

Newsletter

Easter 2023-6th Edition



Education Awards 2023



On Wednesday 22nd March, Mrs Slinn was awarded Headteacher of the Year at the Education Awards 2023. What an accolade for YBA! We are very proud of her, a well-deserved award that does recognise ALL our staff and how they have worked together with her guidance to move YBA forward

We did not bring home the award for secondary school of the year, despite being shortlisted to the top three schools. However, congratulations to Ysgol Ruabon who did!



Dream. Reach. Achieve.



Mrs Slinn and some of the SLT team, Mrs Cottrell, Miss Kipping, Mr Ransome, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Ebrey

Mrs Slinn and two of the school governors who attended the evening to support the school, Mr Nigel Pilsbury and Cllr Jeremy Kent



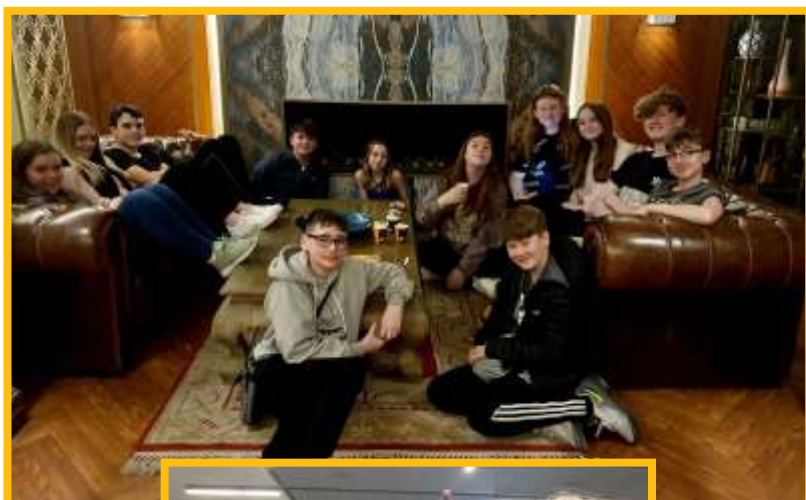
Turing Foundation—Turkey

Our second Turing Trip left for Bursa Turkey on 14th January. Pupils were accompanied by Mrs Noon and Mr Griffiths. They had a fabulous time experiencing a different culture, working with pupils from other European schools and learning from the exciting workshops they were be involved in! These trips are making memories for our pupils...the impact that they have are immeasurable!

Our adventurers arrived safely in Bursa, which was their HQ for the week of exploring and stayed in a wonderful hotel!

They were welcomed by the Headteacher of TAN school and met host students. They had a walking tour of the local area including the Natural springs in the Hammam and a local Mosque.

What an experience they had!



Turing Foundation—Poland

The third Turing trip was on the 12th February to our partner school in Slupsk, Poland. This time Mrs Ebrey and Mr Humphrey accompanied the pupils.

Mrs Ebrey and Mr Humphreys presented our hosts with the Wrexham AFC scarf.

They were also invited to meet the Mayor of Slupsk and this was another opportunity to put Wrexham AFC on the map along with our home town name!!! He was very interested in the comparisons between our two counties both in education and housing.

We were truly spoilt by Szkoła Podstawowa im.Leopolda Staffa we Włynkówku what an experience the week was!



Turing Foundation—France

Our fourth Turing Trip was to Montpellier in France and the pupils were accompanied by Ms Morgan and Mr Gordon. They worked with Dr Becky Patterson and our Turing lead, Mr Mick Boyle on our continuing project about climate change. Like previous trips to Poland and Turkey, our students worked with the pupils from the school.

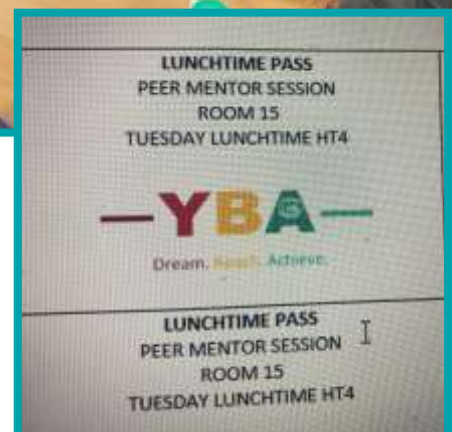
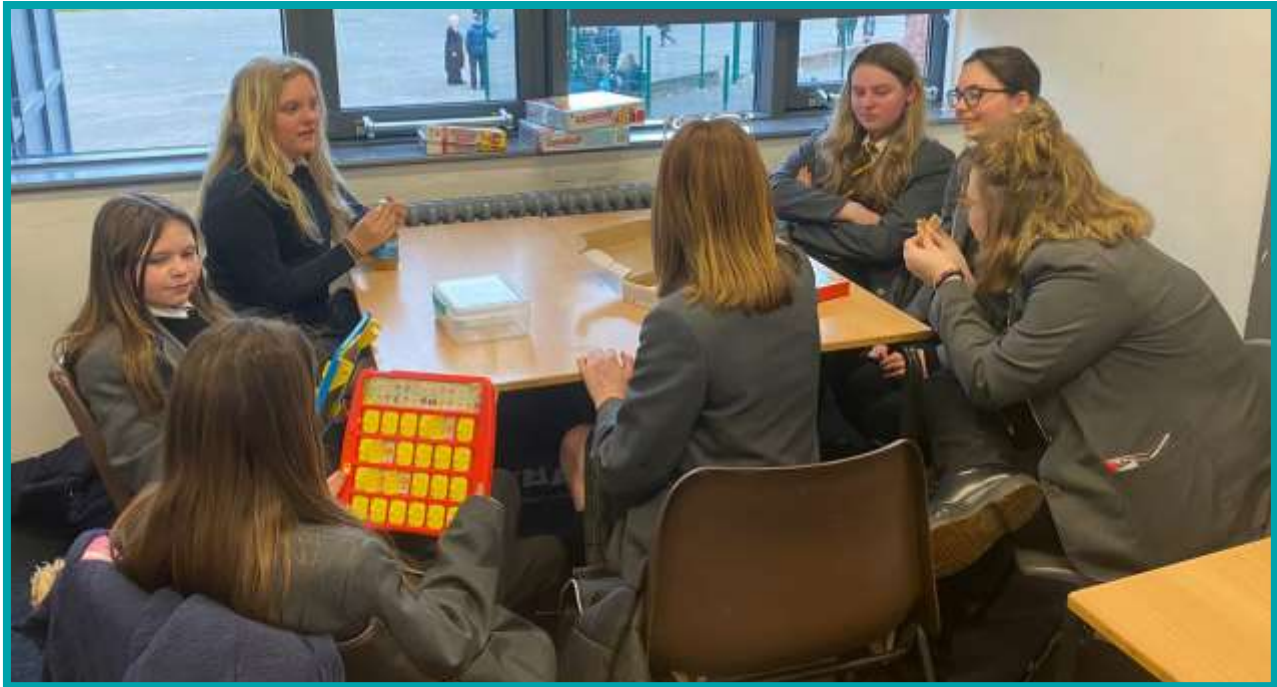
The group from YBA had a tour of the French school today (it is a boarding school) as well as having lunch with their French counterparts, completing lots of team building/physicality/vocal exercises and starting work on the stimulus for the drama performance!

The group made puppets for the puppet theatre in the morning before 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Logan in both French and English. There was also a MASSIVE slice of French tart for the birthday boy! This was a birthday that Logan will never forget!



Peer Mentors

On the 28th February was the first Peer Mentor lunchtime session of 2023. It was so lovely to see Y7 & Y10 pupils chatting and socialising.



Transition



As part of our transition process, on the 15th February Mrs Cooper (Assistant Headteacher) and Miss King (Head of KS3 English) along with two transition ambassadors Kacey and Teagan visited Brynteg CP. They had a wonderful welcome and fabulous tour of the school, meeting everyone from the two year old nursery children to future YBA students in Y6. Miss King delivered a literacy workshop based on Jack Valentine and the pupils created a 'bad' valentines box whilst developing their vocabulary. At the end of the session they were gifted with their own Valentine's rose.



World Book Day

On the 3rd March we celebrated World Book Day in style. The teachers all dressed up as a character from a book and were very competitive as who would win the best character prize. Students also worked on a competition: the Masked Reader. Each lesson on the day, a new masked reader performed a reading from a classic story. Students had to correctly guess every teacher before they were unmasked. During form time, they learnt about the importance of reading, and how World Book Day promotes the importance of reading to people's emotional and intellectual development.



St David's Day

12 year 9 pupils attended the Gorymdaith Dydd Gŵyl Dewi (St. David's Day Parade) in Wrexham where they listened to Welsh Language music in Queen's Square before participating in the St. David's Day Parade through the town with the Cambria Band.



Holocaust Memorial Commemoration

'We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against identity-based persecution, to shop responsibly.' Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

In January Mrs Gambino organised for a group of YBA pupils to visit Tŷ Pawb for the Wrexham Holocaust Memorial commemoration. They heard survivor stories and reflected on the devastating impact Man has had on Man. Education plays a vital part in understanding history, learning from it and having the confidence to be an upstander and not a bystander.



Welsh Bacc

Some Year 10 pupils have been using their snow day and weekend time admirably, working hard on their Welsh Bacc projects.

Mr Griffiths gave a HUGE 'shout out' to Josh Jones for his super work in marketing his group's money making enterprise ready for the Year 10 summer fayre!

Ms Williams also gave a 'shout outs' for Jake, Ethan and Jayden in Year 10.

They supported each other, taking turns and discussing how best to set out the pieces. They practised communication, demonstrating super group work, good conversation and gaining a better understanding of social cues. Well done lads - great work! Keep it up!





It is amazing what we have managed to fit in this year already, in what has been a relatively short term.

St David's Day



The pupils both looked the part and returned to school after half term with a plethora of hard work in their arms, From songs, dances, poetry and musical performances to more physical pieces of work such as photographs, home made castles and caps, lego constructions and collages. Their was also, a particular highlight, in the cake baking section (unfortunately, these didn't last long enough to be photographed.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day that has continued into the rest of the term with a further showcase taking place at the end of March.



World Book Day

The pupils looked fantastic during this event that was spread over a number of days. From superheroes to footballers and all varieties of book characters in between. It was wonderful to see the staff taking part in this event as well. The sight of Mrs Super Pea will live long in the memory of us all.



Forest School Learning



Here at Gwersyllt CP, we are continuing our endeavor to give every pupil 6 weeks of forest school sessions. Miss Thomas, Mrs Davies and Mrs Jones are

enjoying the afternoon sessions outside, whatever the weather, with the pupils. Fires have been lit, bug homes created and many other creative aspects of outdoor learning.

It is not just the forest schools that have taken part in the outdoor sessions. Year 5 and 6 have searched for and eaten real bugs and year 3 and 4 have embraced all aspects of the Celts both inside and outside of the classroom.



World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, local author **Damian Harvey** visited our school to deliver some workshops to the children. He shared his stories and worked with the children to develop their imagination and writing skills. The children loved it and were inspired to write their own stories.



Wellies in the Woods



Parents and children have enjoyed the Wellies in the Woods sessions over the past 6 weeks. The sessions have focused on outdoor learning linked to a popular children's story each week. Parents have been working with their children and have enjoyed lots of stories.

Xplore Coding Club

Xplore have delivered afterschool coding sessions to parents and children over 6 weeks. The parents and children used Lego and software to develop their coding skills.



Eisteddfod

The children took part in our annual Eisteddfod. The children performed and listened to lots of Welsh songs and poems and explored Welsh artists and landscapes. Each year group took part in a home learning project to learn about the culture of Wales. Lots of creative projects!



Amazing!

We are currently working with Amasing to develop expressive arts skills. Children from years 3-6 are working with an expressive arts specialist to develop wellbeing, confidence and self esteem through music, dance and drama. The children are looking forward and working towards performing in the William Aston Hall in the summer.



Art Club



The children in Art Club have used their art skills to create individual feathers to produce our interactive 'wings' display. Each individual feather has been designed by the children with fine details. This display will be a symbol of hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future.





Ysgol Heulfan Presents 'The Masked Reader'



Who are ya?
Who are ya?
Who's that behind
the mask?

We decided to celebrate World Book Day 2023 with a special twist! Instead of our usual afternoon of going around the school and listening to different staff members read a story, we decided to do our very own version of 'The Masked Reader'. Safe to say, it was a roaring success and definitely a World Book Day celebration we will all remember!



Scan the QR code
to watch our
fabulous videos!



Our teachers had to design their own mask focused around the story they were going to read. We had lots of fantastic designs, like an alien, a robot, a potato, a fox and even our very own Stickman!





Each video started with a little clue about who the teacher might be and then they read their story... however, we didn't want to make it too easy for the children to guess who we were so we used technology to distort our voices!! At the end of each video was the grand reveal!

We filmed the beginning and end of our videos in front of a Green Screen using an iPad. This footage was then edited on the iPad using iMovie. We put the Green Screen footage in front of a stage and added our Ysgol Heulfan logo. The teachers' voices were recorded reading their story and put through a converter to distort their voice.



We came together in the hall and each child had a sheet to write down their guesses on. We started by showing the trailer video, which got everybody really excited! We played the clue and then let the children hear a little bit of the story before stopping it and moving on to the next masked teacher. Once we'd guessed them all, we watched the reveal! The children (and adults!) absolutely loved shouting, "TAKE IT OFF!" and we were very shocked by some of the faces behind the masks!





World Book Day

The whole school dressed up to celebrate World Book Day



Lantern Parade

Year 4 enjoyed working with Groundwork North Wales to make lanterns for the lantern parade in Wrexham.





Eco Club



Pupils and staff at Brynteg are delighted to achieve their Platinum Eco School Award again this year. They have had a busy year with projects on food production, saving energy, recycling and much more. They were awarded the flag following a litter pick in the village. This was joined by many people including Ken Skates MS, Owen Derbyshire, Chief Executive Keep Wales Tidy and local volunteers.



Eco Club cleaned up around the school and local area with Counsellor Beverley Parry-Jones, who is one of Ysgol Bryn Alyn's very busy Governors



Paddington Fun

The Foundation Stage have been thoroughly captivated with their Paddington topic this term.

PADDINGTON FUN IN THE FOUNDATION PHASE

THE CHILDREN IN THE FOUNDATION PHASE HAVE HAD A VERY EXCITING TERM LEARNING ABOUT TRANSPORT AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A VERY FAMOUS BEAR.

THE TERM STARTED WITH THE CHILDREN FINDING A LETTER FROM MR AND MRS BROWN, STICKY PAW PRINTS ON THE TABLE, A RED WELLINGTON IN THE HOME CORNER, BUT NO PADDINGTON BEAR.

THEY WERE VERY WORRIED AND DECIDED TO PUT UP MISSING POSTERS.

THE POSTERS WORKED AND PADDINGTON RETURNED TO US WITH LOTS OF EXCITING NEWS FROM HIS ADVENTURES.



BRYNTEG TRAFFIC WATCH!



A VISIT FROM A POLICE CAR!

ONCE PADDINGTON RETURNED THE CHILDREN WENT ON TO DO LOTS OF EXCITING THINGS.



PAINTING IN THE STYLE OF JACKSON POLLOCK.



PARACHUTE PROJECT



MAKING MARMALADE SANDWICHES!