

### KEY DATES

1. 17<sup>th</sup> July – PSE day at either St Fagans or Caerleon
2. Year 7 Rewards Trip – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July to Oakwood Park
3. Sports Day - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July
4. W/c 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 reports issued
5. End of Term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

It gives me great pleasure to write this first Islwyn High Year 7 newsletter. It is a celebration of the many and varied achievements of our pupils. Pupils have had their input to this and it is truly inspiring to see how much fantastic work goes on both in school and in our local community. It is unfortunate that due to the sheer volume of information, not everything can be included in this report. One thing is for sure, we recognise the achievements of all our pupils and this newsletter will be another opportunity to celebrate and be proud of our pupils and our school.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Academic

- Sound Training Achievers – this initiative aims to improve literacy skills using a specific strategy. 57 pupils in Year 7 achieved their certificates on completion of the course. Well done to all pupils who engaged fully and improved their literacy skills.
- With our new Classcharts system being at the heart of rewards at Islwyn High, we have 76 pupils who have received achievement points only this year. The top 10 from Year 7 are: Carys Morgans; Theo Hancock; Josie Davies; Lois Line; Jasmine Grainger; Logan Walker; Izzy Chivers; William Jones; Finnan Williams and Maddison Perrott.

#### Sport

- Dance Team –Maddison Perrott and Esther Knight-Webley part of the 'Gemini' team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK Street Dance Final in Stoke on 26<sup>th</sup> June.
- Meredith Higgs – Welsh KMA U'16 kickboxing champion once again and plays for our Year 7 Rugby team!
- Cohen Graves and Jaiden Foxwell – both played for the South Wales football team v North Wales this season.
- Year 7 Rugby squad reached semi-final of Caerphilly Cup and the Regional 7's tournament at Newbridge.
- Karate: Nicole Chandler/Alysa De'Ath/Katie-Jayne Morgan - ongoing success in Welsh competitions.
- Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils who completed the Caerphilly 2K Run earlier this year.
- Congratulations to Ellie Jones who was part of the U'12 Netball Squad who are Welsh National Champions. Macey Jones' team won the plate competition at the same venue.
- Maddison Perrott/Logan Walker represented the South East Wales Schools Cross Country Team this year. Logan District 1500m Champion
- Year 7 Football 7-a-side boys and girls squad are Caerphilly Schools Champions 2019 (see pictures).
- Finnan Williams who continues to represent Wales in Angling and will be going to Ireland to compete in early July.
- Harvey Gough has competed for Wales in Gymnastics.

#### Music/Drama

- Well done to all Eisteddfod participants. There were many competitions across all curriculum areas. Notably, the pupils who sang/performed in front of the whole year group. Well done!
- Nicholas Hutchins has passed his grade 5 piano
- The Year 7 cast members of Oliver are working extremely hard in rehearsals in preparation for the opening night (see below)

### TRIPS

- Year 7 Rewards Trip – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July to Oakwood Park
- School production – 'Oliver' 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets on sale now. Check school website.



From top left to right: Sound training pupils, winning football squads, kick-boxer Meredith Higgs, Classcharts champions, dancers Maddison Perrott/Esther Knight-Webley and angler Finnan Williams.

### OTHER

- **Litter picking – 'Eco' group** A large group of volunteers have done a fantastic job of ensuring our school maintains its healthy look. They are positive role models for other pupils. Thank you and well done!
- **Supporting Charities** James Cook, Ellie Jones, Celyn Upcott, Keavie-May McLaughlin and Cole Davies have made a very kind gesture of donating £5 worth of Classchart points to the charity Dreams and Wishes

Fact or fiction? You decide....

**'Elephants are the only mammals/animals that cannot jump'**  
(Lloyd Williams 7HM)