

Heads Update

I'd like to thank everybody for the very warm welcome I've received in Mountain Ash. It's a super school with great children and an outstanding staff. I have already observed all members of staff teach and I can say with some justification that the staff are up there with the best in Wales. We have exciting plans in place to develop the school over the summer.

- We will be spending over 100k to develop our ICT facilities, and will be adding state of the art equipment to the present system. I will shortly be visiting a world renowned educational research centre in order to plan for new developments over the coming year.
- A large 50 inch flat screen television will be placed in the foyer in order to celebrate the work of our children through picture, and sound.
- Our canteen will be refurbished and re-launched as **Caffi Macs**. The eating environment will be enhanced with new furniture and screens on walls so that the atmosphere becomes more akin to a Caffi. The pupils are presently involved in a competition run to find a logo to accompany the new name.
- The new **Caffi Macs** will sell a wide variety of carefully selected nutritious meals as part of our drive to improve the health and wellbeing of our children.
- Large parts of the school will be repainted and work from our superb art department will be located around the school. We feel that the learning environment is important and will add to the vibrancy of the school.
- We are very keen to develop the school as a community facility. The University of Glamorgan will begin to use Mountain Ash as a base for their Welsh for adult's courses from September, and The Cardiff City soccer foundation will use our fantastic location to run their successful holiday soccer schools.

I hope these developments give you a flavour of things to come. Education is changing in the Cynon Valley and I'll make sure that Mountain Ash is at the forefront of those changes. I would also like to thank year 11, 12 and 13 for their superb behaviour and commitment during the examination season, and look forward to a bumper set of results in August.

Huw Lloyd

Sports Day 2010

On Thursday June 10th 2010 over 250 pupils attended the Athletic Track at Aberdare for our Annual Sports Day. Year 10 GCSE pupils and sports leaders from Years 10, 11 and 12 assisted with officiating the events and they did an excellent job.

Events for competitors in year 7, 8 and 9 included



various running, throwing and jumping events. It was lovely to see so many pupils taking part and the weather was good. One school record was broken by Callum Hall in Year 8 for the 200m and he received a medal in

recognition of this. The best GCSE boy and girl athlete this was Grant Davies and Bethan Willis and the winning house was Taff. The day concluded with the House Medley Relay which involves 4 girls and 4 boys from each House and covers 2 laps of the track. The winning relay team was Golwg.

Well done to all the competitors and parents who turned up to support and an extra thank you to Mr P Barry who organised the whole event.



Callum Hall Year 8 breaks a new school record for Year 8 Boys 200m which he ran in 26.57 seconds. The previous record had been held



Beth Willis and Grant Davies Year 10 receive their medals for best GCSE PE Athletes from Mr Huw Lloyd, Headteacher



Photonews

Hat-trick of wins for Ross

Welsh Junior international Ross Owen Year 11 completed his own hat-trick of titles in the Welsh Young Bowlers Under-16 tournaments recently.

He won the pairs against a Port Talbot pairing, he then won the triples beating a Cardiff triple, and then to round off the hat-trick Ross skipped a fours team to beat a quartet from Heartheton.

Well done Ross!



Well done to Chloe

Year 8 pupil Chloe Mulligan was the star of Mountain Ash RFC's under-12s side last season and was the only girl in the team.

Chloe was also the school's Player of the Year on Prize night and when leaving Mountain Ash RFC recently she was presented with a cap in honour of her service to the club

Chloe was sad to leave her friends at Mountain Ash RFC but was looking forward to joining the Under-15s women's team at Abercwmboi RFC

Date for your Diary

School finishes for the Summer on Friday 16th July. Pupils return to school on Monday 6th September 2010.

Have a good Summer

Year 6 Rounders Tournament

Year 6 pupils from the feeder primary schools recently visited MACS for a PESS Rounders Festival.

Year 8 pupils were umpiring the games which consisted of mixed teams from the different schools playing each other. While the teams were not playing, they also enjoyed taking part in fun activities.

Certificates were given to the winning team and also for individual achievements. e.g good batting, good throwing etc.



Important News

Bus Passes for Sept 2010

DON'T DESTROY YOUR BUS PASS

Only new pupils entering Yr 7 at MACS will be issued with a new bus pass for September. Any pupil who currently has a bus pass has to keep that pass to use next term. A cost of £5 will be charged by RCT for a replacement pass.

Mountain Ash War Memorial rededicated

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Mountain Ash recently to mark the rededication of the town's war memorial at Duffryn Woods.

Significant work has gone into restoring the war memorial to its former glory after it was cruelly vandalised two years ago.

The parade was led by the Regimental Band of the Royal Band of the Royal Welsh and also included dignitaries from neighbouring authorities, and many staff and pupils of MACS.



MBE honour for soldier

A former Mountain Ash pupil Captain Huw Gruffydd Williams has been awarded an MBE in recognition for his work in the Armed Forces.



Important News

This years Trutex Catalogues are still be available from the school office