

## **A Wonderful week for Ceredigion**

The Urdd National Eisteddfod at Cardiff Bay was a resounding success, with good weather (on the whole), and the facilities at the Millennium Centre second to none. Standards were very high, and competitors worked hard months in advance to reach the final rounds at Cardiff Bay. Ceredigion competitors had an excellent week - good preparation for the event which will be held at Llanerchaeron in less than a year's time.

In the Art Design and Technology Section, Naomi Tansey from Ysgol Gynradd Llanarth excelled in the Textile Section, competition for year 5 and 6, and was awarded the prestigious Ysgol Gyfun Maes yr Yrfa Trophy. Another worthy winner was a pupil from Ysgol Gynradd Llanafan, Mari Davies who won the competition for year 6 and younger age groups to design and produce a creative headgear.

Welsh learners Helen Cassidy and Jordan Evans brought triumph to Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnonbedr, Cylch Llambled winning first and second prize in the youngest category of the prose competition. At Ysgol Penweddig, Gwen Sims-Williams, Sioned Thomas, Heledd George and Carys Davies were all awarded prizes in the older secondary categories for creating wonderful poems – a great accolade to the school.

Anwen Eleri, Ceredigion's Urdd Development Officer said: "Ceredigion did well in the Literary and Art Design and Technology sections, with many more making it to the final three than we can name in this column. A huge congratulation goes to, not only the Urdd members, but to teachers and parents who assist and lead the youngsters with these creative competitions."

Back on the main stage, Ysgol Gynradd Talybont had a great year with the instrumental music section, with Seren Taylor from year 4 competing for the first time in the Year 6 and under woodwind solo competition. Seren took home the first prize.

Teacher, Mrs Jenkins from Ysgol Talybont said: "Seren did very well, especially as she was so young in this age category plus considering this was her first time competing at the Urdd. We are very proud of our 5 piece harp group who won the ensemble year 6 and under competition as well. Tutor Eleri Turner worked hard with the pupils and even managed to commission a special piece, written by Jonah Musker-Turner from Pontrhydfendigiad for the group. Each harpist played a different musical element, and the overall effect was wonderful!"

One secondary school in the county who did well at the Eisteddfod was Ysgol Dyffryn Teifi. Three first prizes were awarded to the school's senior recitation group, senior folk dancing group and the senior female choir. A second prize was also awarded to the younger recitation group.

Alwen Jones, from Ysgol Dyffryn Teifi said: "We had buses going down to Cardiff on three consecutive days during the latter part of the week, and the youngsters always enjoy the event. The school also did well in the CDT and literary competitions this year, with one extra special winner amongst the overall finalists. Pupil, Hannah Stevenson was awarded first prize in the 2D creative work competition year 7 and 8. What makes her accomplishment so astounding is that Hannah is registered blind. We are very proud of Hannah, and all the pupils who have worked tirelessly to reach the final stages of this national event," explains Alwen Jones.

A quick reminder of three events held at the end of this week to raise funds for the Ceredigion Urdd National Eisteddfod.

At Llety Parc, Aberystwyth for 7:30pm on Friday, 19 June an Auction of Promise, a three course meal plus Bryn Fôn a'r Band perform in a special evening. Tickets cost £25. Further info: [lowristeffan@hotmail.com](mailto:lowristeffan@hotmail.com) or call 07977 408730. During the same evening (19 June) at Pafiliwn Ponrhydfendigaid at 7:00 'the crème de la crème' of Ceredigion's Urdd National Eisteddfod winners at Cardiff Bay perform with soloist Rhian Lois. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children, available from the Urdd on 01239 652150.

And on Saturday morning, 20 June, a Golf Tournament has been arranged at Penlanlas Golf Club, Rhydyfelin for keen and inexperienced golfers. From 2 o'clock onwards there will be an array of entertainment for the whole family. To register a team of three for the golf tournament at £36, call Geraint on 07974099906 or email [gr.thomas@btinternet.com](mailto:gr.thomas@btinternet.com). Tickets for the tea cost £2.50, available on the day.