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Front page - Miss Trunchball (Jessica Howard), Matilda (Marilier Evans Ford) & Miss Honey (Emily Davies)

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Based on the award-winning RSC stage version of Roald Dahl's bestseller about Matilda, the clever, lonely little girl with secret superpowers is sent away to a horrible school. During February The Neuadd at PHS was transformed into Miss Trunchbull's horrid school and the show ran for 3 nights with one matinee performance for primary cluster schools.

It is clear how much time and effort our Drama Lead, Miss Southall, and Head of Music/Creative Arts, Mrs Bennett, dedicated to the musical, as the acting, choreography (Mrs Macgillivray), and singing came together at the final performance to encapsulate the hard work of several weeks.

Marilier Evans Ford played the lead role of Matilda, and made us all believe in the magical quirky character, delivering a genuine authentic performance. The supporting lead characters Miss, Honey (Emily Davies), Miss. Trunchbull (Jessica Howard) Bruce Bogtrotter (Oliver Hughes) and the school children also gave delightful performances, showcasing vocals and acting that rivalled a West End production. The entire cast was enthusiastic and shared their feeling of fun with the audience. This was a superb production and is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of our outstanding performing arts teachers, as well as the pupils! What made Matilda so impressive was the ensemble cast

which highlighted the depth of talent at Prestatyn High School with all year groups from Year 7 to Year 10 represented. Many thanks to all the staff who supported the production. The performers focused on adding their voices to what are already familer tunes.



COMIC RELIEF

This year we celebrated Comic Relief by holding a cake and sweet sale. Cupcakes and bags of sweets were sold by our sixth form and student council. Staff also got involved by wearing something red and making donations. We raised **£102**. Thank you for your support.



BIONET AWARDS

This award is for actions undertaken by a high school that have achieved a positive biodiversity impact. [@BionetNEWales](#)



THE MATHS PARIS VISIT

Our pupils got to design and engineer their own rollercoasters in the Disney Village today, applied mathematics.



ATTENDANCE DRIVE

During this half term many pupils have received prizes for 100% weekly attendance. There will also be a voucher draw for all those pupils who have had 100% attendance this term. **Did you know 90% attendance over 5 years of school=half a school year missed?** Attendance matters!.



CELEBRATING ST. DAVIDS DAY

Bechgyn y chweched dosbarth yn helpu heddiw a siarad Cymraeg. Sixth form boys helping, speaking Welsh and serving freshly baked bara brith by Mrs Scott. Blasus iawn! Diolch yn fawr iawn, bechgyn. We're celebrating Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant here at PHS. [#Cymruambyth](#) [#BywrGymraeg](#)



To all Parents and Carers,

I do hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the final term ahead.

Once again, Prestatyn High School has been extremely busy with trips, events and academic activities to maximise progression. Hot on the heels of our very successful ski trip, we have had the Maths Department trip to Paris and the very recent Geography trip to Iceland. The photographs look amazing and the pupils seem to have gained so much from the experiences.

The highlight of this half term has to be our production of the musical 'Matilda' by the Creative Arts Department. The matinee performance for our cluster schools and the three evening performances were nothing short of outstanding and, once again, showcased how much talent we have here at PHS. Well done to Miss Southall, Mrs. Bennett, and the whole Creative Arts Department. I can't wait to see what we have planned next.

As our exam classes in Years 11 and 13 continue to prepare for the summer, we are doing all we can as a school to make sure that they are ready for their forthcoming exams. As always, school will be open throughout the Easter break (excluding bank holidays) so that all pupils who have exams can access our Easter school revision sessions. These exam revision sessions will be focused on what pupils need to learn and what pupils need to do to prepare for their GCSEs and A levels.

During the week beginning the 18th March, students, pupils and children from our cluster of primary schools will be taking part in an annual 'Festival of Culture'. This is part of our Discrimination: It stops with me campaign and it helps us embed the key messages to all of our community. As always, we are working with local partners and external agencies to support effective delivery and ensure that our young people are receiving the very best in personal and social education at Prestatyn High School. Further information about the campaign can be found on our website. At the end of the festival, on Friday 22nd of March, students are invited to come to school in their own clothes, as it will be a non-school uniform day. Students are encouraged to wear dress that represents their culture or character in a visual celebration of diversity that all of the school community can get involved in. Students are asked to donate £1 for this non-school uniform day. This will help the school to raise money for the local food bank and the Red Cross.

We know that, at times, discrimination and hate are present in our community, Wales and around the world. If we all work together, we can take a stand and drive out discrimination wherever we find it, step by step and lesson by lesson. It stops with us!

I hope you all have a nice Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.



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Year 8 Prestatyn High bow out of the @WelshSchoolsFA Cup at the 1/4 final stage. 1-1 at full time, losing 5-3 on penalties. Congratulations to @RhosnesniHigh and good luck in the next round!



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9th April 2024 at 6pm

Highlighting the achievements of our amazing pupils.

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