



# Cwm Rhymni's Dreigiau Bulletin



## **Calon y Cyfan yw Cymreictod Dreigiau Cwm Rhymni. The Beating Heart of Cwm Rhymni Dragons.**

We take pride in the fact that our small but enthusiastic Year 7, 8 and 9 'Dreigiau' club continued to meet twice a week during the lunch hour. We are grateful to the teachers and the sixth form that organised the various activities including quizzes, board games, blasting Welsh contemporary music and of course, sharing the delicious chocolates which are always an added bonus! Although our numbers are still relatively small, our aim when we re-gather is to welcome new members so that we can promote the Welsh language in a natural environment.

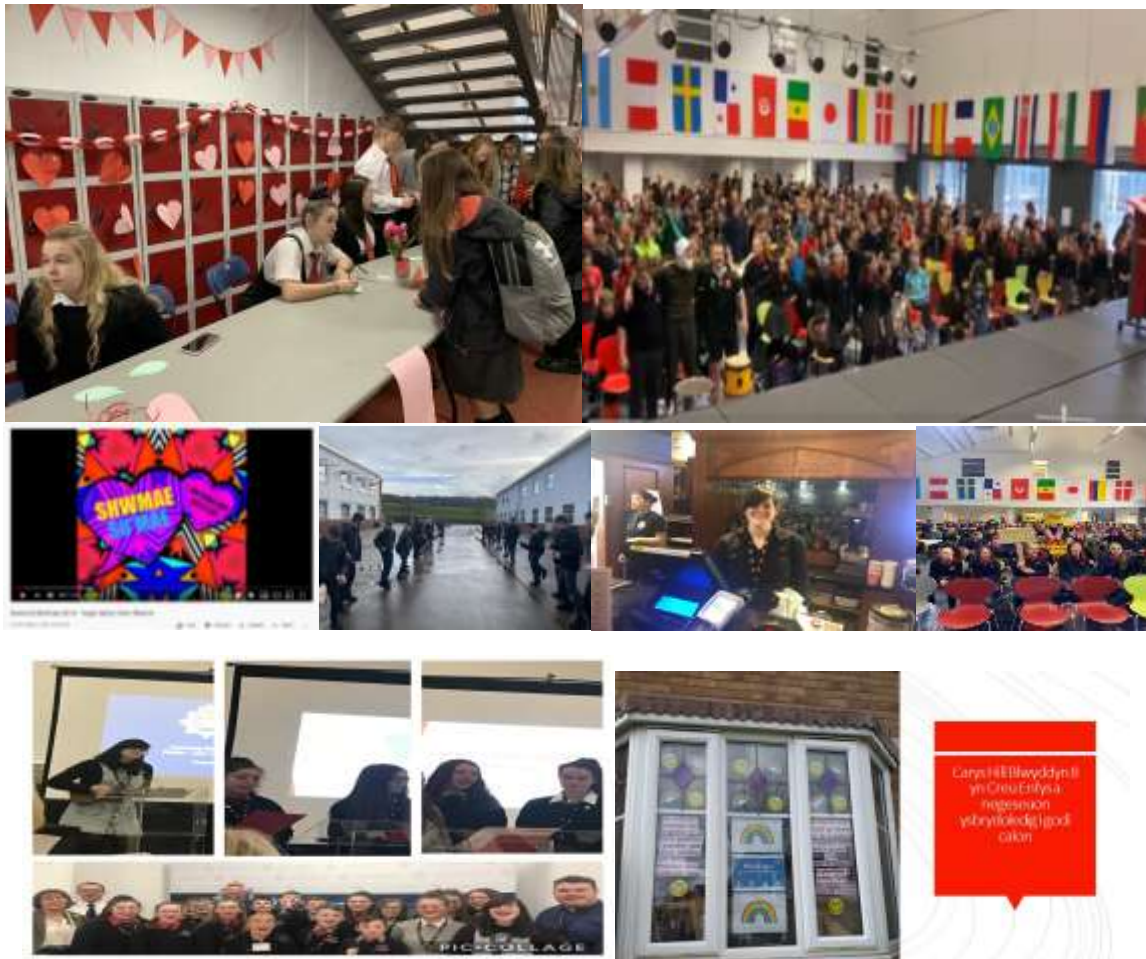
## **Ein Llwyddiannau Eleni/Celebrating our Successes**

Our joyful videos celebrating the Shw Mae day and Dydd Music Cymru (Welsh Music Day), ensured that we promoted our pride in the Welsh language and culture. We would like to thank Mr Head for his skilful editing skills! In doing so, we were able to achieve one of the 'sub-committee's' objectives, namely to spread knowledge of Welsh music. We hope to develop this aim further next year by ensuring that we promote one Welsh language band every month during the registration period.

Celebrating Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen is always a focus at the school and is a natural way to, yet again, promote our knowledge of unique Welsh folklore and ensure we raise money for the sixth form charities. The Dreigiau members collected heartfelt messages and sold sweet treats during the day and our Welsh radio show (Radio Gyts) filled the corridors with romantic music during the lunch hour. The school Eisteddfod is always another platform to showcase our school musical, acting, creative and dancing talents and the highlight this year was a passionate choral rendition of Dafydd Iwan's iconic song Yma o Hyd which has had a revival in our recent charts. The Welsh language is still alive and thriving!

One of our achievements recently was having the opportunity to attend Gwent Police Conference, celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi (St David's Day). Although the journey in the minibus with Mrs Williams at the helm was a challenge as it was raining cats and dogs, the welcoming hall in Newport was full to the brim with support towards the Welsh Language. It was a great opportunity for the Dreigiau members to hear about the array of exciting activities available in the local area and to share ideas and meet contacts such as Menter Iaith that have shown an interest in assisting us with our aims and activities. During our passionate presentations, Alisha Havard and Ffion Griffith shared information about our Welsh Language sub Committee aims and we received praise for our vibrant videos promoting Diwrnod Shw Mae. The audience was delighted as our past pupil Caitlin Fussell entertained us with her unique performance on the ukulele. We are very proud of Caitlin as she is still proud of her Welshness and still promoting the Welsh language, wearing her Welsh badge with pride at work during her gap year. Diolch Caitlin!





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**Beth yw ein gwledigaeth? What is Our Aim?**

Despite our challenging circumstances, and difficulty for us at this time to be active as a group, our aims remain. Our goal is to enrich the lives of pupils at Cwm Rhymni and to promote the Welsh language and therefore contributing to the Welsh governments’ vision to increase the number of Welsh speakers in Wales to 1,000,000 by 2050. We aim to ensure that by promoting as many Welsh activities and aspects of our heritage and culture that we enrich and inspire pupils and parents to use our unique language naturally in all aspects of life and not only to our classrooms.

Although we are not currently in our natural environment at school, our teachers are working diligently ensuring that we continue to converse with students through our distance learning strategies. This Welsh language is ‘live’ on line and the students are receiving a wealth of opportunities and creative stimuli to respond to subject knowledge and to promote wellbeing through the medium of Welsh.

We are confident that the Dreigiau will grow from strength to strength when we return to school and our main aim is to promote the language to the wider school community. Our hope is to give starter Welsh Language lessons to the canteen staff/governors and caretakers and ensure that there are posters/ cards on display, encouraging the wider school family to converse with students in Welsh. These are only baby steps but hopefully our ‘acorns’ will flourish into great oak trees. This will only happen if we, as Saint David preached, we do the little things, so Come on Cwm Rhymni Dragons, have you got the the drive and guts to join us? Why don’t you start this challenge by promoting the Welsh language with family members? Remember – Stay home, Stay Safe and support each other and the NHS.

**To all parents who have already offered their support during the year – diolch yn fawr iawn. If any parent or past pupil wishes to assist us further with our vision in promoting the Welsh language or is willing to talk about their positive experiences using the Welsh language in the community or in their workplace , please contact us.**

