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A word from the Chairperson

Welcome once again to our newsletter. A busy winter has passed where we have worked closely with our partners across the county. By now we have settled into our new office and it's nice to have Cerian back as a member of the team. The spring and summer months offer many challenging activities for Menter Iaith. The Cymraeg—Kids soak it up campaign is a very energetic campaign to start things off. If you would like to know more about our work and activities please log on to our website or you can call in to our office to see the staff there. If you would like to be a volunteer or a member of Menter Iaith we are always looking for new friends. How about it?

I am sure you will read on to learn more about our activities and projects that promote the Welsh language here in Denbighshire.

Thank you for your support, and a special thanks to the staff for all their hard work as usual.

Andrea Miller, Chairperson.

Cymraeg— Kids soak it up

We had a very successful campaign this year where we distributed over 400

bags. Our train journey on Llangollen Railway was very popular with 200 people and children coming to enjoy the journey and to meet Sali Mali and Fireman Sam. We must thank Llangollen Railway and their volunteers for their cooperation. During the campaign we visited numerous cylchoedd ti a fi, Language and play sessions and clinics. We had a very successful and positive day at Boots in Rhyl, where over 70 photographs were taken. During the campaign we had good opportunities to speak with parents about the purpose of the campaign and the advantages of Welsh Medium education.



We would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who was involved with the whole campaign.



Heritage—Murals



During the months of January and February 2009 Caernarfon based Artist Eleri Jones worked with a group of Welsh Learners from Denbighshire to produce a collage based Mural. The project was co-ordinated by Coleg Harlech and Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych.

Group participants were encouraged to develop their Creative skills and ideas alongside developing their Welsh Language. Following a brainstorming session the idea of creating a mural based on water in all it's forms in Denbighshire came to flourish. The group worked with various art techniques such as print, ink drawing, mixed media painting and collage to produce the vibrant mural.

In March two schools Ysgol Gwernant, Llangollen and Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog worked with Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych on a project to make ceramic Wall Murals on Welsh Mythology The Mabinogion. This project was funded by Cadwyn Clwyd and the Heritage Lottery Fund.



Two local Artists Wendy Lawrence and Neil Dalrymple worked with children to create the wall Murals on the Stories Branwen and Taliesin from The Mabinogion. The Mabinogion are a collection of ancient Welsh Tales passed through oral story telling through the centuries. Ysgol Gwernant's Mural was based on the Story of Taliesin and the Year 3 and 4 children made figures of the animals present in the story. Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog's mural on Branwen was on a scene by scene basis.



One of the more stunning scenes was Bendigeidfran using himself as a brigde for his men to cross a dangerous river. The Murlas have now been glazed and are on display in the respective schools. All the children taking part thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with clay while at the same time learning about their Heritage through the medium of Welsh.

Postcard Project

Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych has been working closely with Careers Wales and Halkyn Press to hold a design a postcard competition with pupils form Prestatyn High and Rhyl High. We had a positive reaction from the pupils as they went ahead to design a postcard to promote the Welsh language / bilingualism. 1,000 of the winning postcards from both school have been printed to be distributed within the school and the local community. Thank you to everybody that was involved in the project