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Macy Wilkes from Pantysgallog Primary School, enjoys "Tea with Mr T" for achieving excellent attendance. Find out on pages 3/4 how others celebrate theirs.





Cyfarthfa Park acclaimed 'excellent' in Estyn inspection



A Merthyr Tydfil primary school has received a national award in recognition of its performance – just a year after it was established following amalgamation.

Cyfarthfa Park Primary was among 28 Welsh education and training providers who achieved an 'excellent' inspection judgement from quality and standards inspector Estyn in 2015-16.

Estyn's report said that following the amalgamation between Brecon Road Infants' School and Cyfarthfa Junior School in 2014, 'senior leaders have brought about many improvements that have had a clear impact on pupils' standards and wellbeing'.

The report added: "The headteacher's vision and outstanding leadership have been instrumental in managing change very

successfully while maintaining high standards across the school.

"The highly effective deputy headteacher and senior management team focus rigorously on promoting high standards and effective provision. Through effective performance management, the leadership team sets itself and the rest of the school very challenging targets, ensuring good or better teaching across the school.

"All staff are actively involved in the process of school improvement and lines of accountability are very strong."

The school was invited to an awards evening in Cardiff in March and will now feature in an Estyn brochure and short film

detailing the achievements of the leading education providers.

Headteacher Owen Morgan told Contact: "The whole school was extremely pleased to receive an award from Estyn recognising the excellent practice at the school.

"The award is testament to the hard work of the whole school community, especially the staff who are so committed and dedicated to the education of the children who attend Cyfarthfa Park Primary School.

"The inspection report highlights the dedicated staff but also the supportive parents, proactive governors and most importantly the good behaviour and positive attitudes displayed by all pupils at the school."

Foster Carers Success Stories

Elwyn and Angela have been fostering for twenty one years, and in these years have fostered a number of children successfully.

Their first experience of fostering was providing respite care to a young boy which they enjoyed. They were then asked to foster a little boy with disabilities, as soon as they met him, they became very attached to him and he quickly became part of their family.

Elwyn and Angela have three sons, two granddaughters and two grandsons. Their sons and all the family have been supportive throughout. They have been actively involved with all the children their parents have fostered and welcomed them into the family.

They provide a safe and loving environment for children who cannot remain within their birth family. All children that have lived with them have had positive relationship with Angela, Elwyn and their family they are included in all family activities, celebrations and holidays.

Angela and Elwyn admit that they didn't know what to expect at first, and they were a little apprehensive. But they decided to give it a go, and

do their best, and they have found they have thoroughly enjoyed it, they feel that they have had many rewards from fostering. It is truly worth all of the work involved when they have positive feedback from the children. It is lovely to see them grow and thrive. The rewards come when a child who is very withdrawn at first smiles at you, and spontaneously gives you a hug or kiss.

They value the support that they get from the children's Social workers and their own Social Workers within the fostering team. Angela and Elwyn have also taken advantage of the training provided to them by the Local Authority which has expanded their knowledge and skills and has enabled them to have a long and successful fostering career.

There is a shortage of foster carers nationally and locally and Merthyr Fostering service would welcome expressions of interest.

If you would like more information in relation to becoming a foster carer, please contact 0800 678 3798 or complete an Application of Interest form online at www.merthyr.gov.uk





School Attendance

Every day counts!

Pupil attainment is a top priority and attendance at school is the key to that. Attendance has increased in primary and secondary schools across Merthyr Tydfil for the last few years and we could not have achieved this without everyone's support. It is wonderful to be able to share with you all the successes in schools and to congratulate pupils, their families and the schools on these achievements.

Dorothy Haines, Chief Education Officer



Pupils from **Trelewis Primary School** getting excited on their way bowling as their reward for achieving 100% attendance last term. This term's trip for those with top attendance will be to the cinema.



A new competition board has also been set up in the main hall where class attendance is recorded each week, with the winning class earning an extra break as a reward.

A Popcorn Party was held on 27th February for the pupils at **Troedyrhiw Primary School** who had an attendance of 96 - 100% between 9th January and 17th February.

All children are given half termly tick charts that they can

take home and use to mark off, encouraging them to attend school on a daily basis. The reason that this goes from 96% upwards is to ensure that if a child misses half or whole day, they still have an incentive to come to school.

Cyfarthfa High School continues to celebrate a highly commendable attendance rate achieved across the entire school.

The first term of the current academic year saw a record 262 pupils achieving 100% attendance, equating to a fantastic 23% of the school population.

Pupils continue to be motivated by a variety of initiatives and incentives tailored to particular age groups: raffle prizes, gift tokens, certificates, league tables, match day rugby/football tickets and special assemblies to acknowledge improved attendance, all of which feature regularly throughout each half term.



Year 7 pupils who achieved 100% attendance from September to-date (March 10th).

Also pictured are the staff who play a crucial role in the school's attendance and very much share in the pupils' success.

Well done to **Goetre Primary School** for being ranked number 1 for improvement in attendance in 2015/16.

Each week, class attendance is posted in the school's newsletter and the winning classes are presented with a certificate in Gold Star Assembly each Friday, which parents are invited to.

This year, an Attendance Council was set up, made up of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 who are either at or close to 100% attendance

or because they have made an improvement in their attendance from one year to the next. The Council meet to discuss attendance and to suggest ways in which the school can improve.





Every Friday, pupils at **Pantysgallog Primary School** who achieve 100 % attendance throughout the week, get to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie with the Headteacher, Mr Thomas.

Cardiff Class are Coed-y-Dderwen's attendance stars!

Every Monday we have an attendance assembly where the winner of the attendance trophy is announced. The attendance of each class is announced from ninth place to first place, with clapping and cheering for encouragement. The winning class receives the trophy, and is awarded five minutes extra playtime each day. Results are displayed on our attendance tree in the entrance hall. Last half term, Cardiff Class were nearly unbeatable. They won

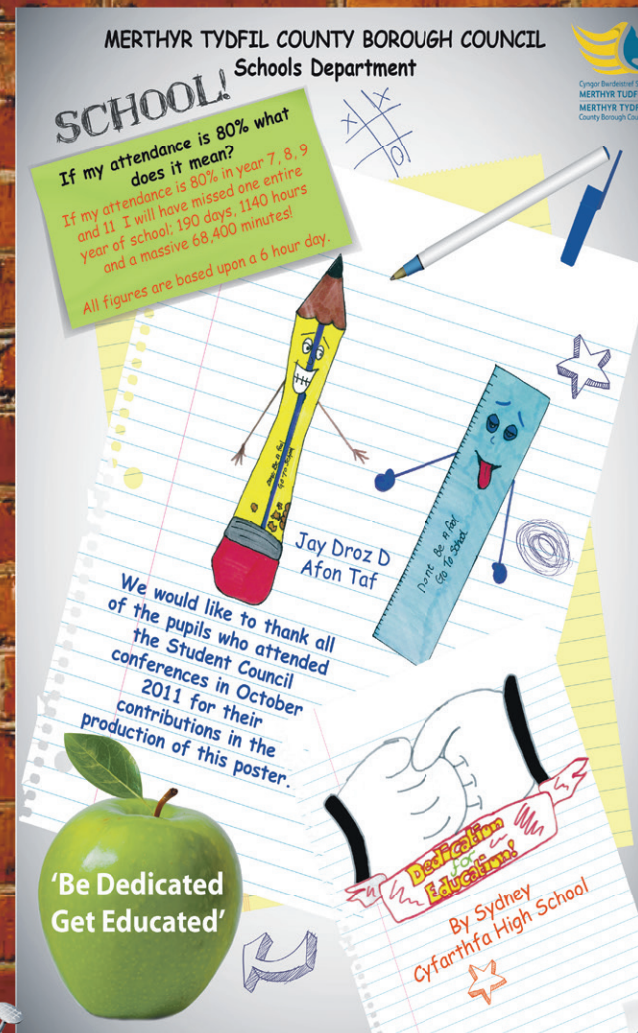
the trophy for six weeks out of seven! On the day it snowed, they were the only class with 100 % attendance. As a reward for trying so hard to come to school every day, Mrs. Jones has said that they will receive a special treat. As we write, the children are choosing their treat. Cardiff Class and their teacher Miss Craddock are determined to win every week again this term!

The Daily Oak writing team

Gwaunfarren Primary School celebrates attendance at their achievement assemblies where an attendance cup and reward is presented to the top attended class in the school, as well as this going on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as their school website.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



FACT - Poor attendance has a significant impact on attainment.

Your children just get **one** chance at school; so give them the **best** chance; give them a **better** future; **don't** make excuses; by law as a parent/carer it is your responsibility to make sure that they attend school regularly.

GIVE ATTENDANCE 100%

Fact - If your child's attendance is 80% in reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 they will have missed 95,760 minutes, 1,596 hours and 266 days!!

If you need help, support or advice to improve your child's attendance in school or for more information then contact us now. Call 01685 724620
Email- educationwelfare@merthyr.gov.uk or visit our website www.merthyr.gov.uk



In 2017, **Pen y Dre High School** was asked to submit a 'Best Practice Case Study' to Estyn to share their work around well-being and healthy relationships. Estyn commented that the School's strategies to improve attendance were effective and that parents and pupils felt highly valued and included in the life of the school. In fact, satisfaction

with the school was far higher than national averages at just below 100 %.

The photo below show some of the year 10 and year 11 pupils outside the Attendance Office celebrating recent success in their GCSEs. They can track their attendance on the Attendance League Table and know that attendance and attainment are closely

linked. They are all aware that in order to get the best grades possible they need to be in school so that they don't miss out on anything. The attendance ambassadors show that 'if you attend then you will achieve'. This links well with the school's motto - 'Aspire Achieve Believe'.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March, books came to life at Cyfarthfa High School! Staff and Year 11 pupils dressed up as characters from books to help celebrate World Book Day. From 'Oliver Twist' and 'The Girl on the Train' to 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' and 'Peter Pan' – a plethora of books were represented.

A number of quizzes and activities were also held during the day to celebrate this important international event. There was the 'Guess the Character' competition for staff fancy dress, a team book quiz

at lunchtime, 'Guess How Many Pages' book competition and even a 'Where's Wally Anagram Hunt' around the school. Students paid ten pence to enter each competition and the money raised is to go to the charity Book Aid International.

Pupils were also treated to a 'Drop Everything And Read' session lesson two, where regardless of the subject, pupils could choose their own book to read for pleasure. Furthermore, the Spellathon final was held during a joint assembly for years 7 and 8. The six finalists

took part in an American style 'Spelling Bee', with an automatic knockout. The standard was very high, with the last competitor being knocked out with the challenging word 'rendezvous'.

The main aim of World Book Day in the UK is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. Book token vouchers were given to all pupils to help this become a reality. A fun day was certainly had by all!



Merthyr Tydfil's Star Teacher

St. Tydfil Shopping Centre's star teacher this year is Mr. Nikki Hagerty, who teaches at Ysgol Gynradd Coed-y-Dderwen in Gellideg. He was nominated by Madison Jones, a pupil at the school, who said that he is very encouraging, gives lots of praise and always gives different ideas

to help pupils understand what they are learning. Mr. Hagerty said

"I am honoured to have won this award, but I shall share this accolade equally with the superb staff in Ysgol Gynradd Coed-y-Dderwen."

Disability Award - Cyfarthfa

Cyfarthfa High School have reached the Welsh Schools Inclusive Zone Basketball Final after finishing 2nd in the regional competition in Cardiff

Inclusive Zone Basketball (IZB) is a British Wheelchair Basketball secondary schools programme that has been running in Wales for the last 3 years. IZB is a 4 a side game that sees two running players and two wheelchair players on court together, with the players occupying zoned areas on the court. Teams must have at least one player with a lower limb impairment on court at all times but non-disabled players also make up the team.

Regional finals took place in North Wales, West Wales and finally South Wales in Cardiff, with the top two teams from each competition heading to the Welsh Final. Cyfarthfa battled to the silver medal in the South Wales competition and will now face off against 5 other teams from across the country for the right to represent Wales in the UK final.

IZB is a great programme for Cyfarthfa and it's fantastic to see the school embracing this opportunity for their pupils and encouraging pupils into inclusive sport, with disabled and non-disabled pupils playing together regularly.



Demand for business hub goes into Orbit

Demand for office space at the Orbit Business Centre has led to the building being reconfigured to provide more units.

Celebrating its 10th birthday next year, the hub is currently fully occupied and has a number of potential tenants in the pipeline.

There are 16 companies in 18 offices at the 30,000 sq ft Rhydyar Business Park complex, with one of the largest units about to be converted into five smaller rooms.

"The Centre provides comprehensive support and we have offices for new and growing businesses of all shapes

and sizes, along with conference facilities, training rooms and meeting rooms," said Manager Lance Whiteley.

The Centre also offers free car parking, free Wi-Fi, superfast broadband, access to print and scan facilities, laptop and mobile phone charging facilities, a mail collection service and showers.

"Merthyr Tydfil has one of the fastest growing business economies in South Wales, backed by a substantial investment programme," Lance Whiteley added. "The Orbit Centre has a microclimate of economic diversity and mutual support, with many of our

tenants working with and for one another."

Apart from its convenient location – the Centre is in the heart of Merthyr Tydfil, next to the Welsh Government building and between the A470 and A465 road – its IT infrastructure is among the best.

"We're constantly upgrading our IT and our superfast broadband makes us one of the quickest buildings in the county borough," said Lance. "It runs at 100MB, which is a huge advantage. When a company comes in, it can just plug in and play.

"We've also got a fully

dedicated team on site to cater for all the Centre users' needs – from a facilities officer to onsite ICT support, receptionists and admin assistants."

For further details, visit the Orbit website

www.orbitbusinesscentre.co.uk or tel Lance Whiteley on 01685 727344.





Companies Learn about Pontmorlais Regeneration Work Opportunities

Companies from across South East Wales attended a 'Meet the Buyer' event in the hope of securing work on one of Merthyr Tydfil's most important regeneration projects.

Builders, architects, scaffolders and landscapers were at the Orbit Business Centre in Rhydyar Business Park to learn about the opportunities for them to help restore properties in the town centre's Pontmorlais Heritage Quarter.

As well as hearing about the £3.3m programme, the companies were made aware of future potential opportunities and were also given advice on how to register for the Welsh

Government's Sell2Wales and eTenderWales services.

Pontmorlais buildings which have already benefited from inward investment as part of the initiative include prominent civic and social buildings the Old Town Hall (Redhouse), Zoar Chapel and the former YMCA.

The next phase of work Pontmorlais Townscape Heritage Quarter, Continuing the Renaissance, entails the 'sympathetic' restoration of historical features using traditional methods and materials of surviving examples of the town centre's earliest stages of urban development.

Farmers' Market Marks Success by going Bi-monthly

The success of Merthyr Tydfil farmers' market – the only regular one in South Wales – has led to it being increased from once to twice a month. Usually held on the first Friday of each month, it will also now take place on the third Friday.

"We're delighted with how the market has been received over the past year," said Town Centre Manager for MTCBC Rhian Prosser. "Not only has the number of stalls grown, but the range and quality of what they have to offer has also broadened."

Regular stallholders include Trecastle Eggs, offering

freerange eggs and award winning Welsh salted butter from Pembrokeshire, and popular local chilli sauce producer Chilli of the Valley.

Also having a bi-monthly stand is LynB Jewellery - run by Pontsarn chartered geologist Lyn Blandford - who sources semi-precious stones and minerals from around the world and combines them with silver, copper, leather and silk to create both ready to wear and bespoke jewellery.

Another Merthyr Tydfil trader is Bobbles and Bows, which produces hair bows in a wide variety of colours and designs,

as well as chocolate bouquets and gift sets. There will also be a range of locally-grown plants and vegetables from Cyfarthfa Park Greenhouses.

The market is held at Graham Way on the High Street from 10am-2pm. To qualify to trade there, produce must be grown, reared or have added value and be from within a 50-mile radius of Merthyr Tydfil.

For further information or to discuss taking part in a future event, please call Market Manager Chris Hall on 07805 563809; email caerphilly.farmers@btinternet.com



Induction to construction course makes trainees industry-ready

Unemployed Merthyr Tydfil people including a teenage school leaver and a former miner have laid the foundations for a career in construction by taking part in a free training programme.

The seven participants received training and gained qualifications through a partnership project run by Communities First, Merthyr Housing Association, the Welsh Government and EU-funded Communities for Work Programme, and national construction company Keepmoat.

As a result of the 10-day 'Induction to Construction' course, they obtained skills in manual handling, asbestos awareness, working at heights, ICT, CV writing and interview techniques.

They also took part in a site induction, a community volunteering day at Troedyrhiw Primary School and a team

building day at Rock UK's Summit Centre, as well as building some bird boxes for local residents.

"They gained lots of valuable experience and an insight into working for a national company, improved their confidence and had lots of fun," said MTCBC Employability Manager Deb Ryan-Newton.

Merthyr Housing Association is currently having 23 new homes built in Aberfan by Keepmoat Construction. "The company is keen to join local organisations to contribute to community regeneration initiatives and offer their expertise to help some local people consider careers in construction," she added.

"The trainees ranged from 18-year-olds who had just left school and had very little experience, to over-50-year-olds who had previously worked in coal mines or other physical roles. They all reported an increase in confidence."

Ross Andrews, 23, of Aberfan, gained qualifications in working at heights, manual handling, asbestos awareness, ICT and a Construction Skills Certification card.

"The course was brilliant," he said. "I'm feeling much more confident about getting work - I'm more employable now I have the certificates to back me up. The Interview skills practice was great too. I haven't had a proper interview in ages, but now I know what to expect and how to prepare for it."

"Without Communities First, there's no way I would have been able to pay for those courses myself, or get the practical experience. It was great to work with Keepmoat,

too, because that's the kind of company I'd like to work for eventually."

Deb Ryan-Newton said: "We hope that with their new accreditations, experience and skills our trainees will be successful in gaining employment within the construction industry, and we'll be supporting them in their bid to do that over the coming weeks."

MTCBC said: "The Induction to Construction course is a fantastic opportunity for people to improve their job prospects and self-confidence, and we would urge our local residents to take advantage of it."

Anyone who would like to find out if they are eligible for support should call Communities First South Cluster on 01443 690178.



From left, Claire Williams and Hannah Mills of Communities First, Induction to Construction course participants Jeff Thomas, Ross Andrews, Brenig Lewis, and Connor Phillips, Linda Birch of Communities for Work, Charlie Hargreaves of Keepmoat and Thomas Bunce of Merthyr Housing Association.



WHAT'S ON

to keep you and the children entertained
this Easter in Merthyr Tydfil

**10th to
21st April
2017**

Kids Sports Camp for 3-4 year olds

18th, 19th & 20th April from
9.00am - 12.00pm
Merthyr Leisure Centre

Soccer Camp for 5-14 year olds

11th, 12th, 13th April from
9.00am - 12.00pm
Gurnos 3G Soccer Camp

Football Camp for 5-16 year olds

11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th & 20th April
from 9.00am - 3.00pm
At the Gôl Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

Please contact Lisa Jones on 01685 727452/07544888069
or email: lisa.davies@merthyrleisuretrust.co.uk

**Kids also Swim for free at Merthyr Leisure
Centre 11.00-12.00 during the Easter Holidays**

Guided Walk and Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, 11th April
from 1.00pm - 3.00pm
At Parc Taff Bargoed

Egyptomania Exhibition 2017

21st March - 30th June
At Cyfarthfa Castle Museum
and Art Gallery





Public Notices



WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN INSPECTOR APPOINTED BY the Welsh Ministers WILL ATTEND AT

the Orbit Business Centre,
Rhydycar Business Park,
Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1DL.

ON

Tuesday 09th May 2017
at 10 a.m.

TO HOLD A PUBLIC
LOCAL INQUIRY AND TO
SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINE:

THE FORMER MID GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT BOROUGH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL PANT 12 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2015.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding the footpath which commences at Point A on the plan, grid reference 3005970959 and proceeds in a general north-north-westerly direction for approximately 40 metres to Point B on the Plan, grid reference 8005960963. It then proceeds in a general north-north-easterly direction for approximately 46 metres to a field gate at Point C on the Plan: grid reference 5005990967. It continues in a general north-north-easterly direction for approximately 106 metres to a field gate at Point D on the Plan, grid reference S006070975. It continues for approximately 58 metres to Point E on the Plan, grid reference 5006070979. It continues in a general east-south-easterly direction for approximately 48 metres to Point F on the Plan, grid reference 5006110977. It then proceeds in a general south-south-easterly direction for approximately 216 metres to Point G on the Plan, grid

reference 5006260962. It reverts to a general east-south-easterly direction and continues for approximately 147 metres to a field gate at Point H on the Plan, grid reference 5006380955 and then for approximately 10 metres to another field gate at Point I on the Plan, grid reference 3006400955. It then proceeds in a general east-south-easterly direction for approximately 39 metres to terminate at Point J on the Plan, grid reference S006450954, its junction being with Public Right of Way bridleway Pant 11. The length of the footpath is approximately 710 metres with a width of between 3 and 5 metres.

The purpose of the Inquiry is to enable the Inspector to hear representation from those persons who have objected to the Order. Any other interested persons may also attend and be allowed to speak at the discretion of the Inspector.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to the Order may do so by appointment at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, The Legal Department, Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN during normal office hours. (Council contact: Geraint Morgan tel.no: 01685 725000 – email Geraint.morgan@merthyr.gov.uk)

Isabel Nethell
Authorised by the Welsh Ministers

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL TROEDYRHIW 71 (PART) DIVERSION ORDER 2016

On 31st March 2017 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from grid reference S005020347 to grid reference S005100352 to a line running from grid reference S00501352 to grid reference S005100352, as shown on the order maps. The width is 2 metres.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Ty Keir Hardie, Avenue de Clichy, Merthyr Tydfil from 0900 to 1700 on Monday to Friday. Copies of the order and maps may be bought at the price of £10.

The order comes into force as from 29th April 2017, but if any person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under that Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from 1st April 2017, make an application to the High Court.

Dated 1st April 2017

C M Kennedy,
Legal & Democratic Services
Manager, Merthyr Tydfil
County Borough Council, Civic
Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr
Tydfil CF47 8AN

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Civic Centre and other Council offices and departments will be closed on the following days :-

Friday 14th April & Monday 17th April 2017

REFUSE and KERBSIDE/GREEN WASTE RECYCLING

Usual collection Will be day collected on

Friday 14th April	Saturday 15th April
Monday 17th April	Tuesday 18th April
Tuesday 18th April	Wednesday 19th April
Wednesday 19th April	Thursday 20th April
Thursday 20th April	Friday 21st April
Friday 21st April	Saturday 22nd April

Kerbside garden waste collections will commence from Monday April 3rd 2017. Your collections will be fortnightly on the same day but the opposite week to your refuse collections. For further information please enter your postcode on the home page at www.recycleformerthyr.co.uk

CIVIC AMENITIES SITES

Open as normal - Summer opening times (9:00am – 8:00pm) apply

REGISTRAR'S

Friday 14th April	Closed
Monday 17th April	Closed

EMERGENCY DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

The telephone number for emergencies relating to drains serving Merthyr Valley Homes properties during the holiday period is Merthyr Tydfil (01685) 385231. Sewerage problems relating to all other properties should be directed to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water on 08000 853968.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services will close at 5.00pm on Thursday 13th April until 08:30am on Tuesday 18th April when normal opening hours will resume. During the holiday closure, for emergencies contact the Emergency Duty Team on 01443 743665

Easter Holiday Burial Arrangements

Please note that the Bereavement Services Office will be closed on Friday 14th April & Monday 17th April, 2017

Burial arrangements will be as follows:

<u>Interment</u> <u>Application</u> <u>Received</u> <u>Place</u>	<u>Burial</u> <u>to Take</u>
Tuesday 11th April	Tuesday 18th April
Wednesday 12th April	Wednesday 19th April
Thursday 13th April	Thursday 20th April
Tuesday 18th April	Friday 21st April (Normal)

The Cemetery Office will be open for burial arrangements as normal on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

You are reminded that interments cannot take place on Sunday, Good Friday or Easter Monday, Bank Holiday or other appointed for Public Thanksgiving or Mourning, except in cases of emergency, to be certified by a Coroner or Registered Medical Practitioner, such interments to take place before 12 noon.

Should you find any difficulty with these arrangements, please telephone the Bereavement Services Office on 01685 725145 as soon as possible.

Please note that all MTCBC cemeteries are open to the public every day of the year including Christmas Day, weather permitting

Gareth Chapman
Chief Executive

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Dydd Mercher	19 Ebrill	Dydd Mercher	12 Ebrill
Dydd Iau	20 Ebrill	Dydd Iau	13 Ebrill
Dydd Gwener	21 Ebrill	Dydd Mawrth	14 Ebrill
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Dydd Mercher	19 Ebrill	Dydd Mercher	12 Ebrill
Dydd Iau	20 Ebrill	Dydd Iau	13 Ebrill
Dydd Gwener	21 Ebrill	Dydd Mawrth	14 Ebrill
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**TO ! 21
Ebrill
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Kidz Gwyliau Pasg

18, 19 & 20 Ebrill from
9.00 - 12.00
Canolfan Hamdden Merthyr

gwersyll pêl-droed ! blant 5-14 oed

11, 12, 13 Ebrill
9.00 - 12.00
gwersyll pêl-droed Gurnos 3G

Pêl-droed y Pasg ! blant 5-16 oed

11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 Ebrill
9.00 - 3.00
Yn y Canolfan Gôl, Merthyr Tudful

Kids hefyd Nofio am ddim yng Nghanolfan

Cystyllt i'w uch â Lisa Jones 01685 727452/07544888069
neu e-bostiwch: lisa.davies@merthyrleisuretrust.co.uk

Hamdden Merthyr 11.00-12.00 yn ystod Gwyliau'r Pasg

Taith Dywys a Helfa Wyaau Pasg

Dydd Mawrth, 11 Ebrill
1.00 - 3.00
Parc Taff Bargoed

Arddangosfa Egyptomania 2017

21 Mawrth - 30 Mehefin
Amgueddfa ac Oriel Gelf Castell
Cyfarthfa





Cwmnïau'n dysgu am gyfleoedd gwaith adfywio Pontmorlais

Gwnaeth cwmnïau ledled De-ddwyrain Cymru fynychu digwyddiad 'Cwrd â'r Ffynwr' yn y gobaith o sicrhau gwaith yn un o brosiectau adfywio mwyaf pwysig Merthyr Tudful.

Roedd adeiladwyr, penseiri, sgaffaldwyr a thirlunwyr yng Nghanoftan Fueses Orbit ym Mharc Busnes Rhydycar i ddysgu

Ymhlith adeiladau Pontmorlais sydd eisoes wedi elwa o fuddsoddiad mewnol fel rhan

Neuadd y Dref (Redhouse), Capel Soar a'r hen YMCA.

Mae cam nesaf gwaith Ardal Dreftadaeth Dreflun Pontmorlais, Parhau'r Dadeni yn cynnwys adfer nodweddion hanesyddol

Yn ogystal â chilywed am y rhaglen £1.9m, cafodd y cwmnïau gan ddefnyddio dulliau a

wybod am gyfleoedd arfaethedig y dyfodol a hefyd derbyn cynngor am sut i gofrestru ar gyfer

canol y dref.

Marchnad Ffermwyr yn nodi llwyddiant trwy gael ei chynnal ddwywaith y mis

Mae llwyddiant marchnad ffermwyr Merthyr Tudful, yn unig farchnad ffermwyr rheolaidd yn y De wedi arwain i'r farchnad gael ei chynnal o sydd wedi ei halltu ac sydd a'r cynhyrchydd saws chilli lleol, Cynhellir y farchnad ar Ffordd Graham ar y Stryd Fawr rhwng 10am a 2pm. Er mwyn bod yn gymwys i fasnachu yno, mae'n rhaid i gynnyrch gael gwerth ychwanegol a chael eu radisws o 50 milltir o Fferthyr Tudful. Am ragor o wybodaeth neu i drafod cymryd rhan mewn copr, lleddr a sidan er mwyn creu neu emwaith personol unigryw. Masnachwyr arall o Fferthyr Tudful yw Bows and Bobbles sy'n cynhyrchu rhubanu



Cwrs Cyflwyniad i Adeiladu yn gwneud hyfforddion yn barod ar gyfer gwaith yn y diwydiant

Mae pobl ddi-waith gan gynnwys llanc ifanc yn ei ardegau sydd newydd adael yr ysgol ynghyd â chyn löwr wedi gosod sylfeini ar gyfer gyrfa yn y byd adeiladu drwy gyfrannu! gwerthfawr a chael blas o weithio i gwmni cenedlaethol. Mae'r profiad wedi gwella eu

Enillodd Ross Andrews, 23, Aberfan o

hunanhyder yn ogystal â bod yn llawer o hwyl," dywedodd

gymhwyster mewn gwaithio o uchder, codi a chario, ymwybyddiaeth o

asbestos, Tgach a cherdyn Ardystio Sgiliau Adeiladu.

"Roedd y cwrs yn wych," dywedodd. "Rwy'n teimlo'n

llawer mwy hyderus am gael swydd – rwy'n fwy cyflogadwy

gan fod gen i'r tystysgrifau i fy nghenrhyngi. Roedd yr ymarfer

sgiliau cyfweiliad yn wych hefyd. Nid wyf wedi cael cyfweiliad

ers amser ond nawr rwy'n gwybod beth i'w ddisgwyl a sut i

baratoi ar ei gyfer. "Heb Cymunedau'n Gynatf,

ni fyddwn wedi medru talu am y cwrsiau na chael y profiad

Keepmoat. O ganlyniad i'r cwrs 10 diwrnod, 'Cyflwyniad i Adeiladu,' maent wedi dysgu sgiliau codi a chario, ymwybyddiaeth o asbestos, gwaithio o uchder, Tgach, ysgrifennu CV a thechnegau cyfweiliad.

Catwyd hefyd gyflie i ymweld â safle adeiladu, diwrnod o wirfoddoli cymunedol yn Ysgol Gynradd Treodryhiw a diwrnod

adeiladu tîm yng Nghanoftan



Dywedodd Cynngoror Bwrdeistref Siroi Merthyr Tudful, Chris Barry: "Mae'r Cwrs 'Cyflwyniad i Adeiladu' yn gyflie gwybodaeth i bobl wella eu gobethion am swyddi a'u hunanhyder a byddwn yn annog ein trigolion lleol i fanteisio arno." Gall unrhywun sy'n dymuno canfod os ydynt yn gymwys i dderbyn cerfnogaeth ffonio Clwstwr y De cymunedau'n Gynatf ar 01443 690178.

O'r chwith, Claire Williams a Hannah Mills o Cymunedau'n Gynatf, Cyfranogwyr y Cwrs Cyflwyniad i Adeiladu Jeff Thomas, Ross Andrews, Brenning Lewis – cyfranogwr, Connor Phillips – cyfranogwr, Linda Birch – Cymunedau Ar Gyfer Gwaith, Charlie Hargreaves – Keepmoat, Thomas Bunce – Cymdeithas Tai Merthyr.

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"Mae'r Ganoftan yn cynnig cymorth cynhyrfawr ac mae gennym swyddfeydd ar gyfer busnesau newydd a chynyddol."



Bob dydd Gwener, mae disgyblion Ysgol Gynradd Pantysgallong sy'n cyflawni presenoldeb 100% drwy gydol yr wythnos yn cael mwynau panned o siocled poeth a bisgïen gyda'r Pennaeth, Mr Thomas.

Dosbarth Caerdydd yw sêr presenoldeb Coed-y-Dderwen!

Bob dydd Llun rydym yn cael ennill bob tro. Gwnaethon nhw ennill y tŷws am chwe wythnos allan o'r saith! Dyma'r unig ddosbarth â phresenoldeb 100% ar ddiwrnod pan oedd hi'n bwrw eira. Fel gwobr am ymgeisio mor galed i ddod i'r ysgol bob dydd, dywedodd Mrs Jones y byddan nhw'n derbyn gwobr arbennig. Wrth i ni ysgyffennu, mae'r plant yn dewis eu gwobr. Mae Dosbarth Caerdydd a'i athrawes Miss Craddock yn benderfynol o ennill bob wythnos y tymor hwn hefyd! Tm ysgyffennu Y Dderwen Dyddiol



Mae Ysgol Gyrradd Gwanffarren yn dathlu presenoldeb yn eu gwasanaethau cyflawni! ble caiff cwpan presenoldeb a gwobr eu cyflwyno i'r dosbarth â'r presenoldeb gorau yn yr ysgol, yn ogystal â hyn, maent yn cael sylw ar dudalenau Facebook a Twitter yr ysgol yn ogystal â'i gwfan.



Yn 2017 gofynnwyd i Ysgol Uwchradd Pen y Dre gyflwyno 'Astudiadaeth Achos Arfer Orau' i Estyn! rannu ein gwathb ynghyd llesiant a pherthnasoedd iach. Dywedodd Estyn bod ein strategaethau gwella presenoldeb yn effeithiol a bod rhieni a disgyblion yn teimlo eu bod yn cael eu gwerthfawrogi'n fawr a'u cynnwys ym mywyd yr ysgol. Mewn gwirionedd,

roedd bodlondeb â'r ysgol yn llawer uwch na'r cyfartaledd cenedlaethol sydd ychydig yn is na 100%. Mae'r ffotos hyn yn dangos rhai o'n disgysbillion ym mwyddyn 10 ac 11 y tu allan i'r Swyddfa Presenoldeb yn dathlu llwyddiant diweddar eu TGAU. Maen nhw'n gallu dilyn trywydd eu presenoldeb ar Dabi Cynghrair Presenoldeb gan wybod fod presenoldeb a chyrrhaeddau

wedi eu cysylltu'n agos at ei
 gilydd. Maen nhw i gyd yn
 ymwybodol bod angen iddy
 nhw, er mwyn iddy nhw
 gael y grawdd gorau posibl,
 fod yn yr ysgol fel nad ydy
 nhw'n colli allan ar unrhyw
 beth. Mae ein llysgenhaddon
 presentideb yn dangos
 os ydych chi'n bresennol,
 byddwch yn cyflawni'. Mae
 hyn yn cysylltu'n dda ag
 arwyddair yr ysgol 'Ymgeisio
 Cyflawni CREDU'.



Os oes angen cymorth neu gyngor arnoch ar sut i wella presenoldeb eich plant yn y
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Tudalen 3

Mae Pob Dydd yn Cyfri!

Mae cyrhaeddad disgyblion o'r flaenorïaeth bennaf ac mae presenoiddeb yn yr ysgol yn allweddol i hynny. Mae presenoiddeb wedi cynyddu mewn ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd ledled Merthyr Tudful dros yr ychydig flynnyddoedd diwethaf, ac ni fyddem ni wedi gallu cyflawni hyn heb gefnogaeth pawb. Mae'n wych gallu rhannu'r holl lwyddiannau mewn ysgolion â chi a llongyfarch disgyblion, eu teuluoedd a'r ysgolion ar y cyflawniadau hyn.

Dorothy Haines, Prif Swyddog Meddygol



Disgyblion Ysgol Gynradd Trelewis yn cyffroi ar eu ffordd i fowlio sef eu gwobr am gyflawni presenoiddeb 100% y tymor diwethaf. Trip i'r sinema fydd y wobwr am y presenoiddeb gorau y tymor hwn.



Hefyd, catodd bwrdd cystadlu newydd ei osod i fyni yn y brif neuadd ble caiff presenoiddeb dosbarth ei gofnodi bob wythnos, â'r dosbarth ar y brig yn ennill amser egwyli ychwanegol fel gwobr.

Cynhaliwyd Parti Popcorn ar 27 Chwefror i ddisgyblion Ysgol Gynradd Treedyrhiw a oedd wedi dangos presenoiddeb o 96-100% ym 17 Chwefror. Rhoddir startiau tic bob hanner tymor i'r plant i gyd, i'w cymryd at y llenni, gan eu hannog



Ysgol Uwchradd Cyfarthfa yn parhau i ddatihlu cyfradd presenoiddeb clodwiw iawn a gyflawnwyd ar draws yr ysgol gyfan. Yn ystod tymor cyntaf y flwyddyn academaidd gyfredol, cafwyd record o 262 o ran nifer o ddysgyblion yn cyflawni presenoiddeb o 100%, sy'n gyfartal â 23% ffantastig o boblogaeth yr ysgol. Mae disgyblion yn parhau i gael eu cymell gan amrywiaeth o fentrau a chymhellion wedi eu llunio ar gyfer grwpiau oedran penodol: gwobrau raffi, talebau anrhegion, tystysgrifau, tabiau cynghrair, tocynnau rygbi/pêl-droed a gwasanaethau arbeninig i gydhabod bod presenoiddeb yn gwellu, ac maen nhw'n digwydd yn rheolaidd drwy gydol bob hanner tymor.

Mae staff yn y llun hefyd, a wnaeth chwarae rôl hanfodol ym mhresenoiddeb yr ysgol ac sy'n rhannu yn llwyddiant y disgyblion.

Disgyblion Blwyddyn 7 a gyflawnodd presenoiddeb 100% o fis Medi – dyddiad heddiw (10 Mawrth).



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arolygiad Estyn



Mae Ysgol Gyrradd ym Morthyr Tudful wedi cael gwobr genedlaethol i gydnabod ei perfformiad – fwyddyn ar ôl ei sefydlu yn dilyn uno.

Mae Parc Cyfarthfa ymysg 28 sefydliad addysg a hyfforddiant yng Nghymru sydd wedi derbyn dyfarniad 'rhagorol' mewn arolygiad o ansawdd a safonau gan yr arolygydd Estyn yn 2015-16.

Dywedodd adroddiad Estyn yn dilyn yr uno rhwng Ysgol Babanod Ffordd Aberhonddu ac Ysgol Iau Cyfarthfa yn 2014, 'Mae'r uwch arweinwyr wedi cyflwyno llawer o welliannau sydd wedi cael effaith glir ar safonau a lles disgyblion'.

Mae'r adroddiad ychwanegu: "Mae gwledigaeth ac arweiniad rhagorol y pennaeith wedi fer sy'n manylu ar yr hyn a rhan o dafien Estyn a'r ffilma mis Mawrth a bydd bellach yn wobrwyo yng Nghaerdydd ym Gwahodddwyd yr ysgol i noson atebolirwyd yn gryf iawn."

"Mae pob aelod o staff yn weithgar yn y broses o wella'r ysgol, ac mae llinellau ar draws yr ysgol. Sicrhau addysgu da neu well ac i weddill i'r ysgol, sy'n targedau heriol iawn i'w hun arweinyddiaeth yn gosod yn effeithiol, mae'r tîm Trwy reoli perfformiad uchel a darpariaeth effeithiol. drylwyr ar hyrwyddo safonau effeithiol yn canolbwyntio'n a'r uwch dim rheoli hynod "Mae'r Dirprwy Bennaeith llwyddiannus iawn tra'n cynnal safonau uchel ar draws yr ysgol. bod yn allweddol i reoli newid

gyflawmwyd gan ddarparwyr addysg flaenllaw. Dywedodd y Pennaeth, Owen Morgan wrth Contact/Cyswllt: "Roedd yr ysgol gyfan yn falch iawn o gael dyfarniad gan Estyn yn cydnabod arfer ragorol yn yr ysgol. "Mae'r wobr yn dyst i waith caled y gymuned ysgol gyfan, yn enwedig y staff sydd mor ymrwymedig ac ymroddedig i addysg y plant sy'n mynychu Ysgol Gynradd Parc Cyfarthfa. "Mae'r adroddiad arolygu yn amlgu nid yn unig y staff ymroddedig ond hefyd y rhieni! cefnogi, llywodraethwyr rhagweithiol ac yn bwysicaf oll ymddygiad da ac agweddau cadarnhaol sy'n cael eu harddangos gan bob ddisgynydd! yn yr ysgol."

Straeon Llywyddiant Gofalwyr Maeth

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"Mae'r Ganoifan yn cynnig cymorth cynhwysfawr ac mae genym swyddfeydd ar gyfer busnesau newyddachynyddol o bob llw a llun, ynghyd â chyffusterau cynyddedda, ystafelloedd hyfforddi ac ystafelloedd cyfarfod," meddai'r rheolwr Lance Whiteley.

Mae'r Ganoifan hefyd yn cynnig parcio am ddim, band eang di-wifr a chyflym iawn, mynediad i gyffusterau argarffu a sganio, gyffusterau i bwerau glliniaduron a ffônau symudol, gwasanaeth casgliu post a chawodpdd.

"Mae gan Fferthyr Tudful un o'r economïau busnes sy'n tyfu gyflymaf yn y De, sydd wedi'i

hategu gan raglen fuddsodi!
syllweddol, ychwanegodd Lance
Whitley. "Mae gan Ganoffan
Orbit microhinsawdd o amrywiaeth
economaidd a chylp-gymorth, gyda
llawer o'n tennantiaid i'w gynwethio
gydag ac ar gyfer ei gilydd."
Heblaw am ei leoliad cyfheus
— mae'r ganoffan yng nghanol
Morthyr Tudful, drws nesaf i adeilad
Llywodraeth Cymru a rhwng ffyrdd
yr A470 a'r A465 — mae ei seilwaith
TG ymhlith y gorau hefyd.
Ry'n ni'n gwella ein cyfheusterau
TG yn barhaol, ac mae ein band
eang cyflym iawn ymysg y cyflymaf
yn yr ardal," dywedodd Lance "Mae
e'n rhedeg ar gyflymdra o 100MB,
sy'n rhoi mantais anferth i ni. Pan
flogio mewn a chwarae mewn
modd symbl dros ben.
"Mae'r da ni dim dedwydd ar y safle
i ateb holl anghenion defnyddwyr y
Ganoffan — o Swyddog Adnoddau i
gefnogaeth TG ar safle, derbynwyr
a chefnogaeth gweinyddu."

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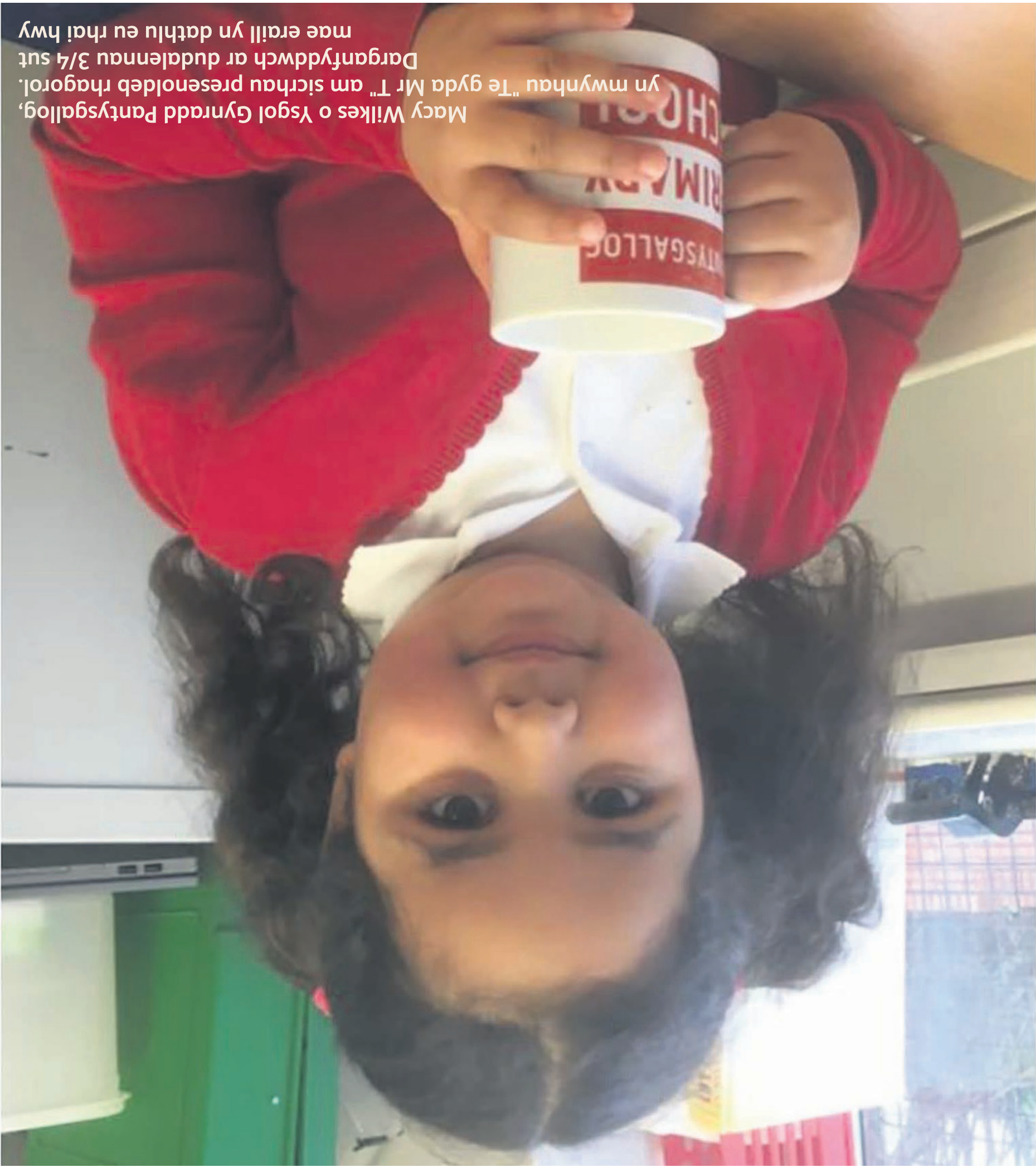


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Macy Wilkes o Ysgol Gynradd Pantysgallog,
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mae eraill yn dathlu eu rhai hwy



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