

BACK TO SCHOOL

Last Week, the Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams, announced the next plans for education in Wales. Although schools have remained open for some pupils, most have been educated at home.

Next steps for schools in Wales:

- **29 June** - all pupils back to school.
- **27 July** - schools close for summer.
- **Beginning of September** - next academic year starts.
- **October half-term** - two weeks break.



Back to normal?

Not quite, there will be changes such as:

- a phased return, where year groups will be split into groups
- staggered starts, lessons and breaks, so as to have less pupils together at one time
- small classes

Schools in **England** have re-opened since 1 June, with only some school years attending. Schools in **Scotland** will open in August.

Home-schooling?

Parents and carers have been taking on the role of teachers over the past few months. But what makes a good teacher? Many pupils and adults have enjoyed the experience of home schooling, and there is more interest in teaching as a career. What will education be like after the pandemic crisis is over? *Clic-it-Cymru* would like to hear your views.

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Because of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, the Denbighshire Urdd Eisteddfod was postponed until 2021. However, the first ever 'virtual' Eisteddfod was held and broadcast on S4C during half-term week. Eisteddfod T attracted over 6,000 competitors in over 80 competitions!

During the week we saw the usual traditional competitions such as singing, dancing and recitation along with some alternative competitions such as miming to songs and talented pets. It was certainly a very lively and unique Eisteddfod!



BLACK LIVES MATTER

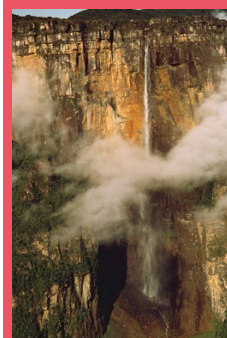
Recently anti-racism protests have been taking place all over the world, including here in Wales. Thousands of people have taken part in the protests and on the whole, they have been peaceful. The protests were sparked by the death of a black man, George Floyd, in Minneapolis, USA on the 25th May this year. He died after a white police officer knelt on his neck during an arrest.



Image by Tara Bethan

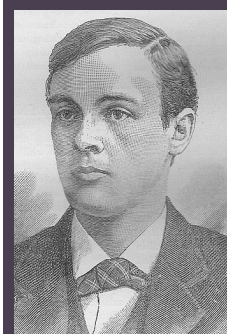
A protest took place in Bute Park, Cardiff with around 2,000 people listening to a number of speakers discussing the injustice that black people face all around the world. One of the speakers was Andrew Ogun; according to Andrew, himself a black man, the death of George Floyd had "....struck a match for everybody, not just black people. People are frustrated, people are tired, people want to get their voices heard. We can't be disingenuous and say police brutality is as bad here as the USA. But regardless, the implicit bias against black people needs to change. Because I'm 10 times more likely to be stopped by police. I've been stopped for no valid reason when I'm doing good things, doing artistic things, because of how I looked."

Andrew and others are now calling for a change in the schools curriculum in Wales to ensure children learn about the role Wales and Britain have in the history of black people and the role black people have played in the history of Wales and Britain.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

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Princess Gwenllïan Day

Who was Gwenllïan?

Gwenllïan was born the daughter of Prince Llywelyn ap Gruffudd and Eleanor de Montford in Garth Celyn, Abergwyngregyn. Eleanor died during childbirth and before Gwenllïan reached her first birthday Llywelyn had also died. As a result Llywelyn's enemy, King Edward I, sent Gwenllïan to be raised at Sempringham Priory where she spent the rest of her life as a nun not knowing her true identity.

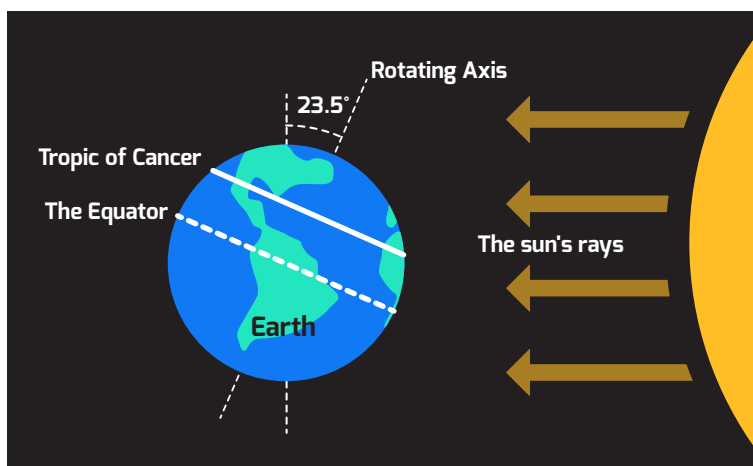
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Summer Solstice / Midsummer Day

What is Summer Solstice / Midsummer Day?

This happens at around the 21st of June every year. This year it starts at 22:43pm on the 20th of June. This is the longest day of the year when the north pole is tilted closest towards the sun. In December we have the Winter Solstice, which is the shortest day of the year. In Wales, which is in the northern hemisphere, Summer Solstice or Midsummer day is the first day of summer and Winter Solstice is the first day of winter. If you live in the southern hemisphere (in Australia for instance) the winter starts in June and the summer starts in December.



You can find out more about the Winter Solstice in [Issue 5-page 6 \(Welsh only\)](#).

How and why do people celebrate Midsummer Day / Summer Solstice?

In northern parts of the world such as Norway, Finland and Alaska, people enjoy 'midnight sun' around this time, and inside the Arctic Circle the sun doesn't set at all! These countries enjoy big celebrations with Sweden having a national holiday. People enjoy visiting the countryside, picking wildflowers, feasting, and singing and dancing around a bonfire.



One of the most famous places to celebrate the Summer Solstice is **Stonehenge** in England. Thousands of people gather at this 4,000-year-old stone circle to watch the sun rise on Midsummer morning. The sun rises behind a special stone, the 'Heel Stone', and a beam of sunlight shines into the middle of the stone circle; this only happens on this day every year. It is believed that people have been celebrating Summer Solstice at Stonehenge for thousands of years.

You can learn more about Welsh Summer Solstice celebrations in the 'Treasures of Wales' article about Bryn Celli Ddu on Page 8.

June

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Father's Day



June

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International Bog Day

For more information visit Natural Resources Wales (NRW) website: <https://bit.ly/2TwKmP8>

If you like nature, NRW are encouraging people to take part in their Pollinator Monitoring Scheme. This is a survey about insects and plants that pollinate and you can do it in your garden without having any specialist equipment or knowledge. The results of the survey will help scientists with important work in this area. Follow the link for more information: <https://bit.ly/3g6Tgwu>

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USA Independence Day

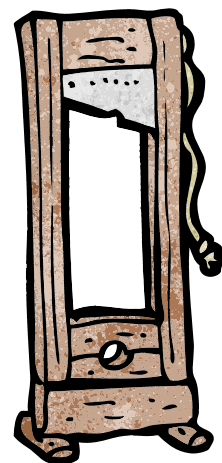
The United States of America celebrate this date every year to remember the day in 1776 when they were officially declared an independent country. Before this historic day the country was ruled by Britain.

July

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Bastille Day

This day is celebrated in France to remember the storming of the Bastille Prison in Paris in 1789 by the ordinary people of France. This was the beginning of the French Revolution when the ordinary people turned against the royal family and the rich people that ruled. Many of these people were executed with the guillotine!



July

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Harry Potter's Birthday

The Harry Potter character shares his birthday with the author of the books, J. K. Rowling.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY?

It was the day before Tariq's birthday. Each time his birthday came around he got very excited, he'd always have a big party, his friends would be invited and they would go to the beach, or park. Sometimes he would have a special meal with his family, and best of all Amira, his sister, would come home from London, where she worked in a hospital. But this year Tariq didn't look forward to his birthday. He didn't want the day to dawn. He stared sadly at his feet, his old trainers were badly worn. He had asked his parents for a new pair, he had been with his Mum to the sports shop in town, he'd tried his favourite pair on, and Mum had smiled, and



said, 'We'll see.'

But all that was before the world shut down. Each time he went through the empty streets with his parents, he'd run to peer through the shop window - the trainers would be there on the shelf near the window. But yesterday, he and his mother had gone for a walk along the promenade before going into town. He had led his Mum as always past the shop, the door was now closed, like most of the town's shops. Tariq had pressed his forehead to the glass so that he could have a glimpse of the trainers. But they weren't there in their usual place. Had they been sold? His heart sank. Tariq dragged his feet all the way home. He didn't care even for the wild goats, they had wandered into the empty town, jumping over walls, leaping their way into gardens and yards. Usually, Tariq would have laughed and chased them off, but not today. His eyes were



downcast, plodding along in his tatty trainers. At bed-time, he pulled the duvet over his head, knowing that the following day would be the worst birthday ever!

He woke early the next day, but didn't get up. Mum came into his room. 'Come on Tariq, it's your birthday, had you forgotten?' she laughed. 'No I hadn't forgotten.' Tariq sighed, and got dressed slowly. 'Pancake for breakfast?' His parents were at the table, waiting. 'Happy birthday Tariq!' Dad beamed as he put the laptop in front of Tariq. 'Someone wants a word with you...' There on screen was Amira, dressed in her scrubs,

ready for work. 'Happy birthday Tariq!' she said, 'I'll be joining your on-screen party tonight, when I finish work, but until then, have a look just there, there's a small parcel under the table for you!'

Dad got hold of the parcel, and put it in front of Tariq. Tariq ripped open the paper. 'Wow!' he squealed, Amira laughed, 'Put them on Tariq, quick, see if they fit!'

That afternoon, Dad, Mum and Tariq went for a walk along the promenade. The goats were back in town and the streets were empty. Tariq ran and jumped after them, his new trainers felt as if he had wings on his feet.



MALTESERS CHEESECAKE



INGREDIENTS:

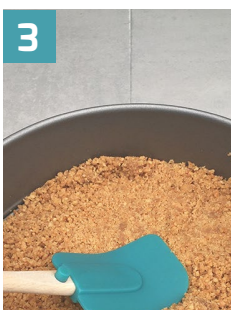
- 175g Digestive biscuits (about ½ a packet)
- 75g butter
- 400g soft cheese (e.g. Philadelphia)
- 100g icing sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla essence
- 300ml double cream
- 150g Maltesers



THIS IS THE EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED.

****Clic-it Cymru's* tin measures about 22cm and the sides come away from the bottom (*springform*)

Cheesecake base:



1. Crush the biscuits into crumbs. You can put them in a plastic bag and use a rolling pin or wooden spoon to crush them, or you can use a food-processor.

2. Melt the butter gently in a saucepan, then add the biscuit crumbs and mix well. *** **Warning! Hot!** You will need an adult with you to do this part!



Put the mix in the tin and press down with the back of a spoon.

Cheesecake topping:



Mix the soft cheese, icing sugar and vanilla essence in a bowl.



In a separate bowl, whip the cream until it thickens and add to the soft cheese mix.



Crush the Maltesers. Again, you can put them in a bag and bash with a rolling pin or use a food processor. Add the Maltesers to the rest of the mix.



Pour the mix onto the biscuit base and spread with a spoon or spatula. Unless you have already eaten all the Maltesers you can use some to decorate the top! It will need to chill in the fridge for at least two hours before it is ready to eat.



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HAY FESTIVAL

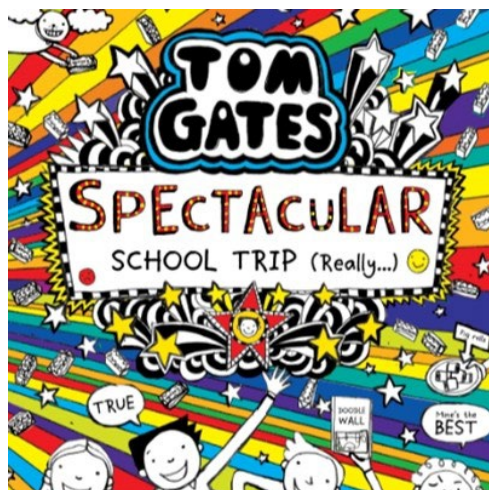
The Hay Festival is a book festival that is held every May in the small town of Hay-on-Wye near Brecon, south Wales. It usually attracts over 100,000 visitors from all over the world and you can meet and listen to many famous writers and speakers. This year, because of the Coronavirus pandemic the festival itself has been cancelled, but the good news is that events are going ahead digitally and can be seen by everyone online.

This link will take you to the Hay Festival Programme for Schools 2020 where you can see all events for Secondary and Primary schools:

<https://tinyurl.com/ya975uel>

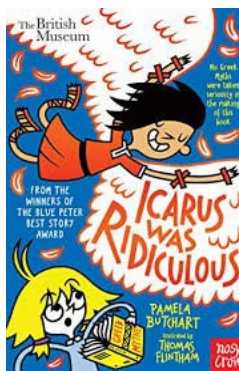
Not sure what to see? Here is *Clic-it Cymru*'s pick of highlights from the School's Programme...

Liz Pichon is the author and illustrator of the popular Tom Gates books. Here she talks about her new book, shows you how to do your own Tom Gates style doodle and shows you a great trick with a Caramel Wafer!



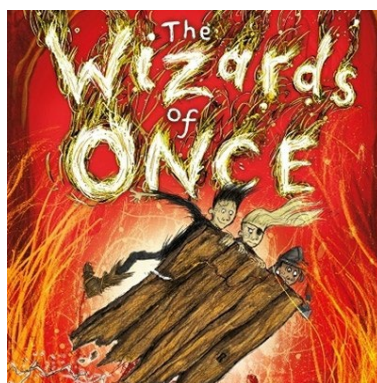
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Pamela Butchart is the author of funny books such as *My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat* and *Demon Dinner Ladies*. Here she talks about her latest book *Icarus was Ridiculous*, dresses up as a dinner lady and does some strange things with crisps!



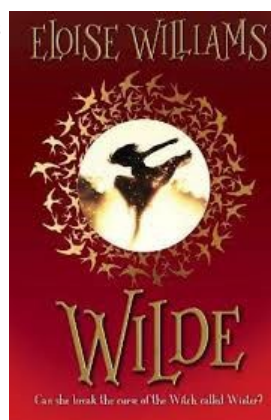
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Cressida Cowell is the Waterstones Children's Laureate and author of the famous *How to Train your Dragon* series, also featuring on TV and in films. Listen to her talk of her latest book *The Wizard of Once: Knock three times* and inspire you with tips on how to write and illustrate your own stories.



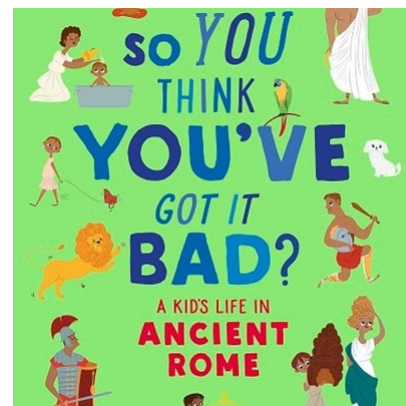
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Eloise Williams is Children's Laureate Wales. (You can read more about her in [Issue 11, page 4](#)) Here she talks about her new book *Wilde*, a spooky story of witches and curses.

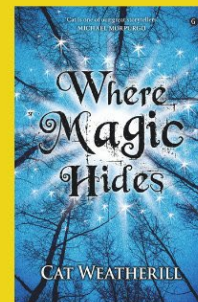


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Chae Strathie is the author of *So you think you've got it bad? Ancient Rome*. If you prefer non-fiction and are a fan of Horrible Histories then this is the event for you. Listen to the author as he describes the strange life of a Roman child, from washing clothes in wee to snacking on dormice!



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#CaruDarllen

Here are the shortlisted books for the Tir na-n-Og English language prize. This award is for books by authors who are Welsh or live in Wales or for books with a Welsh background. The winner will be announced in August.

BRAIN TWISTER



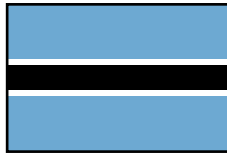
Where in the world?
A quiz about the countries of the world.

1. In which country would you be greeted in the morning with the following words - *Dzień dobry*?

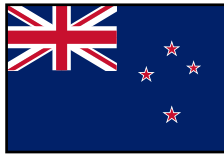
2. Three countries have dragons (large and small) on their flags. Wales is one, what are the other two?



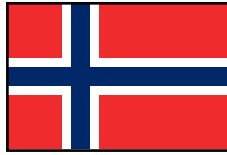
3. These are the banners of which countries?



a)



b)



c)



d)

4. Which country has the rupee as its currency?

5. Pretoria is the capital of which country?

6. In which country would you be bid 'good night' with the words *Goedenacht*?

7. Salto Ángel or Angel Falls is the highest uninterrupted waterfall in the world. Where is it?



8. In which country did the first Olympic Games take place?

9. In 1865 the ship *Mimosa* set sail carrying tens of Welsh people to begin a new life in a new country. Where did the ship land?

10. Who was the author of *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*, the Welsh National Anthem?

Answers on page 8







GO ON - TELL ME A STORY!

You can print and cut out the cards below. Use them to help create a story of your own.

Instructions:

- Cut out all the cards.
- Choose 3 cards - one of each colour.
- Use your imagination to create your story, using the prompts.
- Pick up another card when you need more ideas.
- You can play on your own or with others.



castle	ship	cottage in the forest		cave	large shop	block of flats		hollow tree	in the snow
friendly or wicked witch	pirate	old lady or gentleman	boy/girl		detective	animal/ bird/ creature	ghost/ skeleton/ ghoul		teacher
treasure	map				tent (small, marquee, circus)	key	phone	flowers	footprints

Wise Words from Auntie Dot

READING

Reading or browsing through a book is great fun. Reading or listening to a story is relaxing too.

Is there a cosy corner in your house, or out in the garden? Find a quiet corner and fill the space with cushions or a bean bag.

Read a story by yourself, or have a story time break with your family. You can take it in turns to re-tell a story or use your imagination to create your own. Look at the ideas above.



Why not settle down and listen to a story? There are plenty of audio books available free on the internet.

Relax by browsing through a picture book. There are plenty of picture books available, suitable for children, young people and adults. Picture books aren't just for young children. Auntie Dot's favourite is *Window*, by Jeannie Baker.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE



SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Over the last few weeks we have seen numerous colourful rainbows displayed in windows or painted on walls. The rainbow has always been a symbol of hope and has cheered people up on many occasions. But have you ever wondered how rainbows are formed?

What is a rainbow?

A rainbow is an arc of various colours, which our eyes can see as sunlight shines through rain-drops. When you're facing a rainbow the sunlight will be behind you and the rain-drops in front of you.

Why does a rainbow have seven colours?

Light seems to be white. However, light is made up of a spectrum of different colours. We can see seven colours in a rainbow:

violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, red.

Fancy a Fact?

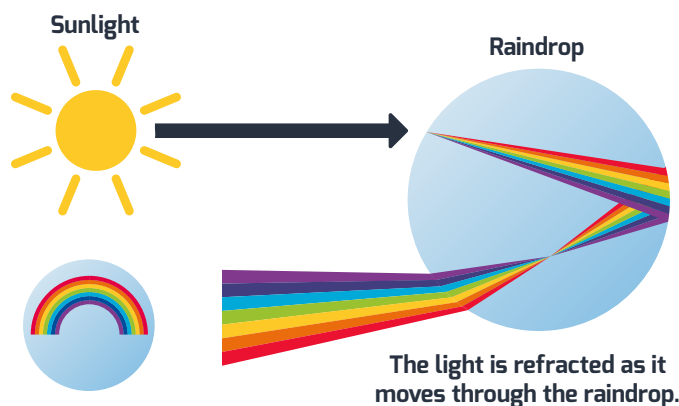
We don't all see rainbow in the same way. That's because the light is reflected into your individual eye, the picture you have of the rainbow will be unique to you. Wow!



Refracting (bending) light

When light enters a raindrop it is refracted. It is then refracted a second time as it leaves the raindrop. The light separates creating an array of colours which travel back into our eye, allowing us to see a rainbow. A rainbow is really a circle of light, but as we usually stand on the ground, at a certain angle, we only see half of it.

HOW A RAINBOW IS FORMED



A treasure?

Rainbows are not solid, therefore you can never touch a rainbow. However, you can always dream of finding that treasure!

CATCH A RAINBOW IN A JAR!

You will need:

- a tall jar or glass
- 3 mugs
- salt
- blue, red and yellow food colouring
- warm water

Method:

- put a drop of blue colouring in mug 1, yellow in mug 2, and red in mug 3
- add 4 spoon-full of salt to the blue colouring in cup 1
- add 2 spoon-full of salt to the yellow colouring in cup 2
- **do not** add salt to cup 3

How much salt?

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No salt

- next, pour the same amount of water into each mug, stir mug 1 and 2 well
- now hold the tall jar on an angle and carefully pour the blue water down the side of the jar

- repeat with the yellow water
- finish off by adding the red water



The blue water should remain at the bottom of the jar, the yellow in the middle and the red on top, without mixing.



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Why does this happen?
(Answer on page 8)

YOU'RE A STAR! FIN CALDERWOOD



Name:

Fin Calderwood

Home:

Pencaenewydd a village near Pwllheli.

Challenge:

I ran seven marathons in seven days to raise funds for NHS Wales.

Why?

Schools are shut, so I wasn't working, and I wanted to help. I decided on a physical challenge to raise money. I enjoy running, but I had never taken part in a marathon run before.

Feelings?

Because of the distance I needed to run each day this was by far the hardest thing I've ever done. On the third day I injured my knee, the pain was terrible.

Any tips?

Do plenty of training. I did the challenge without training sufficiently. I got the idea on Wednesday, and started running on the Friday. My advice would be to begin training, and build up your strength over time. But it was one of my best ever challenges!



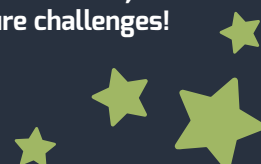
Any other goals?

I look forward to taking part in many more Ultra Marathon events, especially the Pen Llŷn Ultra next year.

Who inspires you?

No one famous, no celebrities really. Friends and family are very important to me and their support over the years has motivated me a lot.

Thank you Fin.
Clic-it-Cymru wishes you well with your future challenges!



TIME TRAVELLING

WHEN? 1858 - 1920

SIR O.M.EDWARDS

This year is the centenary of Sir O.M.Edward's death, but his contribution to Wales is still celebrated.



Who was O.M.Edwards?

Owen Morgan Edwards grew up on a farm called Coed-y-Pry, in Llanuwchllyn near Bala. He was born on a tenant farm, to an ordinary family. During the Victorian years, children from poor families rarely had the chance to continue with their education, often having to leave school to help provide much needed wages. However O.M.Edwards went on to attend the universities of Aberystwyth and Oxford.

Today we remember his tireless struggle to raise the standard of education in Wales. He passionately believed that the children of Wales deserved to be treated with fairness.

What needed changing?

At that time, laws concerning education in Wales were discussed and passed in London. Many of the politicians in Westminster didn't understand the issues concerning Wales. They didn't believe children should be able to speak Welsh in school, believing that the language of education should be English. This was unfair, as most Welsh children at that time spoke Welsh as their first language.

The Welsh Not



National Museum of Wales

Welsh children would be punished for speaking Welsh. A child heard speaking Welsh would have to wear a piece of wood with the letters W.N. around their neck. The child could pass the wood on to another child who was heard speaking Welsh. The child unfortunate enough to have the wood around his neck at home-time would be beaten by the teacher's cane.

O.M.Edwards was given this treatment at school, and wrote of his experience - 'That wooden token was placed around my neck a hundred times...'

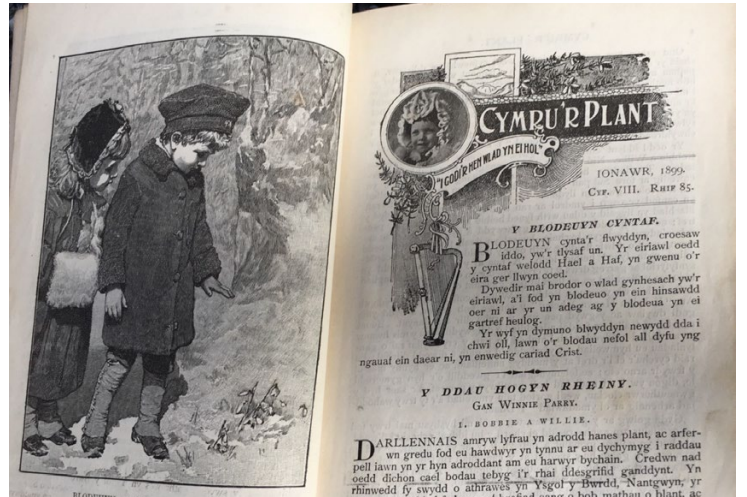
Following such cruel treatment, O.M.Edwards decided he would fight to change education in Wales. He became the Chief School Inspector for Wales, and worked hard to make certain that Welsh children were treated justly.

Author

O.M.Edwards was also an author. He wrote books for adults and children that would often be about Welsh legends and heroes. He also travelled widely and wrote about his journeys and the countries he had visited. He also published an English periodical called 'Wales' so that the English speaking population of Wales could also learn about their country. During the 1890s he published Welsh magazines for children, *Cymru*, and *Cymru'r Plant*. *Cymru'r Plant* sold around 40,000 copies every month and remains the largest Welsh-language publication ever.

A page from one of his publications *Cymru'r Plant* 1892.

Before O.M. Edwards began publishing his magazines, there was very little available reading material for Welsh children. *Cymru'r Plant* was illustrated and was packed with stories, poems and puzzles.



Fancy a Fact?

Are you a member of Urdd Gobaith Cymru? The founder of the Urdd, Ifan ab Owen Edwards was the son of Sir O.M.Edwards.



Member of Parliament

O.M.Edwards became Member of Parliament for Meirionnydd in 1899. He was a member of the Liberal Party but he didn't enjoy the experience and did not stand for re-election in 1900.

PREVIOUS ARTICLES AND DATES (Issues 1-6 Welsh only)

500: Saint David (Issue 1)

1136: Welsh Castles (Issue 3)

1859: Royal Charter Disaster (Issue 8)

1867-1934: Marie Curie (Issue 7)

1912: Reaching the South Pole (Issue 6)

1914: Christmas Truce in the World War 1 trenches (Issue 5)

1942-1945: Anne Frank (Issue 9)

1948: Establishing the National Health Service (Issue 4)

1960s: The Sixties' Revolution (Issue 2)

1st of November: Calan Gaeaf

Christmas: Christmas Traditions (Issue 11)

The power of water (Issue 12)

Animal heroes (Issue 13)

Welsh Health Boards (Issue 14)

TREASURES OF WALES



BRYN CELLI DDU - ANGLESEY

One of Wales' most important ancient treasures is Bryn Celli Ddu near Llanddaniel Fab on the Island of Anglesey. It is a tomb from the Neolithic period and experts believe that work on it was begun about 5,000 years ago. It consists of large stones laid in a circle to create a chamber with a long passage leading down to it, with the

whole thing being covered with a mound of earth. Experts believe that many people have been buried there over a long period of time. Inside the tomb archaeologists have discovered human bones, arrowheads a stone bead and a large stone decorated with mysterious patterns.

What makes Bryn Celli Ddu even more interesting is that it has been aligned to the direction of the rising sun on the Summer Solstice. As the sun rises on this special day a shaft of sunlight

shines down the passage to light up the burial chamber within. Perhaps those who built it were trying to bring light, heat and life to their dead ancestors... who knows?



Watch this film on YouTube for more information:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ay8ZhWX4nUg>



FAB FACTS ABOUT SPORT

Golf balls were once made of leather and feathers.



Football or Soccer is the most popular sport in the world.



The prize for event winners in the Ancient Olympics was an olive branch wreath, not a gold medal.



The strings on tennis rackets used to be made from sheep intestines.



The longest tennis match took place at Wimbledon 2010 when John Isner of the US beat Nicolas Pietrangeli of France in a match which lasted for 11 hours 5 minutes!



If you jogged at a pace of 10km per hour it would take 173 days to jog around the world following the equator. It would take 5 years to jog around Jupiter.



OPENING UP - IT'S NOT SO SCARY!

In **Issue 14** we heard from **Andrea, a teacher in China**. Here is an update from her about how things are by now:

So, it's been a few weeks since I wrote about the situation in China. It's now heading into June and I expect your wondering what it's like now?

Getting out and about is so much easier now with most restaurants, shops, parks and beauty spots open, however we do have to wear masks. We are now back to school here for all ages except for Kindergarten. We didn't all come back together though, different ages started at different times. School is a little different, but it's been much better and easier than I expected! Before we went back to school all the teachers were



tested to make sure they were clear of the virus. Before we enter school we have to scan

our health app. We then have to queue 1.5 metres apart to have our temperatures checked. Teachers teach in their masks and students wear their masks during lessons. All desks are 1.5 metres apart with around 15 in a classroom. So, whilst life is still not normal- it's not as bad as it was. We continue to follow the rules to keep everyone safe!

"Where in the world" answers : 1. Poland 2. Bhutan and Malta 3. a) Botswana b) New Zealand c) Norway d) Azerbaijan 4. India 5. South Africa 6. Netherlands 7. Venezuela 8. Greece 9. Argentina 10. James James and Evan James
 Catch a Rainbow in a Jar question: The density of salty water is greater than fresh water, the fresh water will remain on the surface.

Two issues of *Clic-it Cymru* will appear on Hwb each term. The next issue will be available on Monday the 14th of September. Remember to contact us by emailing clicitcymru@cynnal.co.uk - we will be delighted to hear your ideas and opinions.