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YSGOL ABERERCH



■ Pupils at Plas Menai National Watersports Centre

YEAR 4, 5 and 6 pupils from Ysgol Abererch, Pwllheli had a very active and busy three days at the Plas Menai National Watersports Centre recently.

The visit was funded by a grant ensuring that all pupils could benefit from new experiences such as sailing, kayaking and canoeing.

The school hopes that the pupils will now take full advantage of watersport activities that will hopefully be available on their doorstep when the new Plas Heli Sailing Academy opens in the summer of 2015.

Ysgol Abererch has been accredited with the Active Mark Wales award for its provision and commitment to developing physical education and extra-curricular experiences of high-standard to the pupils.

During their stay at Plas Menai they certainly developed new skills and enjoyed fabulous new experiences!



COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER (CaST) CYMRU



■ Pictured outside Ysgol Esgob Morgan are Ales, Martin Fitton, CaST Cymru Deputy chair of Trustees, Pavla, Richard Hatwood from Esgob Morgan, Katerina, Ales M, Vera, Zdenek, Hana, Jana, Klara and Petr

ON Sunday, April 26, a group of 10 teachers and community tutors from Komunitní škola Kašava (Kašava Community School) in the Czech Republic, arrived in North Wales.

The group were here to see how schools are linking with their communities. The European Erasmus+ funded visit was facilitated by charity Communities and Schools Together (CaST) Cymru.

On Monday's 'Orientation Day' they heard about Wales, the geography, culture and education system with presentations by

CaST Cymru, Pavla Holikova, Kašava school, WEA Cymru and Conwy Communities First.

A highlight of the visit was a visit to Esgob Morgan Junior School in St Asaph where, having been greeted by head Tim Redgrave, the group heard from teacher Richard Hatwood about the huge range of extra activities that are provided for children and families including the Urdd, School:Home Cookery Club, Patron of Reading, RHS 5 Star Gardening School, Fairtrade and Eco School, which lead nicely to a visit to the hens and poly

tunnel.

Pam Boyd, Chief Executive of CaST Cymru said: "It has been a fantastic week. We have enjoyed meeting the group and sharing experiences of schools and their communities working closer together to benefit everyone. There are very real similarities about what we are all trying to achieve and we hope to further

develop the links with Kašava school in the future."

Pavla Holikova said: "We were so lucky to find CaST Cymru to organise the visit for us. The schools and communities we have seen and the people we have met have been so helpful and interesting and we are going back with many ideas for our school."



GOLFTYN CP SCHOOL



■ Golftyn CP's Year 5 and 6 football team have won every Flintshire school's tournament in the past two years

THE football team at Golftyn CP school in Flintshire should be very proud of themselves as they have won every Flintshire Primary school tournament over the past two years which is an achievement never before reached by any Flintshire school - even Michael Owen, Ryan Shawcross

and Ian Rush didn't achieve this in their Flintshire school days. In 2013 they won the Year 3/4 Elwyn Owen Cup; 2014 they won the Year 5 Ron Bishop; 2015 they won the Connah's Quay league, the Eccleson cup, the Hardwick Shield and the Tom Roberts cup. Well done boys!

YSGOL BRO HEDD WYN



■ Pupils took part in the recent litter-pick in the area

PUPILS from Ysgol Bro Hedd Wyn, Trawsfynydd, have recently been leading a campaign to tidy up the local community by taking part on a litter pick around the village.

A total of 20, year 3 and 4 pupils, armed with their Tidy Towns litter-pick sticks and new high-viz jackets, worked tirelessly to clear any untidy spots in the village.

After collecting the litter, they then went on to recycle all items they could.

Councillor John Wynn Jones, Gwynedd Council Environment Cabinet Member said: "It is hugely encouraging to see that the pupils of Ysgol Bro Hedd Wyn, Trawsfynydd are so proactive in the community and doing such great work to encourage us all to keep the community clean and

tidy.

"Many congratulations to the pupils and teachers on this project. It is wonderful to see that they have worked closely with the Gwynedd Tidy Towns scheme to actively collect litter in the community and I hope their efforts will encourage more residents to take pride in their local environment."

If you'd like to start your

own community group or if your school wish to improve your local environment, please contact Gwynedd Council's Tidy Towns Officer for a community pack.

For more information about Gwynedd Council's Tidy Towns scheme, contact the team on 01766 771000 or send an e-mail to treftitoclus@gwynedd.gov.uk