

Alun School's newsletter - 'The News' will keep you up-to-date with organised events and trips and give you a taste of life at Alun School.

Armistice Day

Friday 11th November 2016

We begin with a busy half-term back in November 2016 when the Alun School Choir competed in the North Wales Choral Festival at Venue Cymru in Llandudno on 4th November. For achieving third place they received a trophy and each member was presented with a certificate. On 11th November pupils and local cadets commemorated Armistice Day. A minute's silence was held and the 'Last Post' played outside the school following a whole school assembly.



Alun School Choir



Chemistry Quiz Night



Wednesday 16th November 2016

Techniqest Glyndwr hosted a Chemistry Quiz Night at their centre in Wrexham, funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Forty students took part in the competition which was won by the Alun School's Yr13 team consisting of Matthew Wilcox, Matthew Roberts and Harriet Nuttall.



Children in Need: Friday 18th November 2016

Alun School held a non-uniform day to raise money for the BBC's "Children in Need". A charity netball match was also played by staff and cheered on by the pupils. The P.E. department was held to a 4 all draw by "The Rest of the World" team. A grand total of £1256 was raised by the school.

Keystage 2&3 Science Event

The School held a Science Event also on the Wednesday for Year 6 & 7 pupils from local primary schools and the Alun. Techniqest provided three different sessions during the morning to introduce important scientific skills such as predicting and explaining results. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed extracting DNA from strawberries and designing and making a LEGO racer.



Working together
to provide excellent learning experiences.

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Theatr Clwyd visit

24th /25th November 2016



The school used funding from the Arts Council to finance a trip by the English Department to watch the Volcano production of 'Macbeth' at Theatr Clwyd. As Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' is part of their English course, 30 Year 9 students were given the opportunity to experience their drama text first hand in the theatre.



Public Speaking Competition

The regional round of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition was held at Hawarden High School.



Friday 2nd December 2016

Congratulations to Isabella Colby-Browne, Hannah Casey and Imogen Parsley who came runners up with their topic entitled 'Life is Simple but We Insist on Making it Complicated.' in a competition where all the teams were of a very high standard.

Alun School Christmas Fayre

The Alun School Christmas Fayre was held in the Daniel Owen hall at lunchtime to raise money for the school's charity of the year - 'Meningitis Now'. Mrs Hawke-Jones, Head of Creative Technologies, organised the event by tasking Year 10 form groups with raising as much money as possible by creating and managing enterprise ideas with a start-up cost of £10. Year 10 technology students and Year 11 Enterprise students were also involved, organising stalls as part of their GCSE qualification. A total of £450 was raised on the day.



A big well done to all those involved on the day!

RS Visit to London

Thursday 8th December 2016

Students from the A Level Religious Studies course went on a two-day trip to London in January to help with their studies. They visited the Sikh Gurdwara to meet members of the Sikh community and to observe worship there and also a Hindu temple to learn about the denomination.



12th & 13th January 2017



Mala Tribach MBE

Holocaust Memorial Day

We commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day by establishing a live webcast link with Holocaust survivor Mala Tribach MBE. The session was attended by Sixth Form history students and a small group of Year 10 GCSE students who took time in our faith garden to reflect and to read the memorial that Mala unveiled for us three years ago.

Friday 27th January 2017



Letter to NASA



Catriona Duffield 11GE is investigating the topic 'Should Robots replace Humans in Space Exploration?' for her Welsh Baccalaureate Individual Investigation. As part of her research she decided to write to NASA and consequently the Head of the British Space Agency wrote back to her, providing Catriona with lots of information to help her with her work. Perhaps in the future we might see Catriona in space representing the Alun School?

Welsh Trip to Cardiff

Year 12 & 13 Welsh students were invited to visit the Urdd Centre in Cardiff. The two day trip was sponsored by the Urdd, a youth organisation that offers activities through the medium of Welsh, because of our consistent support of their activities throughout the school. The students had a tour of the Senedd and took part in a score of activities at the centre designed to improve their spoken Welsh. They even watched the Wales vs England rugby game on the Urdd big screen.



10th - 12th February 2017



Successful Oxbridge Applicants

Jamie Hogg (Natural Sciences),
Dominic Neave (Veterinary Medicine),
Fiona Patterson (English Literature) and
Matthew Pritchard (Maths)

The Alun School Sixth Form is celebrating the success of four Year 13 students for achieving conditional offers of places at prestigious colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. Head of Sixth Form, Dr Erasmus, said: 'We are proud of their achievement- the school will now support them as they work hard towards getting the grades they need to secure their places.'

Spotlight on Sport



Laura Sharp 10GE

Sport plays a major role in Alun School life with students taking part in many different sporting events throughout the year. Personal achievements figure highly too: Caitlin Deffee 7PS travelled to Italy for the World United Martial Arts World Championships and received a silver and bronze medal in her categories. Laura Sharp 10GE swam in the Welsh Winter Open Short Course Championships in an attempt to qualify for the International Meet in Edinburgh in March this year.

Swimmers from Urdd Gala



Beth Allen 7GD - individual
winner in NE Wales Urdd
gymnastics competition



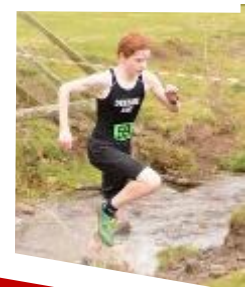
Caitlin Deffee 7PS



Yr 9 Boys' Football Team
- winners of Flintshire Schools
Football Tournament



U18 Girls' Netball Team
- second in President's Cup



Matthew Anthony 8DH & Ethan
Ackroyd 11GE - 1st and 2nd place at
Cross Country Championships

Eisteddfod Ysgol Alun – a winning Phormiwla!

The annual Eisteddfod of Ysgol Alun was held before half term and the Hall was packed, as it has been for generations, with students singing, dancing, acting, playing their instruments and, of course, watching their fellow students as an excited audience.

This year was, however, quite unique as we were treated to several impromptu performances by beatboxer and artist in residence Mr Phormiwla. He has been working with a large number of students this year on the Lead Creative Schools project but found time to take to the mic several times during the day and entertain the packed Daniel Owen Hall with his amazing vocal skill. We loved it!

The winning House this year was Dyfed and Ross Hawke-Jones of Year 7 was the thrilled winner of the chair as the individual who scored the most points this year.

Llongyfarchiadau o!!



'Girl Up' group links up with Malawi



'Girl Up' Alun School consists of Megan Lund, Sian Pierce, Georgia Cash and Shannon Gates.

Four female students from our Sixth Form have formed the first and only 'Girl Up' group in Wales. They are involved in raising funds and awareness for disadvantaged girls around the world, addressing issues such as child marriage, education and access to health care. They also tackle the stigma surrounding the word "feminism" and what it entails.

The girls hold weekly meetings and involve themselves in pastoral activities and assemblies in school to raise awareness. They also raise money through cake sales and dress-up days. They recently promoted International Women's day across the school on March 8th and have been acknowledged by Hannah Blythin MP - "at an event last weekend I met a group of inspiring young women from Mold Alun school who are volunteering as part of UN Founda-

Well done girls!

We are on Twitter and parents can follow us @alunschool

The free school meals form is now available to complete online on our website

