

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / <i>TYMOR Y HAF</i>	
<b>Start / <i>Dechrau:</i></b>	<b>Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i></b>
<b>Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i></b>	<b>Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i></b>
<b>End / <i>Diwedd:</i></b>	<b>Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i></b>
Week Beginning – Monday 15 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 15 2024</i>	<b>Week 39/ <i>Wythnos 39</i></b>

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Welcome to the final edition of the year of Major News.

We have enjoyed a wonderful week celebrating pupils' achievements, with a number of rewards trips out on Tuesday and a hugely successful Sports Day yesterday. Many thanks to the PE department for their superb organisation.

I have held assemblies with all pupils in years 7,8, 9 and 10 today to remind them of the plans when we return in September. Please be advised that Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> are INSET days. On Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> we welcome year 7, year 11 and year 12 back to school and from Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> all pupils will be in lessons.

I have also reminded pupils of our uniform expectations in assembly today. We have listened to parent and pupil voice regarding some of our previous rules and some amendments have been made. There are no longer stipulations regarding hair colour, makeup or jewellery except in subjects where jewellery could pose a health and safety risk. Next term, we will investigate the possibility of introducing a summer uniform and will conduct stakeholder voice to gauge pupils/ and parents' views. However, please be advised that in September all pupils are expected to adhere to the following stipulations:

- Black tailored trousers/ shorts or knee length skirt- NOT leggings or jeans
- White short sleeved or long sleeved shirt
- School tie
- White or black socks
- All black shoes
- School jumper

If pupils present to school in incorrect uniform or with missing items then parents/carers will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing into school. Therefore, can you please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. If you are experiencing any issues purchasing the necessary uniform please be advised that our school shop "Major Items" will be open on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 9am and 11.30am. Please do

visit to collect as much uniform as you require free of charge. Thank you to the many parents who have donated significant amounts of uniform already. It is very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff at the school to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your child/children an enjoyable summer and look forward to continuing to work with you productively next academic year.

**Mrs C L Robins**

## **Maths Department**

### Sparx Star Pupils

Congratulations to the following pupils that have earned the most XP points this year in Sparx Maths. They have shown an outstanding commitment to their maths homework and independent revision in and out of school.

Year 7 – Sophia Welford

Year 8 – Charlotte Thomas

Year 9 – Phoebe Jarrett

Year 10 – Isobel Dundas

Year 11 – Gwendolyn Sanders – O’Brien



### NNT Results

As you are aware all Year 7 - 9 pupils sat their National Numeracy Tests this term and all test results have been released to students via their HWB accounts. To view your child's results please log into their HWB accounts, navigate to the assessment website and click on the test you want to view i.e. Numeracy (Procedural). You can find more information about the tests results and what they mean on HWB and Welsh Government.

## Welsh Department

### Bilingualism News

Llongyfarchiadau enfawr/Huge congratulations to Mrs Newton in the maths department for winning the last Welsh Teacher Champion award of the school year. The Criw Cymraeg have mentioned how good Mrs Newton's use of Welsh is throughout the year so we are really pleased that you have received this award. Da iawn Mrs Newton!

Lots of positive points have also been awarded to pupils for their use of Welsh throughout this half term - da iawn chi!

Remember to keep using your Cymraeg whenever you can!



## *Modern Foreign Languages Department*

### **Bon voyage! Paris, here we come!**

After a very early start, we have left Dover and are on our way to France. Everyone is very excited to start using some of the French language they have been learning in real life, though possibly more excited to experience the thrills and delights of Disneyland, before seeing the Palace of Versailles and having a tour around Paris on Saturday. We are hoping to see the stage (or more so stadiums) being set for Paris hosting the Olympic Games in just over a week's time. I am sure that lasting magical memories will be made over the next few days.





# A Major Review

## Calling all year 7 & 8 pupils

Over the summer, your task is to:

- Read approximately 3 books/novels
- Write a review on your favourite one

There will be prizes (£££) for the best reviews and they will be published in *Major News* throughout the next academic year.

### **What to include in the review:**



Title and name of author.



Your opinion and whether you like it or not. Be clear in the first few sentences.



Information about the book but don't reveal too much!



What did you enjoy most and why?



End it with a summary. Would you recommend the book and why? And don't forget to rate it out of 5\*.

**Submit your entries to Google Classroom. Code: onkggla**

### **Schools Essentials Grant/School Uniform**

Welsh Government have informed us that the window for the School Essentials Grant opened on 1 July. Removing barriers to participating in education, including helping families with the cost of the school day, including school uniform, is so vital, especially in the current climate.

Registering as eligible for free school meals with your Local Authority unlocks access to the School Essentials Grant. It also means schools get more funding. With the introduction of free school meals for primary pupils, many parents/carers do not realise that schools will lose out unless they continue to register as eligible. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>

### **Welsh Water Reservoir Safety Message**

We own and maintain more than 90 reservoirs across Wales and although visitors to several of these sites are actively encouraged, unauthorised swimming in reservoirs is highly dangerous and is not allowed. Swimming in reservoirs can kill – with dangers including freezing temperatures, deadly currents, and hidden machinery.

Please find more information on the links below:

<https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/one-last-breath>

### **Family Information Service**

Vale Family Information Service (FIS) launches:


- Summer 2024 Activity Programme: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/holidayprogramme](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/holidayprogramme)
- Index newsletter for families of children with disabilities or additional needs: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/522190682/>

Please click on the links for more information.

### **Blood Donation**

In under ① hour, you could save up to ③ lives by giving blood with @WelshBlood! ❤️❤️

 Make an appointment today:  <https://wbs.wales/LlantwitMajorSchool>

 Llantwit Major Leisure Centre – 22 July 2024

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 15 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffnaf 15 2024</i>		Week 39
Friday 19 July / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19</i>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> Day ends at 1:00pm	
		Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 2 September / <i>Dydd Llun Medi 2</i>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b> <b>INSET DAY 1</b>	
Tuesday 3 September / <i>Dydd Mawrth Medi 3</i>	<b>INSET DAY 2</b>	
Wednesday 4 September / <i>Dydd Mercher Medi 4</i>	<b>Years 7, 11 and 12 return</b>	
Thursday 5 September / <i>Dydd Iau Medi 5</i>	<b>Whole School return</b>	
Friday 6 September / <i>Dydd Gwener Medi 6</i>	<b>Years 7, 10 and 12 Photos</b>	



### **Help and Support Information**

If you feel you may need help and support with the cost of living crisis the links below may be of use.

Is my child eligible to receive free school meals?

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Services and support that help with food costs. Information on food vouchers and food banks.

Penarth food pod:

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/press\\_and\\_communications/latest\\_news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx)

Vale Food Bank: <https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Food Vale: <https://foodvale.org/where-can-i-get-support/>

How to get free or cheap food: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/how-to-get-free-or-cheap-food/>

Find information on grants and benefits available to you such as Council Tax Reduction.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Grants-and-benefits.aspx>

Get help with household and energy bills.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Household-and-energy-bills.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of free schools meals and you would like to discuss any aspect of their school life please contact Mrs L Pownall at [pownalll@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:pownalll@llantwitschool.org.uk)

## Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

### Summer 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 2024
- **May Day BH:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **End:** Monday 22 July 2024 (**INSET**) (Students finish on Friday 19 July 2024 @ 1pm)

### INSET Days:

- **INSET Day 5:** Monday 8 July 2024
- **INSET Day 6:** Monday 22 July 2024

## General Information

### ***Contacting School***

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. Email is the preferred means of communication. If you know which dept/team you wish to contact, please use the direct email addresses provided in the newsletter. For all general enquiries please email [llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk). **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

### ***Forgotten Items***

**We can no longer accept** the delivery of forgotten items such as PE kit, books, lunch boxes etc. during the school day. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the equipment needed for the day. In the exceptional case that you do need to bring an item into school for your child, you will be asked to leave it on the desk in the main entrance. This is to reduce traffic on to the school site and ensure student safety during lesson transitions.

### ***Medication***

Please note we **do not** stock medication of any kind in school, including paracetamol, and we are not allowed to dispense medication without parental consent. If your child receives prescribed medication a medical form, available from main Reception to be collected by your son/daughter, will be required to be completed and returned to Reception. Should your child need medication throughout the school day please ensure they bring just what is needed for the day to school with them.