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Gollop Prep Newsletter - Christmas 2009

Leading lights

We are pleased to announce the appointment of senior children who, by example, lead the school. Joshua Lewes has been made head boy, with Charlotte King taking on the role of head girl. They are supported by senior prefects from Year 6 Carwyn Bebb, Daisy Hay, Ennea Hunt and Max Sharpe. In the vertical house system and voted for by their peers, Elisabeth Barnham, Fraser Robertson and Elsbeth Thomas are heads of Gruffydd, Glyndwr and Llywelyn houses respectively. Also voted for by fellow students, representatives from all the year groups join the school council: Rhys Coldrick and Ennea Hunt (Year 6), Rhys Pritchard and Amber Thompson (Year 4 & 5), Finn Ryan-Morgan and Megan Williams (Year 2 & 3), Harvey Murray-Shelley and Olivia White (Foundation to Year 1). We know that all these pupils will set a great example to other pupils and help to drive the school forward to even greater success.



What a performance!



The considerable, diverse talents of Gollop Prep pupils never fails to amaze, and nowhere more so than on the stage. It was *A Creepy Crawly Christmas* for every pupil in Gollop Prep, from the youngest to the eldest.

This Christmas musical was a delight for the packed audiences who watched it in late December. Every member of the cast performed superbly and we must also thank the parents who provided such wonderful costumes.

For the first time this year, children from Years 4 to 6 also had the chance to join with Years 7 and 8 in both music and drama. Three members of

the Gollop Prep – Charlotte King, Rhys Pritchard and Tiegan Samuel – were in the choir for the Christmas Concert and Carwyn Bebb, Charlotte King, Rhys Pritchard and Bella Witt played major roles in the Junior Drama production of *The Nutcracker and The Mouse King*. The pupils are all really enjoying their collaboration with their senior school counterparts.

It didn't stop there. Those who came to the Gollop Christmas Fayre saw the whole school singing in both English and Welsh, as something of a warm-up to their performances in Welsh Chapel and at the Carol Service in Llandinat Church on the last day of term.

Individuals have also had the chance to shine. Ennea Hunt and Charlotte King went to the Eisteddfod in Llanwyrtyd in September. In the solo singing, despite being the youngest, Charlotte came fourth in her group. In the Under 15s solo piano, Charlotte also came fourth ... but the girls' big break came in the Under 19s piano duet (bearing in mind they are under 11!) when Ennea and Charlotte played 'Teasing Rag' and won! Rhys Pritchard also won his section in Llandoverly 'Stars in their Eyes' for the second year running, this time singing Ghostbusters.



A warm Gollop welcome

We would like to welcome the following pupils and their families to the Gollop Prep in January: Casey Hook, Tom Martin, Ethan Thomas, Harry Thomas and Dolly Webb-Rogers. We are sad however to say goodbye to Meghan Thomas from Year 6. Meghan has been with us for many years and has contributed a great deal both in class and beyond and she will be much missed. We wish her all the very best for the future.

A Very Merry Christmas to all pupils, their families and staff

A Very Happy Birthday to ... Carwyn Bebb, Sophia Tansley, Harvey Murray-Shelley, Meghan Thomas, Moya Lewes, Llew Smith and Jacob Allen.

Out and About!

This term, Gollop pupils have been taking part in a range of learning activities outside the classroom.

Years 2 & 3 travelled back in time at Castell Henllys, a Celtic hill fort. In support of their World War II history topic, Year 6 went to the Swansea Bay War Museum to get an insight into the carnage inflicted during the Blitz, witnessing the spirit of those who lived during WWII through the jobs they did on the home front. More recently, younger pupils met Father Christmas at Dan-yr-Ogof Showcaves. An unusual place to meet him - but an excellent hideout at this time of year! The whole school went to Theatr Brycheiniog to see *Jack and the Beanstalk* and to the P.A.C. to see many of last year's Year 6 in *A Child's Christmas in Wales* and - in a raucously fun afternoon - the Senior Panto set in CBeebies land.

Gollop Prep pupils have enjoyed even more of the senior school facilities this term, with the pre-prep honing their culinary skills each Friday in the Great Hall with Chef Paul (didn't those Christmas puds look great!), Years 4-6 having the opportunity to take extra-curricular options from D.T. to Drama with Years 7 & 8; fencing, shooting and a whole host of other lessons and opportunities delivered jointly with senior school staff and pupils.



Jolly Good Sports

For a small school, we have a huge number of pupils with genuine talent at sports. Our Year 5 & 6 mixed tag rugby team performed brilliantly at the Dragon Sports tournament in Llandeilo, finishing 3rd overall and only losing to the eventual winners. This was their first ever competitive fixture playing by these rules - what an achievement!

Gollop Prep boasts some excellent swimmers, many of whom take part in training with the senior school VERY early in the morning, several times a week. Four pupils entered a local gala and came back with a collection of medals. Max Sharpe, Fraser Robertson, Tiegan Samuel, Ennea Hunt and Isabella Witt were our representatives in Amman Valley. Ennea and Bella also took part in the Urdd Gobaith Cymru Rhanbarth Dwyrain Myrddin in Llanelli ... and both were selected for the Urdd Welsh finals in Cardiff in January 2010.

The Robertson family pairing of Heather and Fraser have built on their earlier success in orienteering and now lead the rankings in their age groups across Europe!



Forthcoming Events

some key dates for the diary ... keep checking www.llandoverycollege.com for more ...

CHARITY CONCERT - PUPILS PAST & PRESENT

Friday January 8th - 8.00pm - P.A.C.

'Don't make me get old skool!' This is the unofficial title of an evening of entertainment from Llandoverians past and present, and it's all in a very good cause.

'CALL MY BLUFF' WINE TASTING

Friday January 22nd - 7.00pm - Great Hall

Think you know your wines? The Parents Association have organised a fun evening of tasting and testing - where three experts will describe the wines you sip, but only one is telling the truth. Teams are invited to pit their wits and the winners get a lovely bottle of bubbly. Contact Reception for tickets.

GOLLOP PREP TASTER DAYS Mon February 1st & 8th

Tell your friends! We are holding full taster days so that potential pupils can try the Gollop Prep experience, without obligation. Further details from Rachel Pritchard on 01550 723005 or marketing@llandoverycollege.com

SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

Friday March 19th - 7.00pm - Great Hall

Following last year's wonderful celebration of our students' sporting successes, this black tie event with guest speaker and 3-course dinner is always sold out. Put it in the diary now and ask Reception for ticket availability.

SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP

Tuesday April 6th -Friday April 9th - 8.30am - 4.00pm

The 2nd Sports & Activity Camp will take place during the Easter Holidays giving children from 8-14 the chance to try new pursuits, keep fit and make new friends. Activities will include a wide range of sports, camping and much more. The price for the 4-day course running from 8.30am until 4.00pm is just £100 per child or £25 per day. Half day sessions may also be available. Details and booking from marketing@llandoverycollege.com or call 01550 723000.

A Fayre to Remember

The first Gollop Christmas Fayre on December 4th was nothing short of a triumph. With a range of stalls, musical interludes and delicious seasonal snacks and drinks, the afternoon was not only fun for all but raised a staggering amount of money which we plan to put towards a third interactive whiteboard. Many thanks to Della King, Heidi Hunt, the PA and team of parents who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

