

'A oes Heddwch?' / 'Is there Peace?' ...

... was the question voiced in the school Eisteddfod held at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy on Monday, July 3rd 2017. The sports hall echoed with an almighty 'Heddwch' as the winner of the main Welsh literary competition was chaired. Owain Vaughan, a year twelve pupil rose to the sound of his pseudonym 'Pawb' (Everyone) being announced during the prestigious ceremony. Owain's soliloquy based on 'Cyfrinach' (Secrets) was awarded the best piece of creative work out of the thirteen entries. The author was chaired by a 'Gorsedd' comprising of fellow pupils led by the Archdruid, also a year 12 pupil.

The charring ceremony was the highlight of a busy and exciting week of competition as the school Eisteddfod was held at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy for the fourth time since being re-introduced in 2011. Pupils from the four houses-Geirionnydd, Gwydir, Crafnant and Hiraethog competed in good spirit in the stage and homework competitions accumulating in an afternoon of humorous and enthusiastic competition by members of staff and pupils alike.

The adjudicators, Erin Gwyn Rossington, Rhodri Sion and Angharad Jones-Young are all past pupils and winners at the Eisteddfod, completing the team we welcomed Mr. Dilwyn Price. All four adjudicated with professionalism and style. They were kept busy and praised the excellent behaviour and participation rate of the pupils and the very high standard of performance. The three other main competitions also had worthy winners and the volume of entries was high. The crown, intricate and carefully crafted was designed and made by Heledd Griffiths, Head of Design and Technology, and sponsored by Menyn's, was awarded to Gwenan Lewis, a pupil in Year 12 who wrote an English poem based on 'Space'. 'Blas ar Fwyd' sponsored the Composition Medal and the winner was Cadi Gwyn Edwards from year 12, one of the house captains. The Drama Medal, sponsored by 'Bys a Bawd' was presented to Awel Jones, a year 12 pupil and also one of the house captains. All winners had a glass trophy as a keepsake.

Aron Brenig Jones, Year 7, was presented with the 'Menter Iaith Conwy' shield for the best performance in the Recitation section, whilst the 'Lle Hari - Y Dolydd' shield for the best performance in the dance section went to the year 7 clog-dancing group from Gwydir. Christopher Sabisky's flute recital ensured him the best performance shield in the music section, sponsored by 'Edwards of Conwy'.

The 'Siwgr a Sbeis' cup for the choir went to Hiraethog and the 'Tannery' cup for the recitation party went to Gwydir. There was anticipation to hear the final result of the day, the Cup for the house with the highest marks in the Eisteddfod, sponsored by 'Tir a Môr'. It was a close call with Geirionnydd being victorious this year.

Andrea Parry, who organised the Eisteddfod was amazed by the support.

"We are grateful to local businesses for their generosity in sponsoring the main competitions. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Eisteddfod, especially team captains for their organisation and commitment, staff and competitors for their high standard of performance in entertaining the appreciative audience, enabling the Eisteddfod to be one of the school year's highlights."

With the Eisteddfod acclaimed as a huge success, the houses will be raring to go with ideas for next year.