

COMMUNITY DAY AT CASTLE SCHOOL

(Castle School fund raises for Withybush Cancer Day Unit Appeal)

Castle School threw open the doors to their school, inviting locals, parents and friends to join in their massive fund raising day at the end of the term.

The day started with a host of community led initiatives. The year 9 pupils went beach cleaning at Freshwater and produced a stunning sculpture in the form of a turtle from the pieces they had salvaged. Iris Black was largely responsible for its design but everyone worked together and put the rubbish to great practical use. The turtle has already found a permanent home back at the school where it will be displayed on a wall in the courtyard.



Back at school, locals were invited to a lunch catered for by year 7 pupils. Visitors included volunteers from the Withybush Cancer Day Unit as well as patients who had benefited from the proceeds of their fundraising efforts. Everyone agreed that the three course lunch was delicious and couldn't believe such a feast had been conjured up on the premises.



The year 8 students started their day at the Bloomfield Community Centre where the school's rock band livened things up with some music. Tom Newman and Nathan Smith led on guitars and residents happily listened to them, even though they might not have been familiar with all the words! They were later joined by the prep school and together they braved the elements to sing in Narberth, raising funds as they sang.



Sadly years 10 and 11 had much needed revision to attend to and had lessons, but at the end of the school day the hall was transformed into a spring fete, full of stalls, games and refreshments for everyone to enjoy. Pupils had collected together prizes for the lucky dip and provided bottles, sweets and other items to sell. The prep school had been busy, planting up pots and making picture holders for sale too.



Parents who had gathered to join in with proceedings played their part, donating gifts for the raffle and spending lots of money.



As the fete drew to a close, everyone settled down to watch performances by the younger students. Dancers from the prep school took to the stage first to perform some of the routines they had recently done at the Pembrokeshire Dance Festival.



This was followed by a series of short Woodland Tales, including Little Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel performed by the prep school, and years 7 and 8 performing a tale about the quest of two brothers and their mixed fortunes. Their drama teacher, Chloe Wheeler, was thrilled with the performances which had exceeded anything done during rehearsals and the audience of parents, grandparents and staff were very impressed by the standard too.



A quick totting up of the takings was met with a squeal of delight by teacher and organizer, Rebecca Algeri, who couldn't believe they had managed to raise over £870, bringing the year's total so far to a staggering £2000.