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20th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term here at Llanfyllin, I thought it would be a good time to write to you all to wish you a happy Christmas and to congratulate all of our students for their efforts since September.

We have had an excellent term, which has seen some memorable events including a visit from the Icelandic poet Andri Snær Magnason, our collaborative work with the Severn Rivers Trust on our new water garden sculpture, an excellent evening with The Mid Wales Opera Company and our recent visit from ESTYN.

There have been a number of outstanding achievements in PE this term. These include:

- U15 Girls football made it to the North Powys final of Welsh Cup, missing out to Newtown HS on penalties.
- Ella Hayward- Crosswellar and Nia Christoforou are this year's Silver Sports Ambassadors who will support the PE dept in the organisation and running of a number of sporting events throughout the year.
- Urdd Swimming Gala- Cari Jones, Dyfrig Jones, Deri McCluskey, Jamie Marsden-Jones and the Year7/8 Mixed freestyle relay team qualified to represent Powys in Cardiff.
- U16 Netball team finished runners up in the North Powys Tournament
- Gareth Owen - Achieved No.1 Ranking in Wales for Wrestling. He is now identified for the long list for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022! Gareth also achieved Silver and Bronze in the Welsh Closed Championships in Judo amongst many other successes.
- Dan Lewis, Ryan Lewis and James Smith all competed in the Welsh Open for Squash. Dan came 3rd in his age group.
- Leon Evans and Llion Price - selected to represent RGC South U15s on a number of occasions.
- Jack Davies - selected to represent Powys in U14s Football.
- Cai Gibbs - Represented Wales in the British Finals for Indoor Athletics in Manchester.
- U13s Rugby Team, U15s Football Team and U18s Football Team all making it through to County Finals - pictures for all of these can be found on the PE and Sixth Form Instagram and Twitter

Our students have also been involved in regional and national competitions. These include:

- Flo Davies Y12 - Runner Up in the GCSE Category at the WJEC National Innovation awards
- Students from Year 12 and 13 who were invited to take part in this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, a national competition with over 80 000 entrants. All performed very creditably and two of our Year 12 students, Eleanor Salmon and James Burgess, gained Bronze Certificates. To achieve such high scores in Year 12 gives a measure of their mathematical talent. Llongyfarchiadau!

We would like to ask you to support us in ensuring your child attends school regularly in the New Year and that you inform us if they are going to be absent. Please avoid the temptation of booking holidays in term time, missing school has a detrimental effect on a pupil's progress, especially in Key Stage 4 where controlled assessments feature across the curriculum and take place throughout the school year. As a result of your support during this last academic year our attendance has risen to just over 95% putting the school in the top 50% when compared to similar schools. Working together, we need to continue to improve on this in the coming year as the minimum target for school attendance is 97%.

Thank you once again for your continued and valued support. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns that we can assist you with. Please remember that the new term starts on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and hope 2019 brings you more amazing experiences. Please enjoy a very happy, peaceful, restful and safe holiday.

Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at Llanfyllin High School.

Best wishes.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dewi Owen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr Dewi Owen

Headteacher