

JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2010



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Dear Parents/Carers

This term has flown by, particularly with the snowy start to the term. Thank you all for your cooperation during those first 2 weeks. The decision to close the school is not taken lightly but we have to consider the safety of all pupils and staff when conditions are as they were in January.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 pupils in the summer term as preparation for them joining us in September and we look forward to welcoming back many of our Year 11 students into the 6th Form which continues to grow and grow.

Years 11, 12 and 13 are rapidly approaching their written exams. All coursework should now be near completion and carefully planned revision programme in place. I wish all the pupils who are taking exams this year the very best. Results will be out on 19th August for AS and A Levels and 24th August for GCSE's.

School Modernisation

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and students that no decisions have been made about secondary schools in Powys despite the press releases that were in our midst in January. There will be discussions and consultations taking place in the near future and I hope you will all take time to participate in this process to ensure our young people have the best opportunities available to them for the foreseeable future. In the mean time it is business as usual.

The end of an Era.

After 33 years of service to John Beddoes Miss Dodd has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. Before joining the staff at John Beddoes Miss Dodd had also been a pupil at the school. I will miss her knowledge and passion for the school and in her role as Assistant Headteacher she has been a great support to me as Headteacher. Many pupils and staff who

have had the pleasure of being taught by her or working with her will miss her. I wish Miss Dodd all the very best in her retirement and I thank her for all her dedication and hard work over the last 33 years.

Parent and Pupil Survey.

As part of our self evaluation process we are always looking at ways to improve what we do at John Beddoes. To help us do this we have engaged the services of a company called Kirkland Rowell who will survey the opinions of staff, pupils and parents using questionnaires. These will be brought home after the Easter holidays. I hope you will take the time to complete the questionnaire as your participation as parents and pupils is very much valued. These questionnaires are confidential and must be returned to school by Monday 19th April 2010 so they can be sent to Kirkland Rowell for analysis.

Oliver

On March the 4th, 5th and 6th we put on our production of Oliver. All the nights were sold out and the students and staff put on 3 amazing shows that were thoroughly enjoyed by all of us who managed to see it. Congratulations to Mrs Bennett and all the staff and pupils who put in so much of their own time to ensure we all enjoyed three wonderful evenings.



Web Site

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



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Barnardo's – Help for Parents

Barnardo's Cynru are running a free course of 10 weekly sessions for parents who:

- Worry about the pressures on a young person?
- Have concerns about their behaviour?
- Feel there is no-one out there who can really help?
- Interested in learning how to take a deep breath and count to 10?
- Want to be in a supportive and friendly group with trained workers?

If you are interested then the group will be meeting Thursday Evenings 6pm-8pm starting Thursday 15th April 2010 at The Offa's Dyke Centre, Knighton

For more information or an informal chat please ring Barnardo's on 01686 622083

Year 8 Police Quiz Team Represent Powys

Our Year 8 Police quiz team who were representing Powys in Carmarthen in January came second in a very close competition to Haverford west.



5x60 Coach of the Year Awards.

Rachel Venables (Yr 12) for her hard work and commitment to coaching the Yr 7 Girls Football Team.

Danny Pitts (Yr 12) for his hard work and commitment to coaching the Yr 7 Boys Football Team

Visit from the Chair of Powys County Council

During this term we welcomed Cllr Price (Chair of Powys CC) to our school. Cllr Price gave out school awards and his Youth Awards to John Beddoes students during a full school assembly.

Cllr Price (Chair of Powys County Council) Youth Awards.

Scott Sharp (Yr 10) for community services to the school.

Georgina Carini (Yr 11) for consistently achieving well since Yr 7.

Chloe Gillum (Yr 12) and Jack Gillum (Yr 9) for raising large amounts of money for diabetes UK in school and the community.



Important Dates.

25th March – Easter Holidays

13th April – Pupils return

19th April – Kirkland Rowell Parent questionnaires returned to school

7th May – Founders Day

28th May – Half Term

7th June – Pupils Return

9th June – Year 10 Parents Evening

28th June – Yr10 work experience starts

1st July – Yr9 Industry Day

8th July – Eco Day

13th July – Sports Day

15th July – Summer Holidays

19th August – AS and A Level Results

24th August – GCSE Results

I wish everyone a happy Easter.



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(Gogwedd a Chanolbarth Cymru)
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