

# Easter Newsletter 2010



**Welcome to**  
**Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych**  
Easter Edition of the Newsletter. These are the  
highlights of the last few months.



Sali Mali and Sam Tân's visit with Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych and TWF

Sam Tân and Sali Mali had three great days visiting Nurseries, Libraries and Cylchoedd Ti a Fi. In this busy week Menter in co-operation with TWF visited Rhyl, Prestatyn, Dyserth, St Asaph, Denbigh, Pwllglas and Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd. In each of these location Sian Meirion a Sian Beca presented a Singing and Story Session with the children, and some parents joined in the dancing and had their photograph taken with Sali Mali and Sam Tân. The children enjoyed themselves while the parents were happy to receive a CD of Welsh songs and information on Welsh medium Education.



Workshops in Ysgol Glan Clwyd

By now a series of workshops have taken place at Ysgol Glan Clwyd with pupils from Year 11 and the Sixth Form. First we had a dance workshop tutored by Non Jones from the Urdd. Then a drum workshop was held with tuition by Deian Elfryn. Lastly the youngsters had an animation workshop. Deiniol Morris, the producer of Gogs, showed the group how to make a short animated film. New skills have been attained by these teenagers at these workshops whilst they have also had the opportunity to use the Welsh language outside the classroom in a social situation.



### St David's Day Festival

A whole day of activities ranging from Ed Holden beat boxing in Welsh to Welsh folk dancing were held on Denbigh Square on Saturday, February 27th, to celebrate St David's Day. It was very pleasing to see the town businesses support this event by putting Welsh flags and balloons in their shop windows.

### Food Festival

A wonderful night was held at Brookhouse Mill with around 60 people attending. Firstly the Initiative would like to thank the businesses who attended. Everyone enjoyed Uncle Peter's Fudge as well as the sausages from Mochyn Merllyn!! A big thank you to Enfys as well for their amazing singing performance. As a result of this year's success, hopefully this event will be held again next year. So for those of you who missed out this year there will be another chance to enjoy our local food. Thanks to Cadwyn Clwyd for co-hosting the venture with Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych. The pictures below show and a plate of tasty



Enfys performing



Mochyn Merllyn Sausages!

### Sports Camp

A sports camp was held in Ysgol Dewi Sant to coincide with the Local Urdd Eisteddfod. The idea was that - when the children were not competing in the Eisteddfod - they would have the chance to take part in a few games and practise different sports. While the children were playing, another Menter Iaith officer was able to have a chat with parents about the help we can offer. We received positive feedback from the parents, who thought the sports camp was a good idea, and obviously the children thoroughly enjoyed the fresh air!



Relay races in Ysgol Dewi Sant



Mr Phormiwla "Beat Boxing"

## Changes in Staff

Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych have bid farewell to two members of staff in recent weeks - Gwawr Cordiner and Cerian Ellis. The Initiative and the directors would like to thank Gwawr for her work as part time Chief Officer over the last 6 months. We would also like to thank Cerian for all her work in various roles for the Initiative in the last 7 years. She will be sorely missed, and we wish Cerian all the best in her new job at Llysfasi.

However the Initiative is also welcoming new staff. Gill Stephen has been appointed as a full time Chief Officer. The initiative and directors would like to wish her a very warm welcome. She will start in her post from May 5<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Alun Jones has also been. From May onwards there will be another Children and Young People's Officer. No, don't worry; Anne Lloyd has not left us. This is a new post and Alun will be able to work in the areas that were outside Anne's perimeter, thus broadening the Menter's capabilities to provide for children and young people throughout the county. This new officer will be working very closely with schools, so if you have any ideas for a new project get in touch.

## Children and Young People's Officer for Denbighshire

RYAG and RAPPa enjoyed a trip to Beddgelert during the half term in February. The young people had a chance to visit Gelert's grave and visit the Woodcraft Centre in Beddgelert. "This was a wonderful opportunity for the young people to learn about their Welsh heritage whilst having fun," were the words of Anne Lloyd, our Children and Young People's Officer.

Also a Beat Box workshop was held by Ed Holden (Mr Phormiwlá) at Denbigh High School with pupils from years 7, 8 and 9. The response was very good with one young person saying at the end of the session, "I wish I could speak fluently in Welsh."

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Pasg Hapus! Happy Easter!**

