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Beth sy'n digwydd yr wythnos hon? Beth fydd yn digwydd nesaf?

Message from Mrs Lewis

This week we had a visit from Cllr David Lloyd, the Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet Member for Education. He enjoyed a tour of the school and talked to many children. He was delighted with the progress the school has made and the recognition given by Estyn. He was particularly impressed by the pupils he met. Well done everyone! Taskers' STAR Culture in action



Everest Reading Challenge Winners

Throughout February, a group of our more intrepid Year 9 boys took part in the "Everest Reading Challenge". They had to read the novel *The Everest Files* by Matt Dickinson in preparation for a visit from the author who told them all about his own expedition to Everest and the challenges of climbing the world's highest mountain. The boys had a taste of climbing themselves as they paid a visit to a local climbing wall, and they enjoyed a lecture on plate tectonics from Year 13 Geology students.

The group created a three dimensional display to demonstrate all they had learned, and Matt judged the school's display to be project winner from all those across the Pembrokeshire secondary schools! Well done to all of those involved.



★ "Pupils of the Week" ★

★ Myles Gray, Iwan Lloyd
★ and Travis Williams have
★ been excellent in
★ basketball lessons by
★ helping the Portfield pupils
★ with their skills.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18th March
Sixth Form Ball

Monday 10th—Friday 24th
April
EASTER HOLIDAYS

Inset Day Monday 24th April
(No School for Pupils).

Pre-Public Examinations

Next week years 7, 8 & 9 will be sitting Pre-Public Examinations in maths, English, history, Welsh (years 7&8 only) and French (year 9 only). These exams are designed to prepare pupils for the actual public GCSE examinations they will sit in years 10 and 11. They will take place in Tasker Hall in full exam conditions. Pupils will need their equipment in a clear plastic bag and must not bring any mobile phones or other electronic devices into the exam room. All pupils have been given a timetable and the staff have explained what needs to be revised. The timetable is also available on the website. The week beginning March 20th will be the Pre-Public Examinations for year 10.

Attendance

Well done to year 9 for an amazing set of attendance figures! All forms have seen their attendance rise recently with an average attendance across the year group of 95%. Well done year 9! Every day in school is important as there is a very close correlation between high attendance and success in exams! Thank you to all the year 9 form tutor team and our attendance admin team for all the hard work behind the scenes!

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Sixth Form Fund Raising Week

The sixth form have been busy raising funds for the Anthony Nolan Charity, helping people with blood cancer. There was a very exciting football match on Tuesday with the y13 team narrowly beating the y12 in a 1-0 win on the astro-turf. Thanks go to Mr Hart for his expert refereeing skills!

On Wednesday Mrs Lewis and Mr Gharaati took part in a "Say It or Eat It" competition with Head Boy, Toby Asson. They were asked a number of very challenging



questions with the forfeit of an array of rather disgusting foods to be eaten! Mr Gharaati was asked his honest opinion on the science department while Mrs Lewis had to say which Assistant Headteacher was the best. The audience were sworn to secrecy about the answers though!

Pembrokeshire U13 Girls' Football Tournament

Two teams from Taskers entered this tournament with Team 1 winning the tournament and Team 2 almost joining them in the final. There were notable performances from a number of players including hatricks for Carys Ribbon and Hannah Pratt. The top scorers in their group were Chloe Kinsella and Carys Ribbon. Mollie Pratt and Lucy Thomas also scored with Seren Sudbury getting 4 clean sheets in goal. Lucy Thomas also scored a hatrick and was the top scorer in her group and there were goals also for Courtney Evans and Niamh Smith. A huge thank you goes to parent Paul Ribbon for giving up his time to coach the girls.

The Team 1 girls then qualified for the next round of the competition held in Swansea. Taskers were placed in a tough group with Morryston, Bae Baglan, Crickhowell and Dyffryn Taf. The girls managed to get themselves out of the group stages with some great saves by Seren Sudbury, and some fantastic work at the back by Niamh Smith, Lucy Thomas and Tilly Field. Taskers always looked dangerous in attack through Carys Ribbon, Chloe Kinsella, Molly and Hannah Pratt. They were drawn against Bro Myrddin in the quarter final and took an early lead through Molly Pratt but ended up on the wrong side of a 3-1 scoreline which didn't reflect the game. Mr Harpwood said he really enjoyed the day, the girls were an absolute credit. "I must give Paul Ribbon a huge thank you for all his hard work on Monday evenings to give our girls opportunities to develop their skills in football. Diolch."



Ski Trip 2017

This year a group from Taskers travelled to Austria for the annual ski trip. If you are interested in going skiing next year, please look out for information from Mrs Jones.

