



# Rhydygors News



## Autumn Term 1

22/10/15

### A fantastic start to the year....

This first half term has flown by and I cannot believe we are already at the October half term.

I would like to thank you all so much for such a warm welcome to my first term as interim Head teacher at Rhydygors and am pleased to be able to say that I have been incredibly impressed by all our young people here.

We have been fortunate enough to have a jam packed curriculum this term and our young people have enjoyed a range of fantastic opportunities that have included Amser Actif, The Pandora Mural project, and the hugely successful Macmillian Coffee morning.

Trips out have included the Careers festival in Cardiff,

The Big Bang festival, the Senedd, Paintballing, bowling and swimming at The Blue Lagoon to name a few.

Next term looks just as busy with the countdown to Christmas and the return of Estyn inspectors on the 17-18<sup>th</sup> November. As a result, we have changed our Parent's Evening to 25<sup>th</sup> November where I look forward to meeting you all.

Just a gentle reminder that Ysgol Rhydygors is a no smoking site and we appreciate all your support in ensuring that all our young people are aware of this.

Best wishes



Miss Corcoran

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#### Special points of interest:

- Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning raised over £600!
- Carmarthenshire Motorcycle club donated £320 to upgrade our playground equipment.
- The Pandora mural project sponsored by Carmarthen Pandora have organised a trip for our pupils to visit London!
- A big thank you to K&S Picture Framing for providing a new school photo frame.

### Exciting projects ahead:

#### Lead Creative School

Congratulations to the Creative Arts faculty lead by Mrs. Morgan, who has secured us as a Lead Creative School.

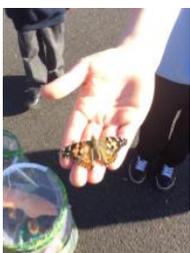
We are looking forward to welcoming our creative partners and sharing the innovative ways of working being developed!

#### Polli:nation

Good Luck!

To the Science and Primary department who are submitting a bid to become a Polli:nation school to create a wildlife area that supports natural habitats!

## Gwaun



During this half term the Primary class have had many successful trips out learning about different animals within captivity for their topic 'Circle Of Life' . As a class, we purchased some caterpillars and had the opportunity to see how they turn into butterflies, later realising them into the wild. Throughout our topic the class have shown an interest in looking after animals and have decided they would like a class pet. Miss Corcoran asked the class to present why they should have a class pet, the class were set the challenge to raise some money towards the costs of owning and looking this pet

## Dee

During the first half of the Autumn term, we have achieved loads as a class! One of the highlights so far has been when we all went out on ICY. ICY is when we all go out on Rhydian's Minibus and do adventurous activities. We've climbed mountains, jumped in the sea and played around in the mud!

We've also had time in the mud during Amser Actif. Some of us have taken part in Rugby training every Friday afternoon and some of us have done some more adventure activities. We've all enjoyed the team building challenges especially when we dunked Mr Keith Evans in the stream!

On Friday 25th September, we all attended the MacMillan Coffee Morning in the School Hall. We all bought raffle tickets, ate cakes and enjoyed some cups of tea. As a class, we won about 5 or 6 times on the raffle, picking up a new clock for the class, a bottle of pop and some hair and beauty products!



## Severn

Ashley - "The best thing about this half-term was going on the Domino's trip with Mr. Evans. We got to make our own pizzas and eat them afterwards!"

Reece - "I really enjoyed our visit to the Senedd in Cardiff. We got to explore the building and find out what went on there. All the outdoor visits this half-term have been good fun."

Sinead - "I have really enjoyed all the cooking activities this half-term, especially on PSE Day when I got to make Tomato Spaghetti and Leek & Potato soup with Miss Gape and Miss Evans. The best thing this half-term though has been the staff. They're fun and I've enjoyed doing the activities with them."

Floyd - "My favourite point of this half-term was our trip to Domino's Pizza. I got to make my own pizza with barbecue sauce and I had lots of dips with it. It was yummy. I also loved my trip to the Senedd in Cardiff."

Thomas - "The best thing for me about this half-term has been our ICY class trips. I like outdoor activities."

Rhys - "The best point of this half-term for me has been when I've gone out on ICY. We do things like orienteering and mountain-biking. It's fun."

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## Ogmore

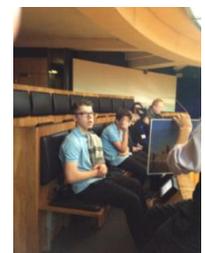
Owain – I have enjoyed going out on ICY and working on the Pandora Project when we painted a wall in town

Leon – I have really enjoyed working on the Pandora Project, I liked being in town and showing what the school can do to improve my town. I've liked helping out and being a mentor to the Primary class and I enjoyed the trip to the Senedd in Cardiff.

Alex – I have really enjoyed working with Mr Rees improving the school grounds and making a chicken coop. I enjoyed looking around the Senedd and I learned that just a few people can make a change.

Darrell – I have enjoyed the days we have had out with ICY and I have enjoyed working with Mr Wyrwoll on my cricket skills.

Mateja – I enjoyed our visit to Cardiff and working on the Pandora Project.



## Cothi



The Pandora mural project saw Cameron and Kyle leading the way in September with their creative ideas and endless enthusiasm. They worked tirelessly offering guidance and support to other pupils to complete the Pandora mural in five days. The wall measured 25 meters by 3 meters, a large space to fill with colour and pattern. The end result was fabulous. The Carmarthen Journal celebrated their success with a full-page article. Read all about it on the school website at [www.rhydygorsschool.org.uk](http://www.rhydygorsschool.org.uk).

Bradley our budding Paddler has been splashing around with his usual enthusiasm this term. He has taken part in coast steering, river swimming, kayaking and surfing to name but a few. Watch this space for Bradley's next adventure.

'Cothi, Pupil of the Term', Luke Richards has set himself a target this term to improve his attendance. He suggested Rhydygors's first ever paintballing trip to Heatherton if he met this target..... Hope you don't get any bruises Luke!

Next term Cothi has a number of exciting projects planned including visit to Florentino's in Carmarthen. A well earned treat for all!

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## Ely

Jordan – has raised over £200 for the children of Syria through his sponsored silence day.

Hayley – develops valuable skills during work experience every Friday.

Sam – through his DJ skills Sam has contributed to the success of numerous events – Macmillan coffee mornings and Friday assemblies.

Alex – has been invited to Buckingham Palace in recognition of his efforts in attempting to save his father's life.

Ben – successfully carried out his construction work with Mr K. Evans.



## Usk



Robert Cashmore – I was really impressed when Mr Rowberry gave £35 for a cake at the Macmillan coffee morning. That was really generous of him.



Bethan – I've enjoyed trying new water sports in Paddlers and everyone has made me feel welcome since starting here.

Shane – Paddlers has been good and I was proud that I walked 10kms.

Haydn – I enjoyed being out on the Pandora project and I think the artwork has brightened up the wall. Walking 10kms in Swansea was hot work but the blisters were worth it!



James Jagger – I'm pleased that I can now go to the shop on my own.

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## Diary dates:

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School INSET day
17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Estyn visit
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> December	Activities Week
18 <sup>th</sup> December– 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas holidays

## [Stop the press!!!!](#)

This term we have featured in The Carmarthen Journal on three separate occasions!  
If you missed us feel free to use the following links to find out more:

Alex Allen – 'Alex's courage and dignity is recognised' October 14, 2015  
<http://www.carmarthenjournal.co.uk/Alex-s-courage-dignity-recognised/story-27973981-detail/story.html>

Pandora Mural Project – October 07, 2015  
<http://www.carmarthenjournal.co.uk/Pupils-help-colour-hideous-area/story-27930874-detail/story.html>

Carmarthen and District Motorcycle club donation – September 09, 2015  
<http://www.carmarthenjournal.co.uk/Dissolved-club-gives-pot-good-causes/story-27757914-detail/story.html>

Jordan Thorne also featured in the published newspaper October 14, 2015 for raising over £300 single handedly to help Syrian refugees. Well done Jordan!