**Governors Report – Summer Term 2024**

**Pupil Voice**

The Seneddhave once again given us many reasonsto celebrate the success ofour wonderful pupils at Cefn Saeson. Jake Dorgan has been elected as the Deputy Mayor for NPT Youth Council. Since Year 7 Jake has been an outstanding ambassador for Cefn Saeson and along with his role in the Welsh Youth Parliament, Jake continues to be an excellent representative and the voice of young people across Neath Port Talbot and South Wales.

We are all very proud of him!!!!

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 10 **SEREN** pupils and Senedd members who have been in preparing a presentation on How We Can Get One Million Welsh Speakers By 2050. Harry Anley and Eva Hook, Eliott Hughes, Kathryn Hails, Harry Kaitlyn Gordon have worked incredibly hard, giving up every break and lunch time over the last few weeks to create a remarkable presentation that has been videoed this morning to be submitted for a SEREN competition. Cefn Saeson have made it through to the **FINAL** which will be held in Margam Orangery on Tuesday 19th March where our pupils will be presenting their ideas to Welsh Assembly ministers

**Nature Unearthed Project**

Neath Port Talbot has recently released an action plan to improve biodiversity called “Nature Unearthed: A vision for Nature in NPT”. The document was show cased to organisations, members of government, and charities in hope to raise awareness and a call to action. Cefn Saeson pupils were asked to be a part of this by introducing the section on “Nature Recovery for Future Generations.” Dave Cole and Amy Murphy (Science) were in attendance, this allowed them to make community links and resources that will be vital in future projects.

A media team came into Cefn Saeson to interview and record the opinions and feelings of our pupils on the topic of nature and climate change. They did us proud! Pupils were articulate and reflective on issues surrounding the loss of biodiversity in NPT and what they would like the future to hold for them.

The short film was shown in the Gwyn Hall, Neath, with many representatives in attendance. The moments following the film, you could hear a pin drop. The pupils provoked an emotional response in many, and it was a wonderful addition to the day.

In response, the school has made commitments to be a part of the action plan, pupils will be creating an “Eco Sennedd” ran by Miss Murphy to allow for more pupils to voice their opinions and play an action role in conservation. We also hope to raise funds and opportunities to make educational conservation spaces on school ground through the Eco Sennedd and Forest Schools.

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**School Community Senedd**

The Cefn Saeson “School Shop” is now open and pupils use their achievement points to purchase items that the pupils have selected.
Since the introduction of the rewards shop back in November, pupils have purchased over 600 items in the 5 months it has been running. Items range from simple stationery equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers and rubbers to more elaborate items such as footballs, rugby balls and phone charger leads. We have also been able to secure some more luxury items from external agencies including drones and computer gift cards which has generated a lot of excitement recently. However, the most popular item within the rewards shop is the front of the queue lunch pass which can often be seen being used during fish and chip day on a Friday! Attendance, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities and general polite, well-mannered attitudes are just some of the ways that pupils can earn rewards credits to spend in the shop and of course this helps to drive up standards across the school and ties in with certain aspects of this year’s PIAP.

Following the launch of “Miss School Miss Out” school attendance campaign at Cefn Saeson last Year, we were asked by NPT council to ask 3 of our pupils to interview Mr Cole about the importance of attending school. This interview of Mr Cole was videoed and was aired on NPT Instagram.

Logan Peck our Head Boy was one of the pupils who took part along with Alexandra Harris and Zjackaria Meah. Below is what Logan had to say of the experience:

*“The experience as a whole was great, it was a fun opportunity and an interesting insight not only for me but I feel it will also be for all who view it. The interviews were very relaxed and comfortable, both the flow of conversation and the general nature of them I enjoyed throughout and I’m sure my peers and Mr Cole felt the same way. I’m grateful for the chance to participate, and I think others will also enjoy the watch*”.

Once again, a selection of our community Senedd members were asked to participate in the ITV “Sharp End” show. Our pupils spoke of the importance of attending school and what they consider may be the barriers of pupils not wanting to attend school.

Ten of our pupils are busy preparing for an assembly of their thoughts, concerns and wonderful experiences they have had since joining Cefn Saeson. They will visit all of our cluster primary schools to deliver their assembly for all Year 5 & 6 pupils.

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**Learning & Teaching**

Year 11 Senedd members have been discussing the importance of revision session that the school offers. They find them incredibly helpful and as a result, the school will be open during the Easter Holidays where revision sessions are taking place for Science, History, ICT & sociology.

This term Senedd pupils have been discussing “What is a good Learner here at Cefn Saeson?”

Pupils have been developing ideas on what makes a good learner in Cefn Saeson. They have given ideas on a poster which will be displayed around our school.

Alex Harris, Ruby Pike and Jake Dorgan volunteered to speak to all HoD about how they would like to see pupils work celebrated. They suggested that they would like pupils' success, not just academic, to be celebrated in assemblies, that should be just placed on social media, celebrating the success in school helps to create the positivity overall. They have also asked for a presentation evening for all year groups. We have listened to this and I am proud to say that we will be holding our Annual achievement evening for all year groups in the Summer term.

**Health & Wellbeing**

Pupils have produced a power point presentation to deliver to all year groups in assemblies.

Their chosen topics are: -

* Sexual harassment
* Bullying
* Racism

The wellbeing pupils have also contributed to the Neath Port Talbot junior safeguarding board project.

Three of our pupils were selected to attend the monthly meetings with all other schools' junior safeguarding pupils.

Here they are collaborating to make our schools a safer acceptable environment for all. A survey was conducted throughout all schools in NPT, and sexual bullying and harassment was the main concerns with young people believing that this is happening all too often during the school day. It was therefore decided by the JSB to focus on sexual harassment.

The JSB want to create a uniform approach to this issue across all schools in the local authority.

They have learnt about and discussed all aspects of sexual harassment i.e. what is sexual harassment? How does it affect people? The law and police involvement in sexual harassment cases.

Pupils have worked to create posters, slogans etc. These will be displayed in all our schools.

All the schools have now been asked to work on their own project and use the materials that have been produced from the collaborations.

The Wellbeing Senedd would like to discuss with senior staff and governors an event highlighting sexual harassment where they will arrange a presentation assembly and activities to deliver to years 7 and 8 pupils with parents' permission.  Although this maybe a difficult topic it is important that the pupils know that this behavior is unacceptable and against the law

The Sennedd feel strongly about educating pupils of Cefn Saeson. The aim of this event is to teach our pupils about sexual harassment, the consequences, and how it can make young people feel.  Making our school a better environment for all.

**Attendance and Pastoral Senedd.**

The Attendance and Pastoral Senedd is a lively group of pupils who have demonstrated their commitment to improving attendance in school.

Our main focus for the first part of the year has been on raising the profile of the importance of attendance across the school. I started the discussions by asking them what they felt would be beneficial in making pupils aware of the importance of attendance. They all said they liked to attendance assemblies and particularly liked when it was emphasized how many lessons they would miss if they missed a few days.

I introduced the idea of rewards and suggested the idea of them being awarded 5 positive points each Friday if they have had 100% attendance – this was well received. I also offered a queue-jumping pass which would be given to one pupil who had 100% attendance that week – they will be chosen by their form tutor using class charts randomiser – this was very well received.

The whole school policy of ‘Attendance Monday’ is working very well, most all pupils said that their form tutors are going through their attendance on Mondays with them. In our pastoral meeting I went through the procedures with each year head and we will now all be disseminating the attendance information in the same way to our form tutors.

In our following meetings we discussed the attendance boards and if pupils felt they were useful. Pupils felt they were a good idea but that the information on the boards were too small, they also wanted the attendance listed in form order. A change has been made to the size and layout of the board.

We have developed the idea of the boards and now the information about who is meeting the criteria for trips and prom is also displayed. We are also going to display attendance posters on boards in the canteen and around the school.