



Welshpool High School

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Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

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Student Council Takeover

This week the school council will be taking over the bulletin to provide an insight on all the exciting opportunities that have happened so far in the school year. Attending school council meetings is something that we both extremely enjoy, seeing how involved and passionate the younger students are about all aspects of their education and our community is very inspiring.

For us, this past year has been incredible successful and rewarding. Working with the school council we have successfully launched our Be Kind campaign, encouraging and celebrating acts of kindness with the help of inspirational figures relevant to each department. Something that we both are really proud of and thoroughly enjoy is our drop-in wellbeing sessions with lower school. We have tried to implement these sessions every month and they have always had a great turn out. Whether its playing chess, cards or Jenga it's been amazing to build bridges between lower school and upper school and we have enjoyed encouraging students to take part and have fun.

During this year the Student Leadership Team has had the opportunity to organise some incredible events. Our personal favourite being The Race For Life, seeing all year groups come together in their house colours to raise money for a fantastic cause was very moving. Another favourite was the Christmas show hosted by Santa himself. We'd like to say a big thank to the teachers who took part for making it such a memorable occasion and to our audience for being so supportive.

Our experience at Sixth Form has been one of a kind. Every day we are supported by excellent staff who encourage us to be our best selves. The common room is always filled with friendly faces, and we feel there is a genuine buzz about Sixth Form especially with the opening of our new and improved study room. Going into our last few months at the school we feel reassured in our place at this school and the events that we have held, and continue to hold, have only strengthened the sense of unity between the Sixth Form and the rest of the school.

Alan Wiltshire-Fessey and Maddie Wilson



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Peer Mentor Training

On the 6th of February we had Jess Metcalf from Powys come in to train members of our 6th form and representatives of the student council in Peer Mentoring skills. Thanks to those people that had volunteered, there are now 11 peer mentors that have been trained officially for any assistance needed from the pupils within our school.

These pupils went through different scenarios that helped them get to know different ways of assisting someone that may need support for different reasons in school. These pupils are willing to help their fellow students and we are now exploring ways in which we can make our peer mentor team accessible to those who would appreciate support. Watch this space!

Tyler Martin

Mary Poppins

Backstage view on Mary Poppins.

The energy backstage during the Mary Poppins performances was electric. From the leading characters to the chorus to the crew, everybody was having so much fun.

Even beforehand, in the rehearsals during the lunch times and in the days leading up to the performance, everybody was so excited. The cast had an amazing time practising, learning lines and choreography, becoming a community and even a family.

During the performance, people were definitely nervous, however everybody did absolutely amazingly and had such a good time. Mishaps did occur, as they inevitably will, but they were extremely well dealt with and every single cast and crew member supported each other incredibly well.

Finally, after the show people were buzzing. Not just the cast but also the entire audience too, with incredible feedback from everyone who came. No face was left without a smile, and no heart was left unfilled.

Mary Poppins was truly a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Ryan Davies, head of backstage crew

An Insider's View of 'Mary Poppins'.

A lot of work went into making the production as close to the stage adaptation of Mary Poppins. The whole cast and crew worked so hard and it was very fun to be a part of. I played Winifred Banks and I can say it was so much fun and I enjoyed every moment of it. The cast had two main rehearsals a week and those who were in the main cast had extra rehearsals which covered areas such as acting and singing.

Mary Poppins was very successful and provided lots of opportunities for students who had a keen interest in the creative arts and we received lots of positive feedback from the primary schools on the 5th of February as they all came and watched our dress rehearsal. Overall, the feedback we got after the show was incredible and the support from the local businesses was amazing. It was a lot of hard work but it was all completely worth it and I would do it all again if I could.

Cerys Ashworth



Ski Trip

WHS Ski Trip to Claviere, Italy: A Memorable Adventure



Earlier this term, students from our school returned from an exhilarating ski trip to Claviere, Italy, with unforgettable memories. The journey had commenced early in the morning of 28th January and after a few hours of travel the picturesque peaks of the Italian and French Alps greeted us in the morning light.

Throughout the trip, participants had the opportunity to hone their skiing skills on pristine slopes, guided by multiple skilled instructors. Beginners found their footing on gentle tracks, while more advanced skiers tackled the challenging descents of nearby runs, it's safe to say there was fun for everyone!

Aside from skiing, the trip provided a look into the charm of Italian mountain life. Students regularly went into the small town of Claviere to purchase gifts for family and tasty snacks from the bakery. Furthermore, Hotel Miramonte provided excellent Italian cuisine, giving students hearty meals of pasta, gelato and many other delicacies.

In conclusion, students had a great time gliding down the slopes, exploring the town of Claviere or just relishing in the beauty of the surrounding mountains. From my point of view, the trip was a massive success! Noah Dearing

Judo Championships

On the 27th January, 2 members of Go Judo travelled to Cardiff to compete in the British Schools Regional Championships.

I came 1st and received a gold medal and Jacob Nisbett (Year 13) came 4th place and obtained a bronze medal. Both Jacob and I are representing Welshpool High School by going to compete at the British Schools Championships on March 10th.

Zoe Castell (Year 13)



Eisteddfod

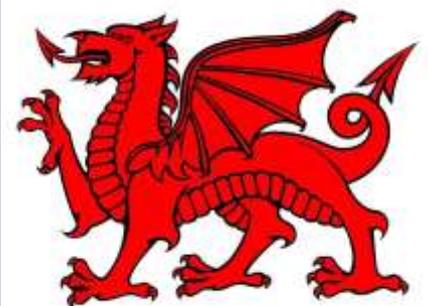
The Eisteddfod is coming up and here is the key information:

The various competitions that will take place allow pupils to compete against their fellow classmates and win points for their houses. The winners of competitions will be awarded 20 points for first place, 15 for second place and 10 for third place and competitions will be running over the next couple of weeks until the Eisteddfod finishes, including off-stage competitions and opportunities to perform on stage.

Teachers will no doubt give all of the information that is needed to take part.

Everyone who takes part will get a house point for entering and it all counts towards the house competition, so get entering!

Riley Pryce



Hay Festival Scribblers' Tour

The 2024 Scribblers' Tour is held all over Wales. When Welshpool High School went, we went to Wrexham University on January 29th. The tour travels all over Wales with different writers who are inspiring writers and poets, to try to inspire young people to be creative in their writing. I had been on the Scribblers' Tour with my primary school, but that was held at Aberystwyth University, rather than Wrexham. It was nice to go to a different university for a change, even though Aberystwyth University was amazing!

When we went to Wrexham this year, other schools were also there,

which made it more exciting. We got to spend the whole day immersed in the tour, learning different writing techniques from the activity newspapers that they gave to us. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect to inspiring writers and spark our creativity. I'm so grateful for the experience and all of the memories me and the others who were invited made. It's a great way to be able to learn about the writers' techniques so we can use them in future in school or at home. It was a great day which I and others are thankful for.

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