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Newsletter



From the Headteacher's Desk

It is wonderful for the school community to return to a normal routine. Hearing whole year groups singing in the main hall assemblies, extra curricular clubs at lunchtimes and after school, lots of year 6 pupils and families having guided tours of the school is a pleasure. November sees the return of our Annual Service of Remembrance. As a school we have always remembered the fallen of Gowerton School. We have recently created a Garden of Remembrance and we will share more information and photos about this next month. We enjoy sharing our news from the previous month so here are some of the whole school events and individual successes from October.



World Mental Health Day

In October we celebrated 'Wear Yellow for Mental Health'. Mental Health awareness is more important than ever. The striking yellow clothing certainly brought a 'brightness' to our day and it made everyone smile.

Roald Dahl Day

To celebrate this day Year 7 were creative and ambitious when looking at Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. They collaborated to chant passages from the novel, created a fact file on the animal of their choice and then made masks.



Schools Love reading

As part of the Welsh Government initiative 'Schools Love Reading' we received a £7 book token for every pupil in Years 7 to 11. 'Cover to Cover', an independent bookshop based in Mumbles, visited the school for the day to provide a wide selection of books for pupils. It was a pleasure to see the pupils excited about choosing a book. We also plan to have a swap shop closer to Christmas to enable pupils to bring in the book and swap it with a different one.



Shw Mae Day

To celebrate 'Shw Mae day' on October 15th pupils were encouraged to say 'Shw Mae' and a Welsh phrase to as many teachers as possible. In the main hall a 'siop siarad' was held. Year 7 pupils could have a free snack from the 'shop' then sit to practice saying Welsh phrases in the 'cafe'.

Gowertonian Gift

Gowerton School would like to thank Mr David Hansen for the donation of his shirt from 2004 when he represented Wales in Fly Fishing. Mr Hansen was visiting from South Africa, where he now lives. It was wonderful to receive the gift and have the time to give Mr Hansen a short guided tour of the school. David is listed in the 'notable Gowertonians' on the Gowertonian Society Website.



<https://www.gowertonian-society.co.uk/>

We recommend this website for the interesting history of Gowerton School and the achievements of Gowertonians.

October:

Right of the month:
ARTICLE 12: Right to be heard.



Rising Stars

During October, Gower-ton presented The Rising Stars Theatre Com-pany with a cheque for £500 which will go to-wards their annual per-formance.

Our ex-pupil Pasha was a delight to watch on stage performing. Well done to all involved.



Dance Success

Huge congratulations to Payton.D Y8 who represent- ed Wales in the Momentum Contemporary Dance com- petition in Preston. Payton finished the tournament with multiple podium plac- ings, two of which were 1st. Da iawn Payton!



Athletics Success



Congratulations to Lucy H on her recent Athletics success. Currently ranked 6 in the UK Lucy was selected to throw discuss for Wales Under 17s at the SIAB international at Belfast. Representing Wales she was then invited to partic- ipate in the National School Games at Loughborough Uni- versity. Lucy also represented

Wales at a competition in Northampton under 18 with athletes from England, Scotland, Ireland and Switzer- land. Lucy won a bronze medal for Wales in the dis- cuss.

Football Success

Sophia B was selected to represent South Wales in a football match against the Republic of Ireland. Unfortunately South Wales lost but Sophia managed to get an assist on the only goal. Sophia was privileged to wear the number 11 shirt and sang the National Anthem with pride.



It was her first game versus an international team and she said it was an amazing experience. Da iawn Sophia!

Football Success

Ella's sporting passion is football. She was recent- ly selected to be part of the previously named 'West Wales Develop- ment Team'. The coaches at this development team put her forward for trials at the FAW South Academy Girls team. After several games Ella has just heard that she has been succesful. Ella proudly wears her official Welsh Footbal jersey from one of her recent games. Arbenning Ella!

