



This half term has flown by... but not even the 'Beast from the East' could stop our pupils achieving success over the last five weeks. We're pleased to bring to you the Ysgol Aberconwy newsletter which highlights successes and achievements over the last half term. We hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Sixth Form Girls Win @ The Big Bang Fair!

On Tuesday 13th March Alen, Kara, Mim, Nicole and Ruth represented Ysgol Aberconwy at The Big Bang Fair in Venue Cymru. The girls entered the EESW (Engineering Education Scheme Wales) Awards which encourages young people to consider engineering as a career.

Not only did they showcase their project work; Energy Neutral Water & Waste Water, they won 'Best Energy Appreciation Project' Well done girls!



We celebrated St. David's Day...

Pupils who attend 'Caban', a Welsh speaking lunchtime club celebrated St. David's day with some delicious homemade Bara Brith!



Key dates coming up:

- Monday 9th April:** Staff Training Day (school closed)
- Tuesday 10th April:** School opens for pupils
- Tuesday 1st May:** Year 10 parents evening
- Monday 7th May:** Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 8th May:** GCSE Exams start
- Monday 14th May:** GCE Exams start
- Friday 25th May:** Last day before half term

Don't forget key event dates can be found on our website too...

Have you seen our latest addition?

Sodexo enlisted the help of local carver Edward Parkes, to transform what was a tree stump into a wonderful piece of wood art. The original tree, due to health and safety reasons, had to be cut down and in its place sits this educational themed woodcarving.

In addition, Sodexo have also planted another Monterey Cypress to replace the original tree, giving something back to the local environment too!

Thank you to Sodexo for your beautiful gift to Ysgol Aberconwy.





Did you catch Ysgol Aberconwy on TV?

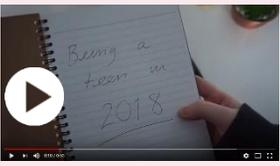


Ysgol Aberconwy pupils Malin and Isaac worked with the BBC and ITV recently on a special news piece highlighting the importance of disability access in schools across Wales, following a report released by the Children's Commissioner for Wales!



Check out their videos here...

Our Sixth Form pupils have also been busy creating, producing and editing news pieces which went live across the UK on BBC School Report's News Day – Thursday 15th March!



Big Ideas Wales...

Our Year 9 pupils were left feeling inspired after hearing from five local entrepreneurs.

Recently we welcomed Julie (Mobile Crèche), David (Dfs4 Ltd), Sharon (Creating Enterprise), Jake (Fitzpatrick's Café) and Liz (Liz's Kids) to the school, where they spent time with pupils discussing what it takes to be your own boss!



Ysgol Aberconwy Pupils Showcase Their Talents in Aberystwyth



Recently a group of pupils travelled to Aberystwyth to perform 'The Changing Room' on stage as part of the Connections Scheme.

The Connections Scheme was created by the National Theatre for young actors and actresses to showcase their skills in acting.



The day was full of activities to aid their acting skills and through the tech rehearsals pupils had the valuable opportunity to see how other parts of the theatre are managed and run.

They also had the chance to meet pupils from other schools and colleges, whilst having some time to bond as a group themselves. Well done to everyone involved!



E-Safety Advice for Parents & Guardians...

Following feedback, we're pleased to introduce 'E-Safety Advice for Parents & Guardians' to bring to you some tips on keeping your child/children safe online. E-safety is a term which not only refers to the internet but other ways in which young people communicate using electronic media, for example mobile phones and this is the focus for the first feature...



As we're all aware the majority, if not all children especially at secondary school age, now have mobile phones and in particular a Smartphone. But do you know what your child can access on their Smartphone? If your child has an iPhone did you know about the parental control feature? There is also a similar feature for Android phones too.

iPhone parental control feature...

- Click settings
- General
- Restrictions
- Enable Restrictions
- Set a passcode
- Select the areas you wish to restrict



Protect personal information...

Smartphones have access to lots of personal information for example photos, videos and automatic logins set up for email, social networking sites such as Facebook and also most importantly bank accounts.

Do all phones in your household have a passcode set, to control who accesses the information stored on a Smartphone?

Sporting achievements...



Congratulations to Ben Foggo and Sam Roberts in Year 11, who finished first and second place respectively in the British Youth Weightlifting Championships in Luton on the 3rd of February! Well done!

Well done to our Year 7/8 girls football team! In their first season together they've reached the last eight in the Welsh Schools Cup!



Well done to Lorenzo Cutts, for achieving first place in his category, at his first race of the season at Llandysul Paddlers

