



Dylan Thomas Newsletter Spring Term 2024



Dear All,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the school newsletter, its hard to believe its February already! Time really does fly by when your having fun. The staff and pupils continue to perform wonderful work and I am impressed each day by the staff support and effort of the pupils and local community who have made my work so enjoyable, I cannot thank you all enough.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that school returns for pupils and staff on Monday 19th February and that Friday 23rd is a INSET training day so school will be closed to pupils.

I am looking forward to the start of the new term which is an important one with Year 9 option choices and Year 11 GCSEs all set to take place!

Kind regards,

Mr P Davies
Headteacher

Big Bocs Bwyd

What is the Big Bocs Bwyd?

Big Bocs Bwyd is a unique school and community project that provides affordable, nutritious food to families in need. We operate on a minimum donation basis, ensuring that everyone has access to the food they need.

The Big Bocs Bwyd is open every Thursday from 9am until 11am (during these hours access is limited, report to school reception for access) and then re-opens at 3:30pm until 4:30pm (where you are welcome to park near the BBB at the rear of the school) where you are able to purchase your groceries & toiletries for a minimum donation of £3.50.



Year 8 Virgin Atlantic 'Passport to Change' Project

We were lucky enough to run our second Virgin Atlantic 'Passport to Change' event with Year 8 in January. The company came in and ran the second, successful workshop with Year 8. With the ultimate aim of the project being to create their own airline, the aim of this session was to introduce them to 'real-life' workers. Virgin brought in people from all aspects of their business, to complete workshops with the pupils and expose them to the types of jobs within the company. The pupils were, as always, fantastic in the sessions and really engaged with the staff from Virgin. Throughout the day, there were opportunities to win Amazon vouchers for different things. The pupils who were chosen through a range of means were: Kai, Kian, Tiago, Adam and Tristan. We look forward to the next event in the coming month.



Work Experience at Morgans Hotel

Pupils from Dylan Thomas STF spent time this term looking around and experiencing some of the different roles within Morgans Hotel. A fantastic experience for all that were involved.



Debate Team

Our debate team carried themselves with dignity yet again in the recent SEREN regional debate finals. They made it to the quarterfinals, which is no mean feat for a newly formed team and also gained a lot of experience! It is noteworthy that our Year 9s Abby, Emilia, Vian, Rhys and Skye conducted themselves with grace in both victory and defeat.



Pupils of the Month

The January 2024 pupils of the month, as nominated by the Maths department are:

- Year 7 - Abigail Williams
- Year 8 - Emily Gwyther
- Year 9 - Sky Hinder Davies
- Year 10 - Caitlin Germon
- Year 11 - Jimmy Gwynne

Year 10 STEM Project

Some of our Year 10 students were lucky enough to take part in a STEM Aircraft Challenge workshop. Engineers from Virgin Atlantic and a member of the Smallpeice Trust delivered a fantastic workshop where pupils got to create planes with motors which were flown outside. They were able not only to develop team building skills, but also delivered presentations to their peers and built prototypes of planes which they then developed. The visitors were extremely impressed with the work and attitude of our pupils and look forward to coming back and delivering more workshops to other pupils.



Parliament Trip

Our School Council visited Parliament and really did do us proud! The tour guide of the Year 11's said 'it was one of the nicest tours that I have done as they were so mature and interested, asking lots of really clever questions'. It was an excellent experience for everyone.



Football

Great win for the Year 10 football team beating Morrision 4- 1, this term. All the team played well with many contenders for the Golden Boot Award.

However, our first Golden Boot award goes to Brandon Owen for a consistent performance and for scoring goal of the term.



ALN Careers Event

This term we have held our first ALN careers event for Year 9-11 pupils. We had over 30 exhibitors from around Swansea from local business to motivational speakers. Pupils had a fantastic day and already can't wait for another one next year. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come to Dylan Thomas to allow this brilliant event to take place.



Announcements

Friday 9th February 2024 - Last day of term

Monday 19th February 2024 - Pupils are back in school

Friday 23rd February 2024 - Inset Day (School is closed for pupils)