

Action Song - who will take Top Spot?

There's great anticipation across Ceredigion as youngsters prepare to travel down to Cardiff Bay next week to compete at the Urdd Gobaith Cymru's National Eisteddfod. And with the Eisteddfod about to begin, it reminds people locally that in a year's time, the great day will soon be upon Ceredigion's Llanerchaeron site, when visitors across Wales will flock to enjoy another Urdd festival in 2010

There's great anticipation at Ysgol Llandysul this week, as the pupils have claimed top spot in the Action Song competition at the Ceredigion regional Eisteddfod and are now looking in earnest to take to the stage at Wales Millennium Centre next week.

The theme for the competition is a 'Portrait of any decade,' and Llandysul pupils will follow a decade in the life of one hopeless boy, Siencyn ap Rhydderch, as he competes year after year, to no avail, at the Eisteddfod. With two pushy grandmothers by his side, we'll have to wait and see whether for once, poor old Siencyn succeeds in reaching top spot on the Eisteddfod stage.

Sponsored by Western Power Distribution, fifteen schools will be vying for first prize at the Donald Gordon Theatre, Wales Millennium Centre on the opening day of the Urdd National Eisteddfod, Monday 25th of May. The evening's events kick off at 6.30pm and tickets are sold out.

"The pupils have worked extremely hard in the last few weeks, and are very excited to be performing on the stage at the Millennium Centre," explains Ysgol Llandysul Headteacher, Aneurin Thomas. "During the Easter holidays, some of the children travelled to Cardiff to see Mary Poppins and since then they have become much more nervous after seeing how big the stage was! We are all looking forward to a great evening, with more preliminary competitions for the school pupils the following morning."

"The opportunity to perform in front of a sell-out crowd is something the children will never forget and we're delighted to be sponsoring this competition", said** from Western Power Distribution. "There will be in excess of a thousand children from all over Wales singing and dancing at the Donald Gordon Theatre and I wish every one of them success on the night."

With 15,000 competitors and 100,000 visitors expected to the National Urdd Eisteddfod, it is a celebration of the Welsh language, culture and the wealth of young talent we have in Wales today.

The Eisteddfod's hub will be the Wales Millennium Centre where the main competitions will be held in the Donald Gordon Theatre. Stalls and exhibitions will be in and around the Centre with the Craft, Design and Technology exhibition located within the celebrated Senedd building.

Roald Dahl Plass will be a hive of activity while the Odeon Cinemas at Red Dragon Centre will host the preliminary competitions from 8 each morning.