

EISTEDDFOD 2006

Our annual Year 7 Eisteddfod was held on Friday March 10th in the Dutch Barn. The year group was usual split into three houses – coch, gwyrdd and gwyn. Pupils had been preparing for a vast number of competitions since the beginning of January and at last their hard work and commitment was going to be put to the test. Ten subjects set off-stage competitions, ranging from creating mobiles to decorating cakes, from writing haikus to creating stained glass windows. The response was first class! 7H of Gwyn were the most popular class off stage, gaining more points than any other form in off stage competitions.

We were delighted to welcome a number of judges to the event, including Mr Grizelle, a retired member of the Welsh department, who had the unenviable task of judging the majority of competitions, also Mr Owen Russell and Miss Kimberley Knijn who were the music judges and Mademoiselle Pauline Ferran and Frau Teresa Furst who judged the MFL competitions. Mrs B Batten and Mr G Bowen chaired the proceedings with Mr E Phillips and MR A Horgan accompanying the musical items.

The Headmaster opened the Eisteddfod and welcomed the Year group, before some memorable performances by Sarah Gilford, Alys Aston, Elinor Crawley, Issy Conaghan and Lauren Butler.

Coch were the narrow leaders at the start of the day, but with the day's events this could all change! All in all, ten on-stage competitions were held, many of a high standard. A full round up of the results can be found below, and all competitors did extremely well, but some competitors stood out and will be remembered for many years to come! Among these were Jack Welch for his recitation of "Alla i gael", Giorgia Warsama for her solo, 7W for the choral recitation "Cadwalladwer" and 7H for their hilarious welsh sketch.

As a year group, year 7 were excellent! As each competitor took to the stage, the cheers by fellow housemates were absolutely deafening! The support shown by the pupils to those brave enough to perform on stage was exceptional.

Towards the end of the day, we were given a few superb performances by Giorgia's dancers, Tim Vincent's band, Sarah and Alys, the lower school choir and the excellent Sherman dancers.

Eventually, with all the competing over, Mrs Batten was able to announce the final result. Gwyrdd had 1144 points, Gwyn 1306 points, but Coch managed to hold on to their early lead and became overall winners with a total of 1580 points. Issy Conaghan and Jack Welch accepted the shield on behalf of Coch.

We ended the day with the National Anthem, in a manner which would make the Welsh rugby team proud! A superb day was enjoyed by all! Gwych, Blwyddyn 7!

On Stage Results

Welsh recitation

- 1 Jack Welch
- 2 Elizabeth Keay, Rachel Harrold, Joseph Beachy
- 3 Tom Powell, Ben Foley, Dale Boorman

French recitation

- 1 Emyr Lewis
- 2 Elliott Rees
- 3 Jo Davies
- 4 Frazer Robinson
- 5 Lauren Young

German recitation

- 1 Jessica Ballard
- 2 Dale Boorman
- 3 Martyn Pritchard
- 4 Adam Rogers, Jessica Voyce

English choral recitation

- 1 7W
- 2 7H, 7G
- 3 7L

Drama – “Gelert”

- 1 7F
- 2 7K, 7W
- 3 7N, 7N

Welsh Sketch

- 1 7H
- 2 7R, 7N, 7R

Solo

- 1 Giorgia Warsama
- 2 Issy Conaghan
- 3 Kelly O Shea, Melanie Williams

Strings

- 1 Morven Graham
- 2 Melanie Lewis

Woodwind/ Brass

- 1 Jack Welch
- 2 Huw Northcott
- 3 Bethan Vine
- 4 Ben Foley / Giorgia Lehane

Piano

- 1 Imogen Lee
- 2 Jack Kellen. Zoe John

Disco Dancing

- 1 7W, 7M and J

Off Stage Competitions

Welsh Poster Competition

- 1 Erin Lee 7N
Jack Kellan 7W
- 2 Geraint Davies 7K
- 3 Dan Edwards 7R

Welsh Mobile Competition

- 1 Stacey Batchelor
- 2 Grace Shackell
Alex Flint
- 3 Rachel Horwood

German Competition

- 1 Dale Boorman 7N
- 2 Fontaine Franklin 7N
- 3 Jamie Leigh Bowen 7L
Erin Lee 7N

Art Competition

- 1 Lauren Barley 7P
- 2 Kirsty Jones 7H
- 3 Bryony Mullville 7L

French Competition

- 1 Harry Deane 7F
Jessica Hall 7R
- 2 Kelsey Stanbury 7P
Maddie Hall 7R
- 3 Ellie Jones 7W

I T Competition

- 1 Jess Hall 7R
- 2 Joshua Kelly 7R
- 3 Aimee Holiday 7R

English Competition

- 1 Samantha Rees 7H
- 2 Lorena Fenu 7P
Sophie Lewis 7L
- 3 Hannah Evans 7P
Alys Chapman 7F

Home Economics Competition

- 1 Luc Owen 7K
- 2 Henry Griffiths 7M
- 3 Giorgia Warsama 7N
- 4 Dan Edwards 7K
- 5 Fontaine Franklin 7N
- 6 Alex Elvin 7J

Science Competition

- 1 Elise Barley 7J
Alys Chapman 7F
- 2 Zoe John 7J
Kelsey Stanbury 7P
- 3 Holly Toutt 7J
- 4 Thomas Wheadon 7J

R E Competition

- 1 Dale Boorman 7N
Kirsty Jones 7H
- 2 Daniel Elwell 7M
Rhodri Jones 7N
- 3 Rox Cummines 7J
Amy Holiday 7R

P. E Competitions

Rugby

- 1 Gwyrdd
- 2 Coch
- 3 Gwyn

Football

- 1 Gwyn
- 2 Gwyrdd
- 3 Coch

Netball

- 1 Gwyrdd
- 2 Gwyn
- 3 Coch

Hockey

- 1 Coch
- 2 Gwyn
- 3 Gwyrdd