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A VISIT FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND WELSH LANGUAGE

On Thursday 18th January, Jeremy Miles, Minister for Education and Welsh Language, came to visit the school. He had heard about the work that the students as part of the anti-discrimination campaign were doing and wanted to come and see for himself. He came to visit, along with Enfy's Dixey, Head of Children and Young People's Rights in Education, Cllr Gill German, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Education in Denbighshire, and Geraint Davies, Head of Education Denbighshire.

The visitors were in school for over an hour. Members of the Student Council were on hand to meet and greet the visitors. The first part of the visit involved the students who are part of the anti-discrimination student leadership group talk to the Minister about the progress of the campaign. This was supported by Claire Turner, Kirsty Garside and Nikki Logan. The Student Council members then took the visitors to the wellbeing room where Jo Wynne-Eyton was meeting with some of the Youth Shedz group. We were able to discuss with the Minister about the school's progress developing PHS as a Community Focused School.

The visitors were then taken back to the boardroom where there was a more informal Q&A session with the students. Mr Foley then met with the Minister for a few minutes in a private meeting to discuss the latest challenges in education and budgetary cuts. This was a very successful visit, the students did themselves proud and it was positive event for the school.



ANDORRA SKI TRIP 2023

Prior to the Christmas holiday break, 80 pupils travelled to Andorra for the annual PHS ski trip. The group enjoyed some great pistes higher up along the Pyrenean mountain range between France and Spain.

Some fantastic skiing was had and all the pupils showed massive improvement through the week!

Vallnord is one of the seven parishes of the Principality of Andorra. It is located in the northwest of the country and is extremely mountainous containing the highest mountain in Andorra, Coma Pedrosa at 2,942 metres.

Excited to be learning a new skill, they had a fantastic time and threw themselves wholeheartedly into the skiing and time spent with their friends and teachers.

In the evenings, they enjoyed a variety of Après-Ski activities including a trip to the local village where they were treated to a karaoke performance by Mr. Langley and Miss Edwards and, as always, Prestatyn High School students showed that they travel very well and are great ambassadors to the school. The staff and instructors were very impressed with the fantastic behaviour and positive attitudes of the group throughout what was a great week in the mountains.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL WIN

A hard fought victory for @PrestatynHigh Year 8 in the @WelshSchoolsFA Cup. Into the last 8!
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BREAKFAST CLUB

Every morning there is a breakfast club open from 8am until 8.30am in the diner. All pupils are welcome to attend.

PRODUCT DESIGN TRIP

Product Design pupils visited Toyota in Deeside on the 26th January, the pupils experienced the workings of the factory and the engineering support it gains from product design in this industry.



WE NEED YOU!

Please let the school know if you would be interested in getting involved in our Parent Teacher Association. Please email: info@prestatynhigh.co.uk for more information.

COMMUNITY WORK

As part of our ongoing community focused work some Year 9 students participated in a trip to Nant Y Mor Residential Home to take part in an art project, they also listened to the residents' stories. The residents were delighted to spend time with the students and are looking forward to their next visit.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

27th - 29th February
 Tickets on sale now!

£6



To all Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of another successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the support they give our great school.

We have had a very busy January and February with lots of activities and trips taking place. We currently have the Maths Department trip to Paris underway which, by all reports, has been a roaring success so far. I am sure all of the pupils are having a wonderful experience and enjoying the change in culture.

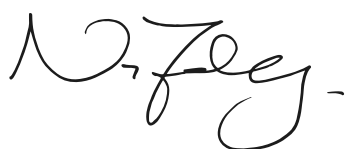
We are also in the middle of our preparations for our full school production of "Matilda". This show promises to be spectacular and one not to be missed. Please contact the school and buy a ticket to support our young actors and singers. The show will be performed the week beginning the 26th February and I look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our whole school community about how to behave respectfully and responsibly online. We must make sure that both pupils and parents act appropriately when on social media and the messages of respect are repeated at home. It is Online Safety Week in the last week of this half term, and we will be making sure our pupils are fully informed of the dangers online. We are also hosting two sessions for parents so that they too can be fully informed about how to keep our young people safe online. This will be after school on Wednesday 7th February. There will also be information about what to look out for if you are concerned about what a young person is accessing on the internet. I hope that you join us here for one of these sessions. The recent use of social media to share footage of fights over the past 5 years is despicable and makes the school's job harder in dealing with these anti-social behaviours. Pupils must behave respectfully and responsibly when travelling to school, in school, and on their way home. Any physical altercations, encouragement of physical altercations, or the videoing of incidents, will lead to very severe punishments and possible permanent exclusion.

It is only as working together as a community can we make a real difference.

Best wishes,

Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.




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Members of Mars 7 learning how to build different electrical circuits to solve problems
#STEM



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AWARDS
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PHS Awards - 9th April 2024
Highlighting the achievements of our amazing pupils.

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