



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher

Last Friday's school Sports Day was a fabulous event. Students across all year groups took part in a whole host of athletics events and there were many fantastic performances. It was great to see such high participation levels, and heartening to watch students try activities in order to gain additional points for their houses.



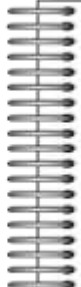
It was a pleasure to watch as some of the long-standing school records were broken, and some of the races in particular were hotly contested. But it was equally fascinating to see how the students cheered each other on and got immersed in the positive spirit that was on show.

The House System has truly taken off this year and as we approach the final few weeks of competitions Efyrynwy are in the lead, closely followed by Hafren. It promises to be a tight finish to what has been a year packed with fun events. As the only neutral member of the school who isn't in a House (so that I can be impartial), I have watched the excitement grow with great interest.

We also had one very special new award this year, The Huw Williams trophy. This was awarded to the form group that gained the most points on Sports day. The proud winners of this award were 8HT.

The Student Council wanted to remember Mr Williams on Sports day as he absolutely loved this occasion in the school calendar. He would always encourage each and every student to do their best in whatever event they were competing in.

It was an honour to present this trophy and I really appreciated the reception that the students and staff gave the winning form. Huw would have been very proud.

Upcoming Events

INSET DAY:
Monday 24th June.
School is closed to pupils.

Sports Day

It was a bit of a gamble if Sports Day would take place due to the weather but we were lucky that after some initial rain showers we were all able to have had a fantastic day in the dry. The effort & participation levels from the pupils was really high!



Sports Day Gallery



WINNERS:

Inter-Form Shields

Year 7 – 7RW

Year 8 – 8HT

Year 9 – 9AH

Year 10 – 10SMc

Huw Williams Trophy

8HT

Victor and Victrix Ludorums

Year 7 – Alex Howard & Rubie Wygold

Year 8 – Jude White & Bella Roberts

Year 9 – Henry Ryder & Phoebe Heighway

Year 10 – Noah White & Libby Loxam

Save The Dates

This year's summer concert takes place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please save the date and share the event. Thank you!



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Summer Concert

Theatr Clera 2024

Tuesday 9th and
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at 7pm

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Tickets available from: School Finance Office - 01938 552014

Adults: £5 All Concessions: £3

Lee Child Visit

On the afternoon of Friday 7th June, we were incredibly fortunate to be visited by international best-selling author Lee Child, creator of the 'Jack Reacher' series. Around 40 pupils and numerous staff members (and keen readers of the novels) listened to Lee read an extract from his novel 'Gone Tomorrow' and talk about his life as an author.

Our pupils asked a wide range of questions, from 'Are your characters inspired by people you know in real life?' to 'Which football team to do support?' all of which were answered with thoughtful consideration by the author. He was incredibly engaging to listen to and offered expert advice on how to pursue writing as an interest and a career.

Lee really highlighted the importance of reading and access to literature and stressed the importance of having, and using, our school library. Indeed, his visit culminated with him making a generous donation towards the upkeep and stock of the library in the next school year. It was an absolute pleasure to have such an inspirational visitor, who made a real impact on everyone listening to him speak. I hope his advice, 'if you are a reader, then you can be a writer' will inspire our budding authors to put pen to paper.



Competition

Nancy Corbett recently represented Welshpool High School in a National Schools Equestrian Associations showjumping competition at Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, and came second in her class.

Well done Nancy!

Welshpool High School is hoping to enter a team in July for another competition, if you are interested in competing in any NSEA competitions please contact Mrs C Jones at the school.



World Book Day

Jan Longshadow in Year 8 recently won the KS3 World Book Day Competition. His short story impressed the judging panel and he was presented with a copy of 'Steady for this' by Nathanael Lessore. Picture credit: Y Lanfa/The Wharf: Powysland Museum and Welshpool Library.



Tour of Britain - Stage One: Welshpool

The 2024 Lloyds Bank Women's Cycling Tour of Britain hit the roads recently for four epic stages, with the best riders in the country taking on global stars here on home turf.

We took some Year 7's for a walk along the canal towpath into Welshpool to watch the first stage depart from our town.

The riders faced a formidable and challenging opening stage, with 2,276m of climbing to endure before a spectacular finish on Llandudno's promenade.

The race went on for a further three days taking in Wrexham on day 2, Warrington on day 3 and the final stage on day 4 into Manchester.



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Head of Year 8: Mrs R Aldridge Head of Year 7: Mrs J Loxam and Mrs S Lewis