

## Gwent Music Support Service Visits the Junior Band

On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 we were pleased to welcome Gwent Music Support Service (GMSS) to the Band room during a junior Band rehearsal. The purpose of the visit was to assess how we are coping with things during difficult times for banding nationally and how we make use of GMSS. The comments of the representative, Sean O'Neil are summarised below:-

- Impressed by the adult helpers we have on board and the way they get involved and encourage the youngsters
- Very pleased to see so many youngsters there
- Music repertoire was excellent and graded to suit the varying need of the players
- Nice atmosphere for players to work in
- Very pleased to see that the junior band had its own engagements booked and how we were including the youngsters in the bigger picture of the band
- Excellent web site
- Very pleased to see good paperwork supporting our work such as CRBs and the child protection policy
- Congrats to the whole team involved in this

The committee would like to thank Sean for his time and also our Junior Band leaders, Lana and Colin for all their hard work with the youngsters.