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A right shoe in!

26-mile run raises £2,449 for school

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A PAIR of 'Mr Bountifuls' have had Hollywood-style recognition at one grateful school – by having their footprints immortalised in stone.

Ysgol Ty Coch Special School has had the footprints of Gareth Holland and Stefan Williams cast in cement in their sensory garden, after the dynamic duo raised a staggering £2,449.66 for them.

Earlier this year, devoted dad Gareth, from Hawthorn, whose son, Evan, is a pupil at the school, and University of Glamorgan student Stefan, completed a grueling 26-mile run from Morristy Tyddi to Cardiff – while each carrying 50lbs on their back.

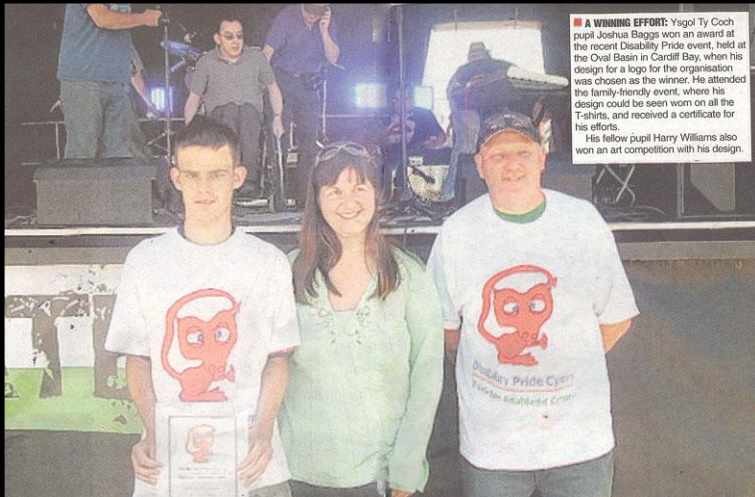
The pair were joined by Gareth's wife Louise, who cycled the distance with water supplies and the motivational words and encouragement needed to keep them going.

The team reached the finish line in six hours and four minutes, despite suffering with sore feet and backs, and with Stefan having a knee injury.

Abbie Holland, who works at the Young school, said the pair had raised vital funds for Ty Coch, and that the footprints would be constant proof of the school's annual granade.

She added: "All of us at Ty Coch, both pupils and staff, would like to thank Gareth, Stefan and Louise for their hard work. A huge well done to all of you."

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■ A WINNING EFFORT: Ysgol Ty Coch pupil Joshua Baggs won an award at the recent Disability Pride event, held at the Oval Basin in Cardiff Bay, when his design for a logo for the organisation was chosen as the winner. He attended the family-friendly event, where his design could be seen worn on all the T-shirts, and received a certificate for his efforts.

His fellow pupil Harry Williams also won an art competition with his design.

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■ ON PAR: On Friday, April 30, a charity golf fund raising day was hosted by Andrew Lee at the Vale Resort and Spa. The fundraising event was held in support of the Ysgol Ty Coch Leavers' Department annual summer ball, which took place on June 25 at the resort.

Thirteen teams from local businesses competed in various competitions, ranging from the longest drive to the nearest pin.

The students and staff from the Leavers' Dept at Ysgol Ty Coch kicked the competition off as the teams teed off, and then returned at the end of the day to present all prizes to the winners and losers!

The money raised, approximately £2,000, went towards the second annual summer ball.

■ INVESTORS IN FAMILIES: July saw Ysgol Ty Coch achieve the Investors in Families Award. A big thank you to everyone involved.

■ DISABILITY PRIDE: As always our students have achieved many goals over the past year. We must mention Joshua Baggs, whose design for a logo for Disability Pride was a winner and who attended the disability Pride Wales event in Cardiff where his design could be seen worn on all the T-shirts.

Also Harry Williams, who won an art competition with his design.

■ EXPEDITION: The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards expedition took place at St David's, in West Wales, where the students walked the coastal path. The rain poured but they kept on smiling, and met the standards by hiking, cooking and camping, achieved their goals and deserved their award.