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**HAVE A GOOD
SUMMER HOLIDAY**

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The Maelor School Magazine

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of the academic year I am delighted to be able to share some of the positive events the school and pupils have been involved in since the last issue of our school magazine.

The building work continues apace and is on schedule to be completed in the Autumn Term. (For more details see the article on page 5.) In addition the refurbishment of the swimming pool changing rooms has been completed. We hope to replace the boilers in the near future and the PTA is continuing to raise funds to improve the pool area. Their next fundraising event is the Pamper Evening at the Cross Lanes Hotel in October. Information can be found on page 7. All parents and family are welcome.

Several of our students have been involved in various groups as part of our Appetite for Life initiative. Their suggestions for improvements to the school canteen have been put into place over half-term. Alternations have also been made to the serving area which has reduced queuing times.

Many of our students have recently been involved in the prestigious UK Junior Mathematics Challenge and gained Bronze and Silver awards. One pupil, Jake Thorley Year 8, gained a Gold award. Our congratulations go to all of them for their success. Congratulations also go to Year 10 ICT groups, most of whom have gained level 2 awards in Key Skills and made a positive contribution to the success of the school's vocational courses. Their success will be celebrated on National VQ Day on the 23rd June.

Forthcoming events between now and the end of term include our Sports Day, Summer Concert, Charity Fayre, Year 8 Humanities trip to France, Year 10 Work Experience and our Activities Week. Please encourage your child to take part wherever possible in these events as they are an integral part of our school curriculum.

Those students sitting 'A' level and AS examinations will receive their results on Thursday, 19th August whilst the GCSE examination results will be available on Tuesday, 24th August. The school will be open between 10am and 1pm on both days for collection of these results.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good break over the summer and thank you for your support during the year.

Eiddwn Hall,
Headteacher

Lesotho News — by Mrs England

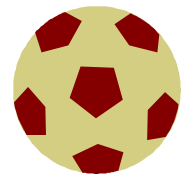
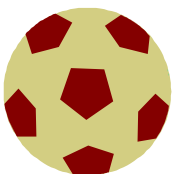
In February four A-level students Boudicca Palmer Roberts, Patrick Whelan, Alice Dunbabin and Tom Cheeseman along with Miss Davies and myself set off on our trip to Lesotho. We were travelling to our partner school of St Saviours in Leribe and despite the early start we were looking forward to the experience. Teachers from Bodhyfryd and Acton Primary Schools were part of the group.

From the minute we arrived in Lesotho to the day that we left we all felt that we were treated as members of the family. The girls stayed with Mrs Kente and the boys with the Headmaster, Mr Rampai. Both Miss Davies and myself stayed with teachers who had visited our school previously. We were able to share teaching experiences and learn from each other's teaching styles. 'Mr Chris', Chris Gozzard our Science teacher there for 6 months, was working brilliantly with the students who loved his active style of teaching!



Students were fascinated to learn about Wales and our culture, letters were exchanged - hoping to cement links between the 'family' of schools for the future. Many memories will remain from all of us, the wonderful cultural day in which the primary and secondary schools put on a display of all aspects of traditional song, dance and poetry dressed in a variety of traditional costumes. The day trip to Katse Dam was wonderful not only for the technology involved in the Dam itself but the atmosphere of friendship which characterised the day. As the Headmaster said, "The world is a village". We will never forget our experiences with our families in Lesotho and would encourage everyone who has a chance to visit this beautiful country to grab the opportunities with both hands!

CONGRATULATIONS YR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM!!



Congratulations to the Yr 9 Boys Football Team on winning the Wrexham School Under 14 Football League. Throughout the season they have played against 9 other Wrexham schools with an outstanding record of - played 6, won 5, lost 1!!

Teams members were:

Back row left to right: Tom Nelson, Harry Powell, Nick Hughes, Stuart Evans, Sean Lea, Simon Lewis, Adam Davies, Tom Povey.

Front row left to right: Alistair Belk, Jordan Powell, Jordan Evans (Captain), Tom Done, Deniol Parfitt, Tyran Clutton.

Maelor School Gymnasts Spring into Action

On Friday 26th February 2010 gymnasts from the Maelor School competed in the Welsh Gymnastic Championships.

They performed brilliantly and all 9 pupils came away with Gold Medals and Welsh School Gymnastic titles. The pupils ranged from Year 7 to 6th Form.

This meant that they would represent Wales in the British School Gymnastics Association National Finals on the 8th and 9th May with their Under 19 Mixed Floor and Vault team and Under and Over 13 Acrobatic Pairs.

Rob Evans and Cassandra Adelmann won the bronze medal in the Over 13 Mixed Pair and the Under 19 Mixed Floor and Vault team finished 6th out of 13 regions taking part. Under 13 Girl's Acrobatic pairs Beth Langley and Mae Allan finished 8th, scoring their highest mark to date which was only 0.8 off the gold medal.

Their coach Vicki Royston and Headteacher, Mr Hall, both said they are extremely proud of all the competitors and congratulated them on their dedication and hard work over the past few months.



Welsh Champions - Under 19 Mixed Floor and Vault Team: Rob Evans, Ben Williams, Ian Edwards, Nick Craven, James Roberts, Cassandra Adelmann, Beth Langley, Mae Allan and Ashleigh Davies.



At the British Schools Gymnastics Association National Finals: James Roberts, Rob Evans, Ben Williams, Mae Allan, Beth Langley, Ashleigh Davies and Cassandra Adelmann.



Rob and Cassandra with their Bronze Medals



Rob and Cassandra impress the judges.



Under 13 Girls Acrobatic Pairs Beth and Mae finished 8th scoring their highest mark to date which was only 0.8 off the gold medal.

School Uniform Changes

School uniform is now available through Trutex Direct. A brochure for each parent will be posted out soon where all items of our school uniform may be purchased. All remaining stock held in school is now half price except for ties, badges and socks which we will still sell from the school reception to save on postage on small items.

Trutex guarantees that for each item of school uniform purchased through them, 10% of the sales will be donated back to our school.

You can order on-line or by telephone and delivery will be normally within 7 working days. Postage and packaging is free on orders over £75 or just £1.99 for orders under this amount.

You will find the School Specific Uniform details and their codes on the inside front cover of the Trutex brochure. Pupils must adhere to this list and current school dress code.

Sir Gawain & the Green Knight - log on and listen!!

Yr 7 and Mr Drake have been recording their own versions of Sir Gawain & the Green Knight.

Log onto our school website, select Subjects then English and you will find four of the best versions to listen to which were voted by their classmates.

The original story was in the form of a poem and forms part of the Legend of King Arthur. It tells of Sir Gawain who bravely puts himself forward to challenge the Green Knight. He is told by the Green Knight that he has one year to live before his death but many adventures happen on the way. Find out more and pick up the book 'Arthur, High King of Britain' by Michael Morpurgo.



The Goodbyes

I remember the day
The day
Uniform signing, leaving presents
Preparing for goodbyes

I remember the emotions
The emotions
Happy, upset
Excited, saddened



I remember the tears
Slipping, sliding, sneaking
From your eyes

By Lydia Biggs, 7CD

I remember my friends
Laughing, joking, crying, crying
Not ready for goodbyes

Farewell

Sports Hall News

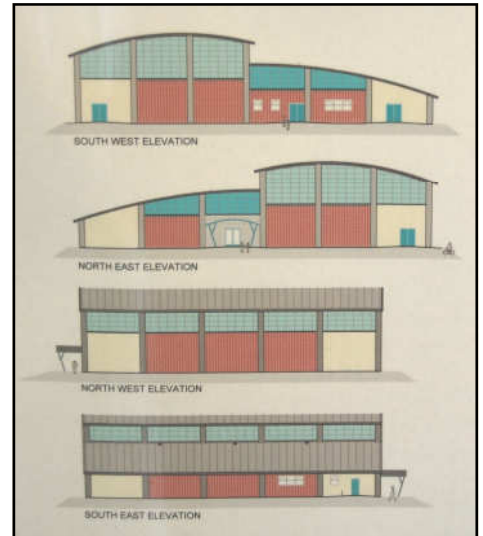


February 2010

Work begins on the new build. The first thing is to break through the hedge where the new bus entrance will be. This will help with the present traffic congestion and greatly improve safety for pupils whilst getting on and off the buses.

The Plan:

Showing the South West, North East, North West and South East elevations.



March 2010

The road is dug out ready to put the foundations in for the road and roundabout. Please let it stop raining though!!



April 2010

Tarmac has been laid and it is beginning to look like a proper road!!



May 2010

The steel work goes up and it is all looking good. You now get a good idea of the size of the hall and the difference it will make for all our pupils. The building should be complete in November 2010, if all goes to plan!

The design of the new building includes rainwater harvesting, airsource heat pumps and combined heat and power technology. To protect the building against unnecessary damage the elevations are made of brickwork to the lower panels and casings to all steel columns. Translucent panels are being used to all walls at high level to introduce as much natural light as possible into the building. Sun pipes are also being used to allow natural light into the inner areas and wind catchers will be used to incorporate natural ventilation into the design.

Ski Trip - Alpe d'Huez



We had a great time, weather was perfect and lots of fresh snow. All abilities faced a challenge or two and everyone learned/practiced new skills. The advanced group even made their way safely through a tunnel!!



Final afternoon was spent testing the newfound skills on a parallel slalom course racing the rest of the group and the staff.

Off the slopes pupils were sledging, ice-skating, swimming in an outdoor heated pool, taking on the indoor aerial assault course and singing and dancing.

If you are interested in going on next year's trip during December'10 and you are in Yr9 to Yr13, please see Miss Bainbridge ASAP.

Report by: Miss Bainbridge



ACTIVITIES WEEK 12TH - 18TH JULY 2010

As is the tradition at the Maelor School, the last week before we break for the summer holidays is 'Activities Week'. During this week pupils will be working in different subject areas which involve teamwork, investigation and outdoor activities to help develop key skills.

There is an outing for Yr 7, 8 and 9 on the Thursday (15th) when they will have the opportunity to do Paintballing, a visit to Chester Zoo or Cycling/Climbing. Those pupils who do not wish to take part in these will be catered for in school.

Pupils are allowed to wear their own clothes during this week but they must be appropriate ie no offensive slogans, bare midriffs etc. It is expected that it will be an educational but enjoyable week for all.



Ladies Pamper Evening

at the

Cross Lanes Hotel, Cross Lanes, Wrexham

Friday 8th October 2010 at 7.30pm

PRICE: £5.00

This event is being held to raise funds for the school swimming pool.

*Tickets are available from school Reception
or a P.T.A. member*

Bag2school - WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER Bag2school COLLECTION ON TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2010. BAGS WILL BE SENT OUT TO PARENTS IN THE LOWER SCHOOL BEFORE HAND.

PLEASE SEND YOUR BAG IN WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE MORNING . THEY CAN DROP THEM OFF OUTSIDE RECEPTION READY FOR COLLECTION. EVERY LITTLE HELPS!!

Maelor School Community Drama Group

The Maelor School Community Drama Group have been busy since September with their production of 'Olivia'. The performance will take place on the 9th July at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children.



The drama group is open to pupils in Yr 7, 8 and 9 plus primary school pupils from age 8. They meet on Friday's 3.45pm - 5.45pm in the Maelor School hall. They will start back after the summer holidays on Friday 10th September. If you are interested in taking part, please come along on the 10th Sept. You can also contact Mrs Stewart at the school on 01948 830291 with any queries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRAINERS

Could all parents please make sure that their child wears the appropriate footwear for PE lessons. We have had a number of injuries this year through pupils wearing 'leisure' trainers instead of sports styles.

These trainers offer little support to the impact being placed on students and also very little grip.

Thank you.



Year 11 Record of Achievement Evening

On Thursday 13th May 2010 students of Year 11 celebrated their Record of Achievement Evening along with parents.

The celebration demonstrated the qualities, interests and enthusiasm that students of school have developed in many areas of participation during their time with us.

A solo musical recital was performed by Gabby Shaw, Rebecca Hartley and Rebecca Roberts and a number of academic, sporting and school community certificates were awarded.

The presentation was concluded by Ms S Gaitch, chair of governors, when she presented students with their Record of Achievement files.

Mr Griffiths, Head of Year 11, would like to thank all students, parents and members of staff who attended and made the evening a success. Particular thanks to the canteen staff for an excellent buffet meal which followed the presentations.



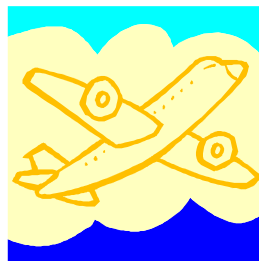
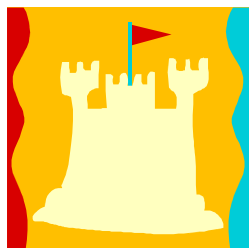
Diary Dates

JUNE 2010

Monday 7th	School re-opens after half term 8.55am
Wednesday 16th	Yr 8 Health Day
Thursday 24th	PG Day (Personal Guidance Day) & Yr 8 Parents Evening
Friday 25th	Yr 9 & 12 Reports to Parents
	Yr 11 Prom at the Ramada, Wrexham
Monday 28th	Summer Concert
Tuesday 29th	Sports Day
Wednesday 30th	Reserve Sports Day. External Exams Finish.

JULY 2010

Friday 2nd	Charity Fair Afternoon
	Non Uniform Day
Monday 5th	First week of Yr 10 Work Experience
	Yr 12 Work Experience (1 week)
Tuesday 6th	Yr 6 Parents Intake Evening 7.00pm
Thursday 8th	Yr 6 Common Transfer Day
Saturday 10th	Yr 8 Humanities French Trip departs AM
Monday 12th	Second week of Yr 10 Work Experience
	Start of Activities Week
Thursday 15th	School Trips for Yr 7, 8 and 9
Friday 16th	School Closes for Summer Holiday
Saturday 17th	Yr 8 Humanities French Trip returns PM



School starts back after the summer holidays on:

Thursday 2nd September 2010 – Yr 7 and Yr 12 only
 Friday 3rd September 2010 – Yr 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13