8th June
Thought of the day

Today's headlines

Thursday 8th June

Solar panels - an eco-disaster waiting to happen?

While they are being promoted around the world as a crucial weapon in reducing carbon emissions, solar panels have an average lifespan of 25-30 years.

Experts say billions of panels will eventually all need to be disposed of and replaced.

According to the British government, there are tens of millions of solar panels in the UK. But the specialist infrastructure to scrap and recycle them is lacking.

Energy experts are calling for urgent government action to prevent a looming global environmental disaster.

"It's going to be a waste mountain by 2050, unless we get recycling chains going now," says Ute Collier, deputy director of the International Renewable Energy Agency.

It is hoped a major step will be taken at the end of June, when the world's first factory dedicated to fully recycling solar panels officially opens in France.

Welsh headlines

Dydd Iau Mehefin 8fed

Wales 20mph: Senedd petition says speed plan should be axed

A petition to scrap plans to introduce a 20mph speed limit in residential areas in Wales has gained more than 21,000 signatures.

Ministers intend to reduce the default speed limit in cities and towns from 30mph to 20mph from 17 September.

They said the speed limit would cut road accidents and noise and encourage people to walk or cycle.

A petition to the Senedd has expressed concerns the changes would increase commuting times.

The decision to switch built up roads to 20mph will be one of the biggest the Welsh government has taken since the pandemic - arguably even since 1999, when the old National Assembly was set up.

It will have an impact on anybody who uses the road in built up areas, with the aim of encouraging more pedestrians and cyclists.

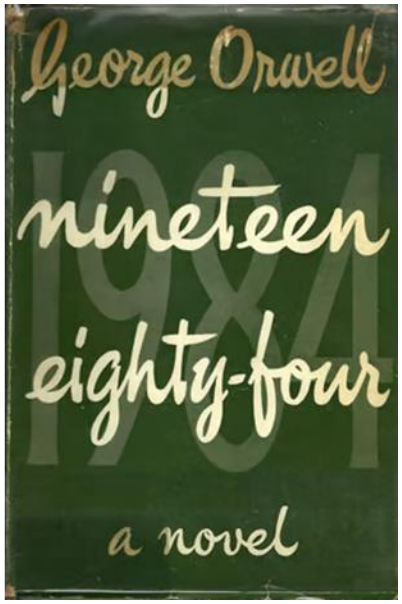
Key-hole garden

'to bring us your 2l plastic bottles'

- We are building a key-hole garden with the Basotho Students in June, in the Burns Centre, Kidwelly.
- It will be made partially of 2L plastic bottles.
- If anyone has any 2L plastic bottles, could you please take them to Lee's room in A block.

Thank you for all your help,

Fran Mackie.



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Nineteen Eighty-Four Published

George Orwell's classic novel Nineteen Eighty-Four is set in a dystopian future Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, run by a totalitarian government. Themes of mass surveillance, propaganda and war pervade the novel, which gave rise to well-known terms today like Big Brother, thoughtcrime, Thought Police, Room 101 and many others.

The novel follows a member of the ruling party named Winston Smith who secretly despises the government, dreams of overthrowing it and enters into a banned relationship with Julia, his colleague.

Nineteen Eighty-Four is Orwell's most famous work and gave rise to the term Orwellian, used to describe anything restrictive and harmful to a free society.

Welsh phrase of the week

"Arholiadau"

"Exams"

Cofiwch:
Monday lunchtime 13.10-13.30
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CYMRU

Use it to learn it!

Word of the week

Improve your literacy

Word:

Flourish

Noun **Verb** Adjective

Definition:

To develop rapidly and successfully.

The word in use:

"This school is the perfect environment for the young people in our community to flourish."

Today's lunchtime rota –

11, 10, 9, 8, 7

Today's menu

- Chicken Pilaf
- Long hot dogs
- Small hot dogs
- Fish
- Pasta
- Wraps/paninis

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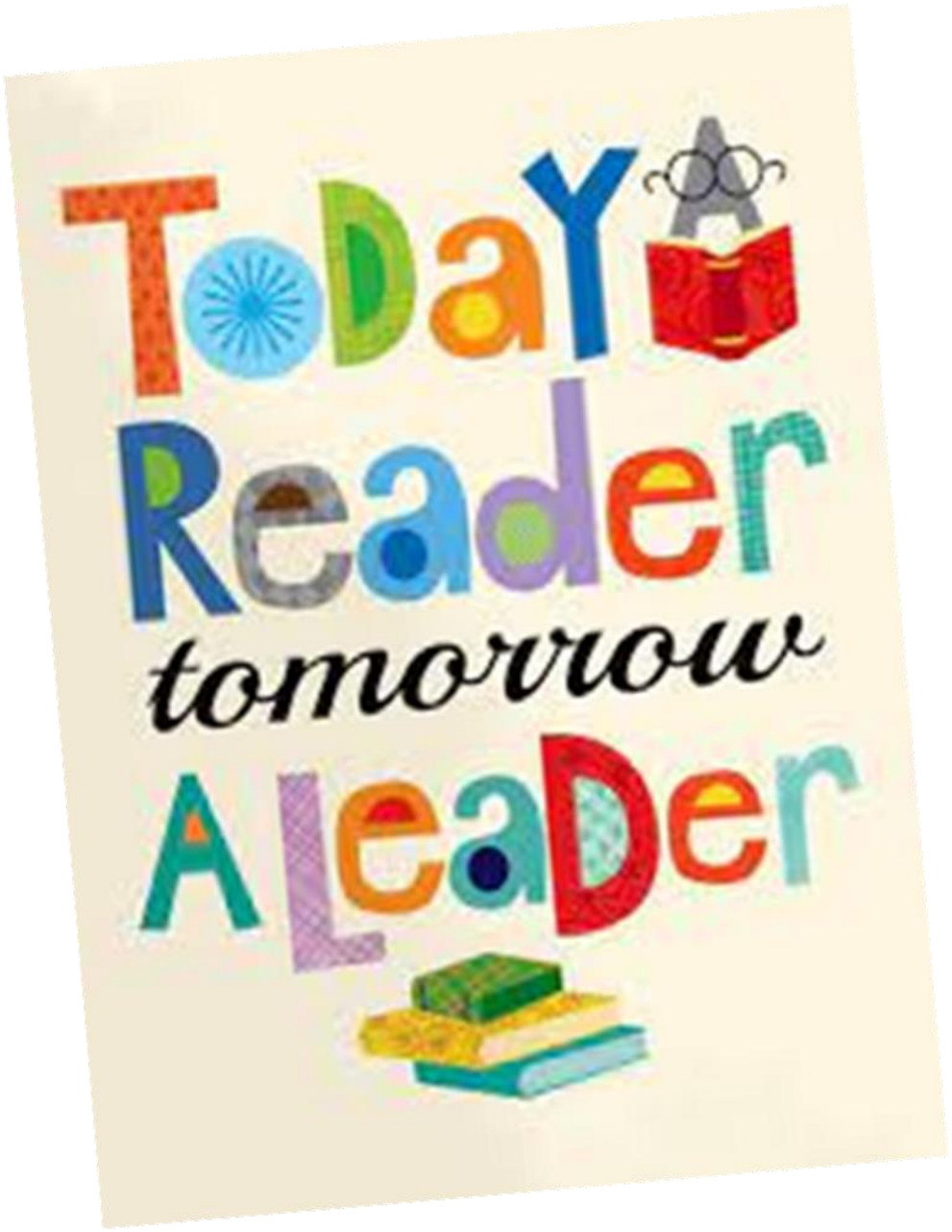

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