



THE MAELOR SCHOOL

Christmas Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are all aware this academic year is our 50th Anniversary. On the 9th November a celebration evening was held with an opportunity for ex-pupils and friends of The Maelor School to meet with old friends and to have a look around the school. A more formal part of the evening involved the unveiling of the tapestry put together by representatives of the local villagers. The tapestry, which measures 9 foot by 6 foot, is now hanging at the back of the school hall. If you have been unable to view it to date make sure you do so on your next visit to the school.

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations a group of students are taking part in a Young Enterprise Scheme and are selling commemorative mugs. They have orders for around 200 mugs so far but need to sell more to hit their target. I hope that you can support them with their enterprise by placing an order. Further details can be found on our website. www.maelorschool.org.uk.

During this term I have been involved in several meetings with the LEA and architects to move the refurbishment programme on. It is pleasing to see that progress is being made and that the project is gaining momentum.

I am pleased to say that our new look Community Magazine has now been produced and circulated. Amongst all the other items you will find the Community Adult Education programme for January 2008 on the back page of the magazine.

I would like to thank you for your support this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Eiddwyn Hall.
Headteacher

Special Points of Interest

- *Letter from the Head-teacher*
- *PTA News*
- *School Inspection*
- *Oliver Production*
- *Christmas Concert'*
- *Gymnastics News*
- *Charity Events*
- *Christmas Dinner*

P.T.A. News.

The next PTA event will be a presentation by PC Goodchild on the Awareness of the Internet and Drug & Alcohol Abuse. This event will take place on Wednesday, 16th January 2008 in the school hall at 7.30 pm. Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 30th January 2008 at 7.00 pm

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us again this year with our Christmas Raffle. A great many tickets have been sold and the draw will take place on Tuesday 18th December.

Please see our website for the winning ticket numbers.

Oliver

During the week beginning the 19th November the school put on its production of "Oliver". The production was a huge success and tribute must go to Mrs. Grant-Ryder and Mrs. Lucas for putting on a fantastic show. We were very grateful for the support of everyone who was able to get a ticket to see the production. It was a delight to see so many students from the school taking part and putting a professional performance.



Christmas Concert

On Tuesday 11th December we hosted our annual Christmas Concert. After our production Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Lucas had a very limited amount of time to prepare the students for this concert. I am sure that all of you who were able to come to the concert would agree that they did a brilliant job in involving so many students in an excellent evening of music.



Congratulations to everyone involved.

Inspection

Please remember to return your questionnaire. The meeting between the Register Inspector and parents will take place on Thursday, 24th January 2008.



Thank you to all parents who supported the non-school uniform day in aid of Children in Need.

With your generosity and the fund raising events organised by the Sixth Formers the school has been able to send off a cheque for just over £700 towards the appeal !

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritan's Purse)

Yet again this has been well supported by the pupils and the shoe boxes have been forwarded to the charity.



Threat of Snow

If bad weather occurs the school may be forced to close. Please make arrangements for your child to be supervised at these times. In the event of overnight snow forcing closure of the school it will be announced on M.F.M, BBC Radio Wales & the school website from 7.00 am.



Please check before sending your child to the bus stop.

Gymnastics News

The gymnastics team competed at the Welsh Schools Championships in Cardiff on the 6th December.

The Under 11's mixed team which consists of pupils from our feeder primary schools came home with silver medals and our Under 14's boys team managed to do even better winning the prestigious gold medal.

Well done everyone!



DIARY DATES

January

Monday 7th
Tuesday 8th
Wednesday 9th
Monday 14th
Wednesday 16th

Friday 18th
Tuesday 22nd
Thursday 24th
Wednesday 30th

February

Friday 1st
Monday 4th
Wednesday 7th
Thursday 7th
Friday 8th
Monday 18th
Tuesday 19th
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th

March

Monday 3rd
Thursday 6th
Monday 10th
Friday 14th
Tuesday 18th
Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th
Friday 21st
Wednesday 26th

Staff Training Day
School reopens to pupils
AS/A2 Examinations begin
Full Governors meeting 6.30pm
Year 7 Crucial Crew Health Day
PTA—Drug & Alcohol Awareness Evening
Year 11 reports issued
Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.30—6.30 pm)
Registered Inspector's meeting with Parents
PTA Meeting (7.00 pm)

AS/A2 Exams finish
School Inspection begins
Maelor Music Society Concert (7.00 pm)
Intermediate Maths Challenge for Yrs 9, 10, 11
School closes for half term
School reopens
Sixth Form Open Evening (7.00 pm)
Year 8 Reports Issued
Year 11 GCSE History Trip
Maelor Music Society Concert (7.00 pm)

Maths GCSE Module Exams
Year 9 Options Evening /Parents Evening
Year 10 Exams begin
Year 9 Health Day
Year 12 Parents' Evening
Africa Expedition Meeting (pm)
Staff Training Day
School closes for Easter Break
Maelor Music Society Concert (7.00 pm)

Christmas Dinner

The School canteen will be serving a full Christmas dinner for all on Thursday, 20th December at a cost of £2.30 per child.



Training Days—School closed to pupils

Monday 7th January 2008
Thursday 20th March 2008
Monday 7th April 2008
Friday 27th June 2008
Monday 21st July 2008

Holiday Dates

School Closes School Reopens

Christmas Break
Fri 21/12/07 Tues 08/01/08

Spring Half Term
Fri 08/02/08 Mon 18/02/08

Easter Break
Wed 19/03/08 Tues 08/04/08

Summer Half Term
Fri 23/05/08 Mon 02/06/08

Summer Break
Fri 18/07/08 Tues 02/09/08