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Newsletter



From the Headteacher's Desk

To the whole Gowerton School community,

Thank you so much for your support, hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to Gowerton school in my first term as Headteacher. I feel so proud of all you have achieved in this long term. You all deserve a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holidays.

Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils and staff enjoyed wearing Christmas clothing to raise money for the Roots Foundation Wales. This is a volunteer led charity based in Ravenhill, Swansea. They provide support, assistance and advice for young people. On the same day Christmas dinner was available to pupils and all thoroughly enjoyed.



Annual Christmas Carol Service

It was wonderful to return to Ebenezer Chapel, Dunvant to hold our school's Carol Service. This was the first opportunity since 2019. Readings were heard and the congregation joined the carol singing. Excellent performances were also given by music ensembles and soloists. Thank you and well done to the string orchestra, windband, sax quartet, junior and show choir. Beautiful solos were heard from pupils from year 11 – 13. Thank you Olivia, Millie, Noah, Tom and Bethan.



Criw Cymraeg



Criw Cymraeg visited the Community Café in Llanrhidian. The Criw Cymraeg have been busy recently making videos about local history. The Dunvant Brick works and Waunarlwydd Rugby club have been 2 of the most recent videos. Our pupils, with pupils from our North Gower Partnership, have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the locality.

Mr X Appeal

Thanks to staff and 6th form for collecting a wonderful selection of gifts for the Mr X appeal. This is an annual charity that we always enjoy collecting for. It is important to know we can make a difference to a child's Christmas.



December:

Right of the month:
ARTICLE 14: Right to follow your own religion



Book Swap

In October we held a 'Schools Love Reading' event in which pupils received a voucher and Mumbles' independent book shop 'Cover to Cover' brought an excellent selection of books for pupils to choose from. Last month pupils were able to participate in a book swap. It was wonderful to see the book recommendations and the positivity about reading.



Individual Successes

Congratulations to Izzy from Year 7. She has been selected for the Wales Under 13 girl's Cricket winter training squad. We look forward to hearing more about her experience in the new year. Da iawn Izzy.

Lucy L from year 8 has had amazing success recently. Here she is in the photo with her coach Alexandra Carlsen. Lucy came first with two others in the Trio competition in the Welsh Acrobatic Championships. Lucy was also Welsh Champion last year. Congratulations to Lucy.



Future Careers



Recently a group of students from Swansea University Medical school visited to hold multiple mini interviews with our Year 13 students interested in studying medicine. They also delivered a presentation and Q&A session to our year 12 who are also considering Medicine.

Congratulations to Ella D and Milly H. They ran in the Welsh Inter Region cross country championships. Ella and Milly were selected to run as part of the West Wales regional team for the U 13 race. Ella came 14th and Milly 29th out of 122 runners. Excellent results. Well done both.