

JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2009



Ffôn / telephone: 01544 267259 / 267565

Ffacs / fax: 01544 267173

December 2009. (Number 12)

Dear Parents/Carers

As Christmas approaches we have had another busy and successful term. Building on the excellent results achieved last year at A Level, GCSE and Key Stage 3 the staff and pupils have been focusing on achieving similar results with this years pupils. Part of the preparation for this has included a two day motivational conference for Year 11 pupils.

Year 11 have now completed their mock exams and in the New Year will be facing coursework deadlines, practical and oral exams for their GCSE's. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the year ahead.

Attendance at school is vital if pupils are to achieve their true potential. We are monitored on our attendance rates by the Welsh Assembly and your cooperation in avoiding holidays during term time would be very much appreciated.

We had a very enjoyable Prize Day on 13th November with Dame Betty Kershaw as our guest speaker. Congratulations to the many students who received prizes in recognition of their achievements.



In October we were awarded the Green Tree School Gold Award by the woodland trust. To get this award pupils have been planting trees in the community and around school as well as influencing the

school eco policy e.g. energy saving computers.

On the 16th October Abigail Green was part of a Powys Youth Forum team that was invited to give a presentation to County Councillors at County Hall regarding the participation of young people in elections and the democratic process.

October the 21st and 22nd were Pink Days organised by the 6th Form to raise money for breast cancer research. They raised £330 selling cakes, quizzes and selling pink items.

Our 5x60 wheel chair basketball team attracted the S4C. On Friday 13th November the reporter camera crew came up after school to interview Mr Harpwood and Mr Hughes and film some of the our students

On Friday 13th November Trevor Owens (broadcaster with BBC H&W) popped in this morning. To interview 5 of our Yr 11 pupils for the radio on wind turbines as he had been in earlier in the term working with the students on this topic for their GCSE English exam.

23rd November a team of 6 Year 8 pupils (Joe Hayward, Kyle Lloyd-Bithell, Bethany Mills, Elizabeth Swancott, Rhian Powell and William Cooper) took part in the Dyfed/Powys Police Crime Prevention competition at Llandrindod High School. The team were successful and will now represent Powys in the Dyfed/Powys area final in Carmarthen in January 2010.



Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust
EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY



JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2009



Ffôn / telephone: 01544 267259 / 267565

Ffacs / fax: 01544 267173

Mrs Victor took a team of six Lower 6th students to Cardiff to take part in a mock debate with other schools from around Wales on climate change. They also did a whole school assembly on their experiences.

Year 11 have been working hard to raise money to publish their year book and arrange their leavers ball at the end of the academic year by making and selling cakes, all healthy of course!

On Thursday 10th December we had the annual Gigajam where our pupils and staff performed various songs; I think that is the right word for the staff. It was very enjoyable evening and thanks to all who took part and the PTA and Dave Luke for their support and time.

At the end of term several trips are taking place the 6th Form are off to Cardiff on 14th December, Years 7,8,&9 are going to a pantomime in Hereford on 15th December and Years 10 & 11 are going ice skating in Telford on 16th December.

Web Site

Remember you can keep up to date with what is going on in school via our school website at www.johnbeddoes.org

Staffing

We welcomed Mr Ioan Hughes (PE/Welsh), Miss Debbie Bruntnell (science cover for Mrs Maddocks secondment), Ms Nicola Warren (DT/Art) and Mr Calvin Burrows (Music) to the teaching staff in September.

Phil George and Rebecca Hardwick also joined our Learning Support Team.

Mrs Linda Gutierrez (Social Inclusion coordinator) has been appointed as Social

Inclusion Coordinator for Powys and took up her new post on 16th November 2009. I am sure you would join me in thanking Linda for the excellent work she has done working with young people and their families over the 10 years she has been with us and wishing her well in her new post.

Martin Evans (DT Technician) left us at half term and Mr Philip Chapman has replaced him.

We also welcomed Mr David Bath to John Beddoes for the rest of this school year. Mr Bath will replace Mr Holford, who left us this term.

Important Dates.

18th December – Christmas Holidays
4th January – Pupils return to school
20th January – Yr 11 Parents Evening
12th February – Half Term
22nd February – Pupils return
25th February – Year 9 Options Evening
2nd March – Year 7 Parents Evening
10th March – Year 8 Parents Evening
25th March – Easter Holidays
13th April – Pupils return
7th May – Founders Day
28th May – Half Term
7th June – Pupils Return
9th June – Year 10 Parents Evening
15th July – Summer Holidays

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust
EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY

