

Rhondda Arts Festival at Treorchy



Our performers entertain the audience in 'Dance Back to Broadway'

The second Rhondda Arts Festival @ Treorchy took place in venues across the valley this June and July. Treorchy Comprehensive School played a key role in the events once again, particularly in our two nights at the Parc and Dare in our 'Dance Back to Broadway' performances and the Family Fun Day held in the school on Saturday 29th June. Pupils and former pupils were also seen in many events, performing to crowds and audiences in venues throughout the Rhondda.

Many thanks must go to the committee of the festival (including staff and governors of the school) and their chair Chris Bryant MP for organising a feast of events that ensured that the people of the Rhondda and beyond had the chance to see the best the world has to offer in the performing arts, literature and the visual arts.

Not only is Treorchy Comprehensive School instrumental in the development of the new Curriculum for Wales in its role as a Pioneer Professional Learning School, it also has taken a lead role in the development of Expressive Arts in the innovative curriculum, ensuring that all pupils gain the skills, confidence and well-being from this key area of learning. RAFT gives our pupils the opportunity to express themselves in an authentic setting and show their creativity alongside professional artists.



The Senior Choir perform at the Family Fun Day



Young people help colour Siôn Tomos Owen's mural of Treorchy for community display



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Patagonia – the Trip of a Lifetime

Year 8 Become Anti-Smoking Ambassadors



Pupils have fun and promote the smoke-free message

Year 8 pupils have been working with Public Health Wales as part of the 'Be Smoke Free' programme. They have been trained as Anti-Smoking Ambassadors. During a two day training course they discovered facts that could be used to spread the anti-smoking message. The enthusiastic group then spent time with their trainers to get expert guidance on how to communicate their message effectively. The 40 pupils have pledged to work with Public Health Wales toward the goal of a smoke free Wales.

Maths in Context on a PGL Trip



Pupils enhanced their Maths skills on an adventurous trip

The Maths Department had the great pleasure of spending a sunny weekend in Weymouth with 40 of our Year 8 pupils in June. The pupils took part in some excellent Maths activities during their trip, including calculating their speed whilst on the zip-wire and also using ratios and percentages to find their shot success rates when playing Aero-ball.

Having the opportunity to apply Maths to real-life situations will have enhanced their Numeracy abilities and given them an excellent understanding of these topics when starting their GCSE courses in Year 9. Pupils showed not only admirable bravery to overcome fears during the activities, but also great team work and support when participating in the sports night and capturing the flag. A great weekend was had by all!



A trip on the South Atlantic to search for dolphins

In April, 45 pupils and 4 members of staff went on an incredible trip to South America for ten days.

On our first day we visited a local museum where the pupils had the opportunity to see the bones of the largest dinosaur in the world. The pupils had the opportunity in the afternoon to visit the local primary school, Ysgol Yr Hendre. It was a real delight to see the young pupils speaking Welsh and enjoying the activities the school provided for us. In the afternoon we visited Capel Moriah and the landing site of the original Welsh settlers.

Whilst in Patagonia we went to visit the smallest penguins in the world in Punta Tombo and we thoroughly enjoyed walking amongst them on the coastline. The pupils also loved the boat trip to see the dolphins and tea and cakes in the

local Welsh tea room. A big thank you to Ana in Plas y Coed for the warm welcome we received. We also visited a local Welsh high school, Ysgol y Gaiman. All the pupils were very friendly and welcoming and all seemed to enjoy the activities and the tour around the local town.

After spending 4 nights in Patagonia it was time to board the plane once again for our journey to Buenos Aires. Whilst there, a highlight for a number of pupils was the day we spent on the original cowboy ranch. The pupils enjoyed horse riding with the Gauchos and a huge barbeque and excellent local entertainment. We spent our final day at the Boca Junior stadium.

At the end of the trip and a 10 hour flight we landed in Houston, Texas for the day. During the day we visited the NASA Space Centre, an awesome way to finish an amazing journey!

It was a long journey home and despite being very tired, all involved enjoyed every second of this amazing trip. The staff would like to say thank you to the pupils for their company and impeccable behaviour.

Diwrnod Pontio i'w Gofio



Year 6 pupils in St Fagan's Folk Museum

In June 2019, the Welsh Department at Treorchy Comprehensive School took 75 pupils from Year 6 on a transition trip to St. Fagan's Museum. The day provided the pupils with the opportunity to make new friends, meet staff and use the Welsh language outside the confines of the classroom. Highlights included learning about the Victorian school, visiting the houses at Rhyd-y-car and playing in the gardens of the castle. Everyone enjoyed the fun-packed day and are looking

forward to becoming Treorchy Comprehensive School pupils in September!

Ym mis Mehefin 2019, aeth Adran Gymraeg Ysgol Gyfun Treorci â 75 o ddisgyblion o'r ysgolion lleol i Amgueddfa Werin Cymru Sain Ffagan. Cafodd y disgyblion gyfle i wneud ffrindiau newydd, cwrdd â staff a defnyddio'r iaith tu allan i ffurfioldeb y dosbarth. Rhai uchafbwyntiau oedd dysgu am yr ysgol Fictorianaid, ymweld â thai Rhyd-y-car a chwarae yng ngerddi'r castell. Mwynheuodd pawb y diwrnod llawn hwyl a sbri ac maent yn edrych ymlaen at ddechrau'r tymor newydd yn Ysgol Gyfun Treorci.

Gold Medals and Best Team in Wales for Treorchy Combined Cadet Force

Treorchy CCF have excelled once again by winning 8 gold medals after outstanding performances in one of the toughest and most challenging of all cadet competitions; the Cadet Cambrian Patrol, over the Easter holidays. In addition to this fantastic achievement, which built on last year's silver awards, they were also crowned as the Best Team in Wales and brought home the hard-earned trophy. The CCP is the Olympics of the cadet world, and challenges entrants from around the country. The setting is the British Army Training Area in Sennybridge.

The extremely successful prize-giving was hosted by Brigadier Mark P. Christie (formerly Parachute Regiment): Deputy Commander Cadets, Regional Command.

This was a great achievement, only made possible with training, dedication and teamwork.



Treorchy Comprehensive CCF are rewarded for being the best

Eisteddfod Ysgol Gyfun Treorci, 2019



The biggest points winners from Year 7

Eleni cynhaliwyd Eisteddfod Ysgol Gyfun Treorci ar y 21ain o fis Mehefin. Gwelwyd nifer o ddisgyblion dawnus yn perfformio ar lwyfan neuadd yr ysgol. Roedd nifer o gystadleuathau cerddorol a dramatig a chafodd disgyblion blynyddoedd 7 ac 8 wledd o wrando ar gystadlu o safon uchel yn ystod eu heisteddfod flynyddol.

Yn ogystal, cafwyd arddangosfa wych o ddawnsio egniol a lliwgar gan y dawnswyr disgo. Ar ganiad y corn gwlad gan Carys ac Eleri, safodd Mia yn fuddugol yn y gystadleuath Fedal Gymraeg. Enillodd Ethan, Frances ac Emilie o Flwyddyn 7 a Phoebe o Flwyddyn 8 wobrau am yr unigolion gyda'r nifer mwyaf o bwyntiau o'r eisteddfod gyfan. Cyhoeddwyd Hyddod fel y llys buddugol gyda 305 o bwyntiau.

Llongyfarchiadau i bawb a gyfranodd at lwyddiant yr Eisteddfod eto eleni a diolch o galon i Mrs Kelland Howells a Mrs Waring am eu beirniadaeth deg. Diolch hefyd i'r adran Gerddoriaeth, yr adran Ddawns a'r adran Gymraeg am eu gwaith caled.

On the 21st June, pupils from Years 7 and 8 from Treorchy Comprehensive School were treated to a feast of high quality performances during their annual Eisteddfod. There were many memorable vocal and instrumental performances while the Welsh recitations and dramas provided the humour. The disco dancers also wowed their audience with their energetic displays and agility.

At the sound of the cornet, played by Carys and Eleri, Mia stood victorious as the Welsh Medal Winner. Ethan, Frances and Emilie from Year 7 and Phoebe from Year 8 won the awards for the most points accrued for the stage competitions. The Stags were the overall winners with 305 points.

Congratulations to all those who contributed to the success of the Eisteddfod which included the hard work of the adjudicators, Mrs Kelland Howells and Mrs Waring. A special thanks also goes to the Music, Dance and Welsh department for all their hard work.

Science in Action as Pupils Generate Green Energy



STEM in action

Treorchy Comprehensive School Science Club have completed the Engineering Education Scheme Wales Wind-farm project, designing their own wind turbines that successfully generated electricity. All were awarded with certificates from EESW and a Science Passport from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Cymru. Congratulations to them!

Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2019



Our Urdd National Eisteddfod representatives

What an exciting time for the pupils of Treorchy Comprehensive School who competed in the Urdd Eisteddfod this year! It was held in Cardiff Bay and a number of our pupils competed in the Welsh, Dance, Music and Art competitions.

Benjamin represented the school in the Learner's Individual Recitation and gave an exceptional performance of the poem 'Colours'. Next to compete was the Year 7 Group Recitation, with their performance of the poem 'The Planets'. On next to the dancers with our

Hip Hop/Street group and their very emotional performance, plus congratulations to Kai for coming third in the solo competition – what a talented dancer!

Next to represent the school was the Brass Band who transported us to the Caribbean Sea with their performance. Our final competitor was Xander. Xander won a number of Art competitions in addition to winning the Urdd's 2019 Art Scholarship, one of the premier prizes of the Eisteddfod. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

U13 and U15 Girls Football



Our successful girls' football teams

Producing a team performance to be proud of, our Under 13 team demonstrated resilience throughout their final game and into a penalty shootout which placed every member of the squad in front of goal. Though the girls eventually lost the final of the Rhondda Cynon Taff Plate Competition with the last kick, they can look back on the game with their heads held high.

Congratulations also go to our Under 15 team who finished as runners up their RCT Cup Competition. They have also enjoyed a fantastic season as girls' football goes from strength to strength at the school.

Transition Day PE



Year 6 loved working with Year 9

As is always the case, PE played a full part in the transition activities here at Treorchy. Particularly pleasing was the part played by our Year 9 GCSE PE pupils doing a praiseworthy job, coaching the younger Year 6 pupils all morning. They demonstrated such important life skills by being able to organise, communicate with and lead others. Year 9 definitely played their part as role models.

Year 9 Football Team are Welsh Champions



Our Welsh Cup Champions

Our Year 9 football team has triumphed in the Welsh Cup Final to be crowned 2019 Champions of Wales. The team, enhanced by Welsh international Cian, were in the lead for the whole game and eventually ran out 5-0 winners. Brandon was first on the score sheet, but he ended the game with two goals, a total matched by team mate, Cian. The victory was rounded off by a Riley goal. Though these were the goal scorers, it was a team effort and the culmination of a fantastic season for a talented, committed group of pupils. As a school we can't thank the parents and staff enough for travelling to support the boys in Mid Wales. Llongyfarchiadau!

Ski Trip to Quatre-Vallées, Switzerland



The view from the top was incredible!

This year our skiing trip went to the stunning Quatre-Vallées area, the biggest ski resort in Switzerland. Our apprentice alpine sports stars enjoyed beautiful weather and wonderful ski conditions. The pupils made excellent progress and loved their time in one of the most beautiful areas of natural beauty in the world.

Rhondda Schools Rugby Awards Success



Owen, Player of the year

It was a great evening at the Rhondda Schools Rugby awards night for 2018/19 held in our school this year. It was excellent to see two of our pupils picking up the main awards. The 'Coaches' Award' for a great attitude went to Diesel and the prestigious 'Player Of The Year' went to Owen, both of Year 10. Both Diesel and Owen have set an excellent example for the team this year and we are sure that their diligent attitude towards training will serve them well in the future.

Rugby Sevens Success for Years 7 and 10



Our 7 a-side rugby players from Years 7 and 10

Years 7 and 10 rugby teams both won their Rhondda Schools 7-a-side competitions this May. There were some great skills and teamwork on show from both sides in four seasons of weather! Well done to the teams!