

Headteacher's update

Well what a term!
I'm not sure I know where to start. Life at Rhydygors has certainly been a whirlwind since September and I have been amazed by all the opportunities available to our young people. I have also be overwhelmed by all the positive support from our families and the local community which has been demonstrated through the lovely letters Ive received and the kind donations given to support fundraising for the school.

There have been many things to be proud of this term including our positive inspection outcome after

a visit from Estyn in October and our acceptance as a Lead Creative School. We held our first ever Christmas festival and our Learner information evening that was attended by many of our young people. We also have pupil design merchandise on sale at The Oriel Myrddin.

Hangar 5 has proved to be a popular destination for KS3 and the new school drone has been a big hit with Mr Evans and the whole school.

There are many more family events planned for the future and I look forward to welcoming you all in the New Year!

Miss Corcoran

Christmas Festival

Thank you to everybody who attended our Christmas Festival this year. We had a great night of singing, bingo and our very own Christmas market where our Tadaa Milkshakes sold out!

We were very lucky to have some fantastic prizes donated from local business and a previous Rhydygors pupil donated a very generous bubbly prize!

It was great to see everyone having a great time...see you all in our Spring event!

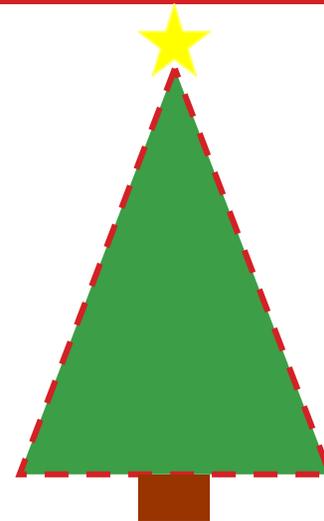


PHOTO CAPTION:
Rhydygors Senior Leadership Team in action!

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Class updates

Cothi

This term Cothi have been very busy with lots of trips and exciting lessons.

Cameron has enjoyed her cookery lessons the most but best of all she enjoyed the art trip to London! It was a really long journey but the graffiti art we saw was well worth it.

Kyle also enjoyed the London trip. The spray paint workshop was a lot of fun!

Luke has been on lots of trips too and everyone has been very impressed with the hard work he has been doing. He has said the best thing about this term has been the company!

Bradley bought himself a beanie hat on the form trip to Swansea but has been having a great time in Paddlers too.

Cothi were also the staff choice winners of the Christmas Tree Competition and won a trip out to get a real one! Great teamwork guys!

A great term had by all of Cothi! Keep it up for next term!

Severn

Rhys Moon - This half-term I've enjoyed designing the banners for the Christmas Festival. I made them look really professional!

Reece Richards - I loved going on the trampolines in Hangar 5 on our reward trip. I bounced and bounced until I was all out of energy!

Floyd Salt - My favourite thing about this half-term was the Senedd Trip. I loved visiting Cardiff.

Ashley Edwards - My highlight of the half-term was the Art trip to London. I really enjoyed learning about graffiti art!

Ogmore

The group has enjoyed ICY activities this term and have been to Big Pit Mining Museum and participated in mountain biking activities. They have visited Kidwelly Castle and Pembrey Country Park as part of Curriculum Cymraeg. They caught the train to Swansea to meet an artist they are hoping to work with next term. They have enjoyed walks in Mynedd Mawr during Amser Actif. They participated in the Christmas Tree Competition making a recycled Christmas Tree from an old magazine. They have also contributed to the Christmas Faye by inventing disgusting dishes for a "Bush Tucker Trail" Taste Challenge and made Christmas biscuits, Christmas sweet bags and pin badges to sell.

Primary

This term the primary class have visited the National Botanic Gardens where they got the chance to decorate a Christmas tree.

Class photos



Class updates

Dee

During the Autumn term, as a class we have had opportunity to carry out lots of team building exercises. On the 19th November, Mr R Evans, Mr A Powell and Mr A Lewis took us out on an adventure day. We went to Pembrey Country Park in the morning and braved the scary tunnels, played on the "island" of trees and jumped in a few big puddles! In the afternoon, we went to the hidden woods and explored through the fast flowing stream. We were all in the water up to our knees and we had to duck under loads of tree branches. Ethan ended up putting his head completely under the water! We all had a go at the mini waterfall slide at the end too.

As Christmas was approaching, our Headteacher, Miss Corcoran set all the classes in school a few challenges. We had to create a Christmas tree with a recyclable theme, create a class Christmas music video and prepare a stall ready for the Christmas Festival. As we all use Mr R Evans' ICT classroom as our form room, Leo had an idea of using old CD's to build the tree. Mr R Evans and Mr A Powell started the tree for us and we all had a go using the really hot glue gun to stick the CD's to the wood and to each other.

We used the ICT room's green screen for our music video. We all pretended to drive a car and put the "Driving home for Christmas" song in the background. Matthew looks like he is going to be the safest driver of a car when we are older! You can watch all of the video on our school YouTube Channel using the web address: bit.ly/RYGdriving

During IC T lessons, we have all had the chance to create our own business. We used Jon-Peter's idea of a Milkshake making business to create our own stall at the Christmas Festival. Jon-Peter called his business "Tadaa Milkshakes" and had created the logo already. We all made a poster ready for the stall and went shopping during Amser Actif for the ingredients we needed. We hope to make as much money as possible for the stall so we can make a profit after we have paid off our initial costs. We are going to track this on our business spreadsheet.

Ely

Jordan and Alex have donned aprons to bake cakes for the school Christmas Fayre.

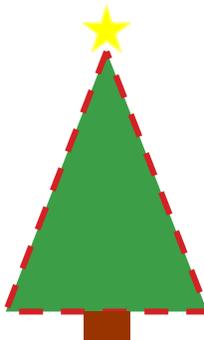
Sam is making a fantastic contribution to the Christmas Fayre by providing music and entertainment.

Usk

BJ / BD – Paddlers has been fun this term and rock climbing was cool.
HS / JJ – The visit to London was good – a long day but good.
BJ / JJ / HS / SN – Sitting our Maths GCSE exam in November was a nervous time and we're looking forward to our results in January.
HS – I've enjoyed my Tuesdays out on engineering.
RC – I'm happy I've started work experience at Ramps

Winning the Christmas tree competition was lovely and then our prize of picking the Christmas tree for the hall was an interesting and muddy experience.

The challenges on Children in Need Day were OK too.



Class photos



Diary dates

Monday 4 th January	First day of spring term
Monday 25 th January	Dydd Santes Dwynwen
Monday 8 th February	Chinese New Year
Tuesday 9 th February	Pancake Day
Friday 12 th February	End of half- term