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Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well and enjoying the good bout of weather we are currently experiencing. We are fast approaching the end of the Spring term and I want to keep you all updated of news and events at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman.

COVID Update

Please see this letter from the Director of Education & Children's Services for Carmarthenshire that provides an update for schools' operations up until the Easter holidays.

Red Nose Day Fundraising

Friday 18th March saw pupils at YDA taking part in a non-uniform day and contributing money to support Red Nose Day charities along with support for Ukraine. It has also been fantastic to see Mrs. Kathryn Rees' form group 12W supporting the cause, creating ribbons and forget-me-nots to raise money. So far, the school has raised over £1000.

Job Vacancies

It brings me great joy and pride to announce further job vacancies being advertised due to our growing school role. Follow the links for further information on teaching posts in Physical Education & Health & Wellbeing along with Religious Education & Humanities.

There will also be fantastic opportunities to join the YDA family with soon to be released adverts for the following positions:

- Teaching Assistants
- Design and Technology Curriculum Resource Technicians
- Pupil Achievement Officers

Please keep a close eye on Carmarthenshire County Council website for updates or contact the school for further information.

Y13 Revision Sessions

We have received Welsh Government grant funding for the purpose of supporting Y13 students with additional learning hours in recognition of the disruption caused as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. With examination season on the horizon, an Easter Revision Programme has been developed to support Y13 learners across subject areas. Please follow the link above

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for further information and a revision timetable from Mr. Ceri Evans, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form.

Sporting Success

We are coming to the end of "Mad March", the period of the academic year where our PE department work tirelessly providing opportunities for our pupils to experience and compete in a wealth of sporting competitions. I have listed below some of the fantastic progress and achievements made by our pupils.

'Road to The Principality'- Under 16s Girls Rugby competition

This tournament involves schools, colleges and districts and saw our Under 16 girls team winning the Scarlets regional qualifiers this month. This now means they are one step closer to playing in the finals in The Principality Stadium. Best of luck to the girls as they play the next round, representing our region in Merthyr.

Cricket

With the warm weather returning this week, it seems an apt time to mention the success that the school has experienced in cricket over the past few months. Alongside other hopeful players from across West Wales, a number of pupils from YDA have been taking part in winter regional observation trials. I am delighted to congratulate Zac Slater, Alfie Davies, and Tommy Hagget (all Year 7); Cellan Allcock, Hari Lloyd, and Aron Matthews (Year 9); and Manon Rees & Shari Hagget (Year 10) on their selection for their respective squads for Cricket Wales West. In addition, Cellan Allcock (U14) and Shari Hagget (U15 Girls) have had the honour of being selected to play for Wales for the coming year. For Cellan this is his second year as part of the Wales team and Shari has been selected for the first time. We wish them all well for the coming season.

Finally, in terms of cricket, we have also received the news that Mr Ceri Evans has been invited to umpire a one-day match at Lords, "the home of cricket" between Wales and the MCC. This is a remarkable achievement and a real honour, and we wish Mr Evans all the best for the match!

Basketball

A huge congratulations to our Year 7&8 boys' and girls' basketball team, who are through to the National Finals in Junior NBA after becoming champions of the Southern Conference. The finals will take place in Aberystwyth this June.

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Rosslyn Park

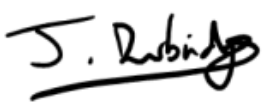
Our Y11 rugby team were unbeaten in their performances at this prestigious tournament, only failing to proceed from their pool due to points difference! The Y9 team also finished second in their pool. A fantastic achievement for all involved against some of the highest achieving sport schools and colleges in the UK.

As a final note, I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Jake Nottingham in Year 10 on being called up to represent Wales in the U16 rugby squad.

Peace School

Ysgol Dyffryn Aman is one of the first Peace Schools in Wales. In response to recent events in Ukraine, Carmarthenshire Peace Schools held a virtual meeting for all Carmarthenshire schools. The event was an opportunity to offer presentations, poems, songs and readings. A group of year 13 girls presented their hope for peace, highlighting the horrors of the war but also the light in the dark as the school, county and country strive to help war victims. Over 280 accounts, covering both individual classes and schools, watched the presentation and the pupils represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you to all involved, but especially Catrin Brodrick, Ffion Evans, Eden Blake, Elen Bizby, Emily Price and last but certainly not least, Miss Rachel Evans for her work on driving developments in this area and securing recognition for Ysgol Dyffryn Aman as a Peace School.

To close, I would like to thank you once more for your continued support. It has been a challenging term, but certainly a rewarding one. I am looking forward to the summer term where our pupils can continue to enjoy the wealth of experienced on offer at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman.
Take care.



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Annwyl rieni a gwarcheidwaid,

Gobeithio eich bod chi i gyd yn ddiogel ac yn iach ac yn mwynhau'r tywydd braf rydyn ni'n ei brofi ar hyn o bryd. Rydym yn prysur agosáu at ddiwedd tymor y Gwanwyn ac rwyf am roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i chi i gyd am newyddion a digwyddiadau Ysgol Dyffryn Aman.

Diweddariad COVID

Gweler y llythyr hwn gan Gyfarwyddwr Addysg a Gwasanaethau Plant Sir Gaerfyrddin sy'n rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am weithrediadau ysgolion hyd at wyliau'r Pasg.

Codi Arian 'Red Nose Day'

Ar Ddydd Gwener 18fed Mawrth bu disgyblion YDA yn cymryd rhan mewn diwrnod di-wisg ac yn cyfrannu arian i gefnogi elusennau Diwrnod Trwynau Coch ynghyd â chefnogaeth i'r Wcráin. Mae hefyd wedi bod yn wych gweld grŵp dosbarth 12W Mrs. Kathryn Rees yn cefnogi'r achos, gan greu rhubanau ac forget-me-nots i godi arian. Hyd yn hyn, mae'r ysgol wedi codi dros £1000.

Swyddi Gwag

Mae'n bleser a balchder mawr i mi gyhoeddi mwy o swyddi gweigion yn cael eu hysbysebu oherwydd ein twf mewn niferoedd. Dilynwch y dolenni i gael rhagor o wybodaeth am swyddi addysgu yn Addysg Gorfforol ac Iechyd a Lles ynghyd â Addysg Grefyddol a'r Dyniaethau. Bydd cyfleoedd gwych hefyd i ymuno â theulu'r YDA gyda hysbysebion sydd i'w rhyddhau'n fuan ar gyfer y swyddi canlynol:

- Cynorthwywyr Addysgu
- Technegwyr Adnoddau Cwricwlwm Dylunio a Thechnoleg
- Swyddogion Cyflawniad Disgyblion

Cadwch lygad barcud ar Gwefan Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin am ddiweddariadau neu gysylltwch â'r ysgol am ragor o wybodaeth.

Sesiynau Adolygu Bl 13

Rydym wedi derbyn cyllid grant gan Lywodraeth Cymru at ddiben cefnogi myfyrwyr B13 gydag oriau dysgu ychwanegol i gydnabod yr aflonyddwch a achoswyd o ganlyniad i bandemig y Coronafeirws. Gyda thymor arholiadau ar y gorwel, mae Rhaglen Adolygu'r Pasg wedi'i datblygu

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i gefnogi dysgwyr B13 ar draws y gwahanol pynciau. Dilynwch y ddolen uchod am ragor o wybodaeth ac amserlen adolygu gan Mr. Ceri Evans, Pennaeth Cynorthwyol a Phennaeth Chweched Dosbarth.

Llwyddiant Chwaraeon

Rydym yn dod at ddiwedd "Mad March", sef cyfnod y flwyddyn academaidd lle mae ein hadran Addysg Gorfforol yn gweithio'n ddiflino i ddarparu cyfleoedd i'n disgyblion brofi a chystadlu mewn cyfoeth o gystadlaethau chwaraeon. Rwyf wedi rhestru isod cynnydd a chyflawniadau gwych a wnaed gan ein disgyblion mewn ambell i faes.

'Ffordd i'r Principality'- Cystadleuaeth Rygbi Merched dan 16

Mae'r twrnamaint hwn yn cynnwys ysgolion, colegau a gwahanol ardaloedd a gwnaeth ein tîm merched dan 16 ennill rowndiau rhagbrofol rhanbarth y Scarlets y mis hwn. Mae hyn bellach yn golygu eu bod un cam yn nes at chwarae yn y rowndiau terfynol yn Stadiwm Principality. Pob lwc i'r merched wrth iddynt chwarae'r rownd nesaf, gan gynrychioli ein rhanbarth ym Merthyr.

Criced

Gyda'r tywydd braf yn dychwelyd yr wythnos hon, mae'n ymddangos yn amser addas i sôn am y llwyddiant y mae'r ysgol wedi'i brofi ym myd criced dros y misoedd diwethaf. Ochr yn ochr â chwaraewyr gobeithiol eraill o bob rhan o Orllewin Cymru, mae nifer o ddisgyblion o YDA wedi bod yn cymryd rhan mewn treialon arsylwi rhanbarthol dros y gaeaf. Mae'n bleser mawr gennyf longyfarch Zac Slater, Alfie Davies, a Tommy Hagget (Blwyddyn 7); Cellan Allcock, Hari Lloyd, ac Aron Matthews (Blwyddyn 9); a Manon Rees a Shari Hagget (Blwyddyn 10) ar gael eu dewis ar gyfer eu carfanau priodol ar gyfer Criced Gorllewin Cymru. Yn ogystal, mae Cellan Allcock (Dan 14) a Shari Hagget (Merched Dan 15) wedi cael yr anrhydedd o gael eu dewis i chwarae i Gymru am y flwyddyn i ddod. I Cellan dyma ei ail flwyddyn fel rhan o dîm Cymru ac mae Shari wedi ei dewis am y tro cyntaf. Dymunwn yn dda iddynt oll ar gyfer y tymor sydd i ddod.
Yn olaf, o ran criced, rydym hefyd wedi cael y newyddion bod Mr Ceri Evans wedi cael ei wahodd i ddyfarnu gêm undydd yn Lord's, "cartref criced" rhwng Cymru a'r MCC. Mae hon yn gamp ryfeddol ac yn anrhydedd go iawn, a dymunwn y gorau i Mr Evans ar gyfer y gêm!

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Pêl-fasged

Llongyfarchiadau enfawr i dîm pêl-fasged bechgyn a merched Blwyddyn 7&8, sydd drwodd i Rowndiau Terfynol Cenedlaethol yr NBA Iau ar ôl dod yn bencampwyr Cynhadledd y De. Bydd y rowndiau terfynol yn cael eu cynnal yn Aberystwyth fis Mehefin eleni.

Parc Rosslyn

Roedd ein tîm rygbi B11 yn ddiguro yn eu perfformiadau yn y twrnamaint mawreddog hwn, gan fethu â symud ymlaen o'u grwpl oherwydd gwahaniaeth pwyntiau! Gorffennodd tîm B9 yn ail yn eu grwp hefyd. Llwyddiant gwych i bawb yn erbyn rhai o'r ysgolion a'r colegau chwaraeon sy'n cyflawni orau yn y DU.

I orffen, rwy'n siŵr y byddwch i gyd yn ymuno â mi i longyfarch Jake Nottingham ym Mlwyddyn 10 ar gael ei alw I fyny i gynrychioli Cymru yn y garfan rygbi dan 16.

Ysgol Heddwch

Mae Ysgol Dyffryn Aman yn un o Ysgolion Heddwch cyntaf Cymru. Mewn ymateb i ddigwyddiadau diweddar yn yr Wcrain, cynhaliodd Ysgolion Heddwch Sir Gaerfyrddin gyfarfod rhithwir ar gyfer holl ysgolion Sir Gaerfyrddin. Roedd y digwyddiad yn gyfle i gynnig cyflwyniadau, cerddi, caneuon a darlleniadau. Cyflwynodd criw o ferched blwyddyn 13 eu gobaith am heddwch, gan amlygu erchylltra'r rhyfel ond hefyd y golau yn y tywyllwch wrth i'r ysgol, y sir a'r wlad ymdrechu i helpu dioddefwyr rhyfel. Roedd dros 280 o gyfrifon, yn cwmpasu dosbarthiadau unigol ac ysgolion, yn gwylio'r cyflwyniad ac roedd y disgyblion wedi cynrychioli'r ysgol yn wych. Diolch enfawr i bawb a gymerodd ran, ond yn arbennig Catrin Brodrick, Ffion Evans, Eden Blake, Elen Bizby, Emily Price ac yn olaf ond yn sicr nid lleiaf, Miss Rachel Evans am ei gwaith yn gyrru datblygiadau yn y maes hwn a sicrhau cydnabyddiaeth i Ysgol Dyffryn Aman. fel Ysgol Heddwch.

I gloi, hoffwn ddiolch i chi unwaith eto am eich cefnogaeth barhaus. Mae wedi bod yn dymor heriol, ond yn sicr yn un gwerth chweil. Rwy'n edrych ymlaen at dymor yr haf lle gall ein disgyblion barhau i fwynhau'r cyfoeth o brofiadau sydd ar gael yn Ysgol Dyffryn Aman. Cymerwch ofal.

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