

Newsletter

Summer 2023 – 7th Edition



Enrichment Week

Our Enrichment week started with a bang 🌟

The English and Expressive Arts curriculum day explored the wonderful world of Alice In Wonderland. 🐇 Students were involved in cookie design and decorating, riddle solving, exploring the Jabberwocky and creating movement pieces and art work based on Lewis Carol's famous novel.



Alyn Waters

Our Science faculty went down to Alyn Waters so participate in some team building and science investigations with Year 7 and 8. It was wet but spirits were high!



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Welsh Mountain Zoo

Also on day 1 of Enrichment Week pupils from yr7 and 8 had chosen a trip to the Welsh Mountain Zoo. They had the opportunity to see around 80 species housed at the zoo and were able to explore the zoo in small groups overseen by a member of staff. They had a fantastic time even though it was raining most of the day.



DofE

Day 1 and 2 of Enrichment Week our DofE pupils went canoeing on the waterways of Shropshire, to pass the expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

They really had to 'dig deep' in what was agreed were the worst weather conditions they had ever experienced on a Bronze expedition. Staff and students agreed yesterday that they would have been drier in the canal than on it... At the end of the day our YBA students demonstrated their culinary talents by preparing their evening meal which is a requirement for a successful expedition.



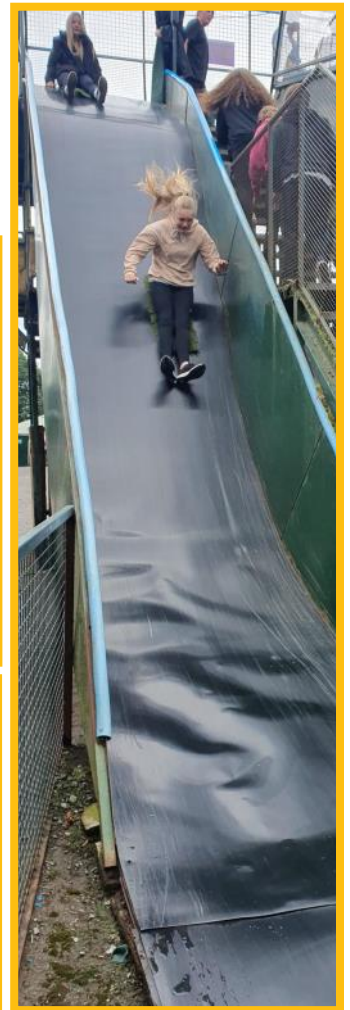
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Crocky Trail

Day 2 of Enrichment Week pupils from yr7 and yr8 had chosen a trip to Crocky Trail Adventure Park in Chester.

The trail is a mile long experience where pupils can soar through the air on rope swings, test their balance whilst crossing a variety of wobbly bridges over the Crocky stream. They enjoyed a break from gravity by taking a spin on whimsical roundabouts and raced their friends whilst navigating through complex mazes surrounded by twists and turns.

As you can see by the photos they had a fantastic time experiencing as many rides, slides and trails as possible



Year 9—Financial Literacy

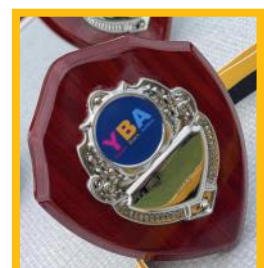
Day 2 of Enrichment Week, our Year 9's continued work with their Financial Literacy and focused on careers. They had an opportunity to do some Employer Speed Networking with a number of companies who kindly gave their time today to come into school and speak with our pupils.



Sports Day

Day 3 of Enrichment Week what a fabulous sports day! There was a lovely atmosphere at Queensway for our Annual Event.

Mrs Sandra Hale one of our Maths teachers presented the awards on what will be her last YBA Sports Day as she walks off into the retirement sunset.

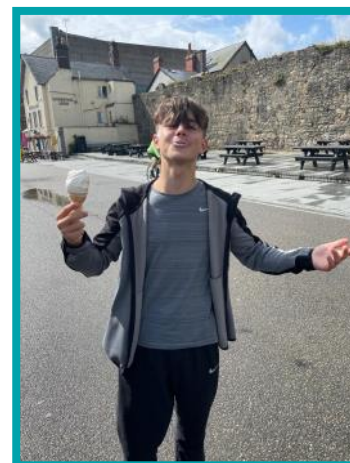


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Llandudno Trip



Day 3 of Enrichment Week our Achievement Centre pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out in Conwy and Llandudno. A special guest attended too ... Nell Corfield! 🐶🐶🐶



Health and Wellbeing Day

Day 4 of Enrichment Week our Year 7's and 8's had a fabulous Health and Wellbeing Day. They took part in Yoga sessions, worked hard to improve their local environment with litter picking, learnt forest school skills by lighting fires and toasting marshmallows and considered how strong their minds are capable of being, worked on their emotional battery, learnt how to do basic CPR and Year 8's had the opportunity to learn [#SwimSafe](#) skills.



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Summer Fayre

Day 4 of Enrichment Week was the Year 10 Summer Fayre! So much effort went into making the day a success by pupils and staff. The atmosphere is brilliant! Thank you to our primary visitors for coming along! The pupils made well over a £1,000 for Hope House.



Handball Tournament



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Drayton Manor



Day 5 of Enrichment Week year 9 went to a very wet Drayton Manor. They had lots of fun and didn't let the weather ruin their day.



Canoeing

Day 5 of Enrichment Week was another excursion for our Achievement Centre they went canoeing on the River Dee. The pupils were brilliant and even went down the weir!!! This takes true teamwork and Mr Ebrey and Mr Gordon were so impressed by them. Well done guys!



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Team Building

Day 5 of Enrichment Week there was a forest school adventure for some Year 7 and 8 pupils. Despite the weather, everyone got stuck in!

Pupils took part in team building games, path clearing, fire building, den building, working with a variety of tools, whittling, toasting marshmallows and some of the girls this morning even gave a sing song from the tent. Forest School is up at the Brymbo Heritage Trust and it was led by Gareth and Vicky from the Trust. Massive thanks to Mr Venables and Mrs Hayes for supervising the group! Brilliant!



Table Tennis

Day 5 of our Enrichment Week Mr Dench held a table tennis competition for yr7 and yr8 pupils. Mr Dench was very impressed with how the pupils managed to play, score, and officiate multiple games.



Summer Showcase

On the evening of July 5th our Expressive Arts Faculty held their Summer Showcase with parents and pupils supporting the event.

It was a fabulous evening!!! The amazing performers made all of YBA very proud

A MASSIVE thank you to Mrs Noon and her Expressive Arts Faculty - Mr Humphreys and Mrs Evans-Lea, not forgetting our set designer, Mr Colvin.



Turing Foundation—Poland

In June Mrs Evans-Lea and Miss Phillips took a number of pupils to Gdańsk and Slupsk in Poland for an amazing trip as part of the Turing Scheme.

Our Polish explorers REALLY enjoyed the fantastic hosting they received in Slupsk. The group moved on from Gdańsk from there and had a busy few days meeting the partner school pupils and staff, saying ‘hello’ to the Mayor of Slupsk who is an avid supporter of our Turing Scheme trips and is very keen to support these visits. What a brilliant experience they are having! Well done for embracing this amazing opportunity! We can’t wait to hear all about it! Memories forever!



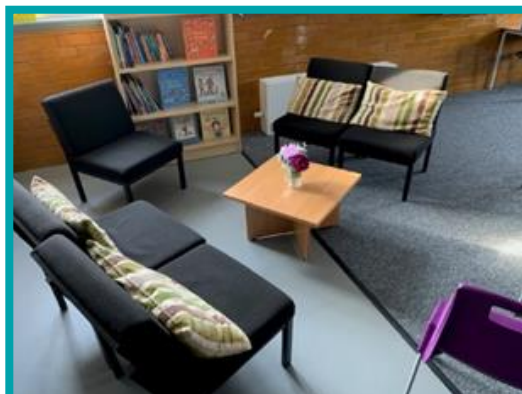
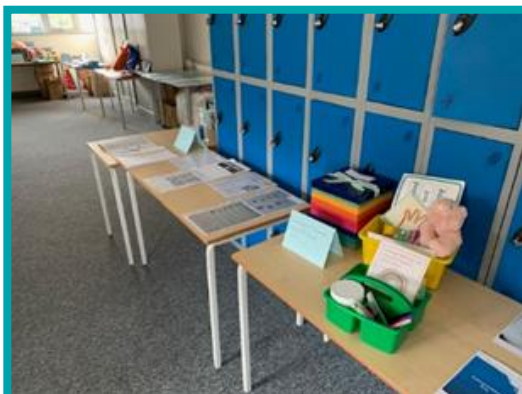
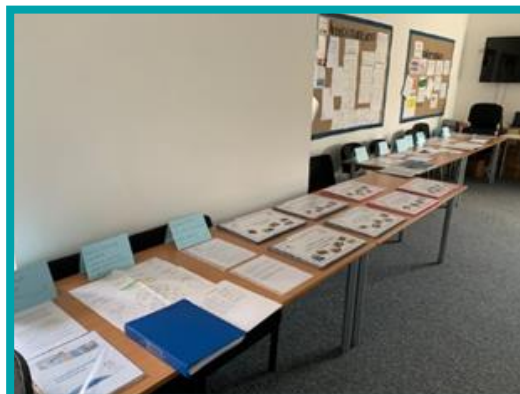


Many events have been happening at Gwersyllt CP since the last update on the cluster newsletter. Below is just a small flavour of what has been happening.

Transition Coffee Morning

Our Family Learning team held a very well attended transition coffee morning for parents/carers. It was an opportunity for families to ask questions and collect uniform from our recycled uniform rails. They also filled in forms to help us to ensure we provide activities and events that cater to their interests and needs. Attendees also completed a skills audit sheet so that we can enrich our pupils learning experiences with skills our families have to offer. Lisa Jones from Bryn Alyn dropped in to speak to families who had any questions about Bryn Alyn.

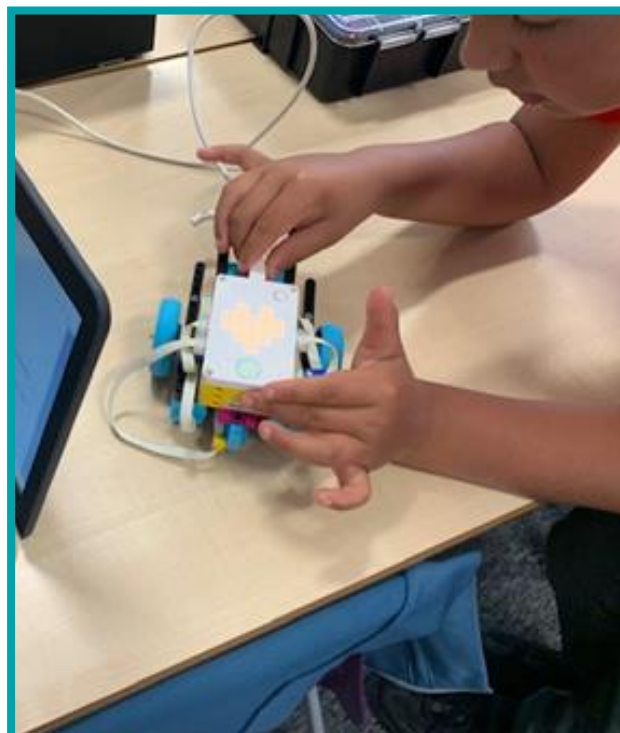
This adds to a rich variety of initiatives we have tried to put in place to support our families and communities. Recently we had a visit from a leading professor in New York, alongside GwE and a selection of schools to look at the work we have in place.



Lego Robotics



All pupils in Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a day exploring Lego robotics in their classrooms. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this and 6 pupils will be going to represent the school on the 11th July in Venue Cymru.



Exciting and Educational in Early Years

Rather than go for a school trip out this year, Early years have bought in a whole host of expertise and entertainment. This was kicked off at the end of last month with a morning of magic and wild animals. As you can imagine the pupils were enraptured. This will be continued in mid July when the classes have a visit from science and construction exploration team. So much to look forward too!



Reading for Pleasure

As the end of May the school put on a Book swap for all pupils and adults. During that week the classes brought in books they were willing to swap. During the event, everyone linked to the school was welcome to come in and pick up a book (with one eye on their summer holidays I assume) that they wished to take home.



Coronation Events



The pupils and staff all had a wonderful time celebrating the coronation. Food, music and games were made available to ensure that a good time was had by all to mark this occasion.





KAPLA

Our KAPLA workshop was amazing!!! Jennifer visited Black Lane Primary School for one day and worked with children from 3-11 years. It was amazing how she engaged ALL children and how everyone contributed to the final masterpiece. The children enjoyed every part of the day and developed lots of important skills: collaboration, teamwork, perseverance, resilience, logic, concentration, creativity and problem solving.

The KAPLA planks are used to create grand structures using Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) skills; no glue, no clips, no screws!

The parents came in to school to observe the final piece and some children enjoyed the demolition. The feedback from staff, pupils, parents and governors was fantastic and they have already asked when our next workshop is.



Eco Schools 2nd Green Flag

Our Eco Council are very proud to announce that we have been awarded our 2nd Green Flag in recognition of the commitment towards sustainability and environment education. Our Eco Council (past and present) work very hard to communicate important messages about looking after our school and planet.



Welsh Artist—Rhiannon Roberts

Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts was invited into school to create new art to go on display in school. The children created three large murals focusing on the themes of Wales, Wrexham and The School. Following on from Wrexham AFC’s promotion win, the Wrexham Racecourse was a main focus of the art. The children took part in painting in the vibrant style of Rhiannon to create the



Fossil Forest at Brymbo Heritage Site



Pupils in Year 4 and 5 have been studying the local area. They enjoyed a brilliant morning at the Fossil Forest at Brymbo Heritage. Tim, the palaeontologist, was fantastic and he showed us around the fossil forest, explained how fossils are formed and let us search for our own fossils. The children found lots of fossils.



Coronation Celebrations

We decided to have a three day event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. On Day 1, we had the Big Picnic Lunch, with all children eating on the school field. Day 2 saw our Festival, which took place on a huge curtain sider which was delivered to us for the day by C & M Transport!



We had a range of acts, including Ysgol Bryn Alyn's GCSE dance group, our own dancers and singers. One of our teachers, Miss Lloyd provided the music! The headliner of the Festival was our very own Mr Davies who was joined by one of our own pupils, Teddy Meyers.



Scan the QR code to watch our fabulous video!

Leading up to the Festival, the children got 'festival ready,' by tie dyeing their t-shirts, having their hair arranged in 'festival styles,' and having their faces painted.



Community Day

Day 3 was Community Day, with the children helping out in lots of different ways. We had food parcel collections, litter picks, a tidy up of our local Church and we had lots of volunteers visit too. The children enjoyed visits by The Blood Bank and St. John's Ambulance. We also delivered cakes to our local Postmen and Refuse Collectors.
Another amazing day!

"Everything was spectacular." Sammy Yr6



"DJ Carys was the best!" Taylor Yr6

"Thank you to all staff for arranging this excellent event!" Makinley Yr6

"I want to thank all the dancers from Ysgol Bryn Alyn as they were marvellous." Millie-Anne Yr6



New Trim Trail



Nursery, Reception and Year 6 OPENED the new Trim Trail aimed for our Foundation Phase children to use, although I have spotted our Junior children sneaking on! They just couldn't help themselves!!!

Their Passion Project has been an overwhelming success! Thank you so much for working so well together to plan and design the Trim Trail. The real-life skills they have used are too numerous to list, however, the most important thing (I think) that has resulted from this project is the friendships that have blossomed between the 3 classes, it is special. Reception and Nursery have new best friends and role models to look up to.

Future children of Ysgol Penrhyn have a lot to thank you for, this will be used and children will have so much fun because of the efforts of Nursery, Reception and Year 6 children and staff. DIOLCH YN FAWR IAWN.



Kings Coronation



Thank you to members of our Community Council for purchasing and presenting commemorative medals to every child in school, as a memento of a special day in history. The children were thrilled to receive their medal.



Year 1



Year 1 had a lovely surprise

returning back to school after half term 🥰 Their vegetables had really grown 🥕🥬🥒 Mrs Lewis kindly watered the veggie patch over the break and this week the children have continued to look after them. So much so that the lettuce was ready to be harvested. The children carefully cut the lettuce at the base and then washed the leaves with water. Once dry our super healthy Year 1's enjoyed tasting their very own class-made lettuce 🥬 It was a big hit 😊



Transition Days

Transition Days was on the 29th and 30th of June this year.

At the end yr 6 pupils were presented with YBA bags containing lots of goodies including the new pupil friendly guide published especially for them. We can't wait to see them in September in their smart new uniforms, they have really impressed us in these last few days, working hard towards emulating our REACH values. They are going to be a great asset to YBA

