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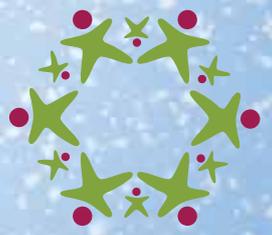
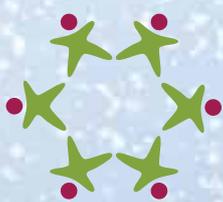
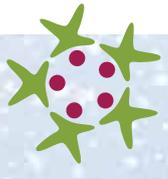
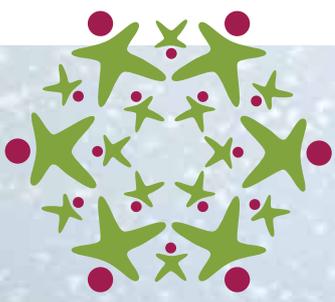
Elfed's success is 'setting the standard'

As Elfed High School's 60th anniversary year draws to a close we thank everyone for helping us to celebrate this special event in our school's history.

Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills visited Elfed High School last month to see for himself how the young people of Buckley are achieving such high levels of academic success.

The Minister praised the School for its commitment to the students, saying, "Elfed is a school where everyone, every single pupil, no matter who they are, no matter what their story, is helped and challenged to succeed."

He congratulated the school on the excellent achievements of the students, saying, "I'm here this afternoon to say 'thank you', not just for reaching your 60th birthday, but for having done so in such tremendous style. As you embark on the next 60 years, make sure you keep that strong bond of community that you have so ably demonstrated to each other and to Buckley."



Season's Greetings Cyfarchion y Tymor

from all at **Elfed High School**

School closes on
Friday 19th December 2014

and opens for students on
Tuesday 6th January 2015

Awards for Excellence

Elfed's excellent Personal and Social Education programme was recognised by Flintshire 'Sorted' Team, with the presentation of a lovely glass trophy.

Students benefit from a well organised programme of events and activities, helping them to prepare for healthy and happy lives.



Llongyfarchiadau!

Congratulations to the students who have been nominated to receive awards in this year's Presentation Evening.

You have been recognised for your brilliant effort and outstanding contribution to Elfed High School.



Year 8 Award Winners



Year 10 Award Winners



SPORTS Council members were treated to tickets to watch the Welsh rugby team take on Fiji in the Autumn Internationals.

The group travelled down to the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, to watch the game. The students had a fantastic view of the game from their pitch-side seats and had the opportunity to experience one of the biggest rugby games of the year.



Sharing excellent practice!

Mr Jones travelled to Sri Lanka, sharing ideas and resources from Elfed High School with the staff at St Joseph's College. The visit was part of the British Council's Connecting Classrooms Programme. He is learning from all the experience of staff and brought back some new ideas.



Fallen War Heroes

Students have taken part in a whole-school project to commemorate the fallen heroes of war. Each young person has made two paper poppies and a display of a thousand flowers was a striking feature of the main corridor. The display was inspired by the poppies displayed in the moat of the Tower of London. These symbols of hope served as a reminder to pay respect to people, past and present, which have fought for the freedom of the country.



The British Champion for Tae Kwando Sparring is in Elfed's Year 8!

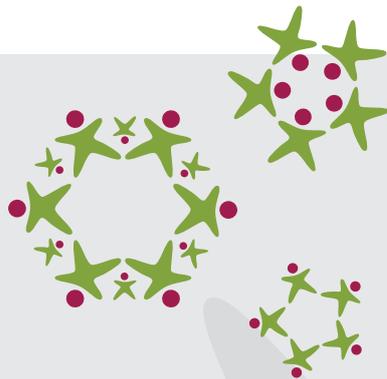
This is the second year running that this talented member of our school has excelled in the prestigious national competition. Well done! Da iawn!

Our popular activities for students and their families are fun and informative. Feedback from parents is very positive, with many saying that they are pleased to be made so welcome.



Coffee Mornings have been a great success, with an introduction to key staff in October and a warm welcome from Mrs A J Preston and the Maths team in November.

Families and school staff flocked to the Elfed Extra Quiz for a challenging evening of brain teasing questions. This was followed by the challenge of making festive cupcakes, with families striving for perfection as they made their tree shaped stands and iced the novelty cakes.



Working with Parents

Congratulations to staff from five Buckley schools on achieving qualifications in Working with Parents. Their certificates show that they have met the highest standards in their work with parents and carers in their schools and in the wider community. Well done. Drury, Elfed, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood.



Advent Begins...

We loved making our Advent Wreath for the festival in Emmanuel Church Bistre. Thank you to Reverend M Batchelor for the invitation to take part.



Supporting Children in Need

There was brilliant support for the fancy dress event in aid of Children in Need. The event was organised by the School Council and raised much needed funds to support children across the UK and further afield. Thank you! Diolch yn fawr!