Cake and Carols with local residents.**

We are delighted to share that our Christmas Carol and Cake event was a resounding success! This special gathering brought joy to our community and truly embodied the festive spirit.

The choir delivered an outstanding performance, captivating everyone with their beautiful carols. The delicious treats prepared by Poppy and Alyssia were thoroughly enjoyed, as were the wonderful cupcakes generously donated by *A Cake Story*, a valued local business.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Performing Arts, Psychology, and Design Technology departments for their invaluable contributions, each playing a vital role in ensuring the event ran smoothly. A special mention goes to the School Council, who acted as chaperones for our guests, and our incredible Sixth Form volunteers, whose warmth and enthusiasm made everyone feel welcome.

We are already looking forward to hosting more events like this in the future, and we hope they continue to grow, bringing even more members of our community together in celebration.

