

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / <i>Dechrau:</i>	Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i>
Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i>	Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i>
End / <i>Diwedd:</i>	Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i>

Week Beginning – Monday 6 May 2024 / *Dydd Llun Mai 6 2024*

Week 30/ *Wythnos 30*

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

I very much hope that you and your families are enjoying this wonderfully warm weather. May I please take the opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations during the warmer months:

- Please be reminded that leggings are not an acceptable alternative to tailored trousers. If pupils present to school wearing leggings as trousers they will not be permitted into lessons. Instead, they will be provided with appropriate clothing from our uniform store and if appropriate stock is not available then parents/carers will be called and asked to bring appropriate uniform to school.
- Black tailored shorts are permitted but sports shorts are not and pupils will not be allowed into lessons wearing these either. If they present to school wearing these then parents/carers will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate uniform to school.
- All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform to all public examinations.
- Short sleeved white shirts are of course acceptable but pupils are still expected to wear their school tie.
- All black footwear, worn with socks, is acceptable. Sandals and crocs are not permitted.

Pupils have been reminded of these expectations by classroom teachers today, but I would very much appreciate it if this message could also be reiterated at home over the weekend. We certainly have no desire to interrupt parents and carers during the busy working day, but it is most important that we adopt a consistent approach to uniform and enforce the rules in an equitable manner. As we have articulated to our pupils today, our school uniform identifies our pupils as members of the Llantwit School community and I would encourage them to wear it with pride.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you all an enjoyable weekend in this glorious sunshine.

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 13 May 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 13</i> 2024		Week 31/ Wythnos 31
Monday 13 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 13</i>	Year 12 study leave begins	
Tuesday 14 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 14</i>		
Wednesday 15 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 15</i>		
Thursday 16 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 16</i>		
Friday 17 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 17</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 20 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 20</i>	Year 8 clay workshops begin Parent forum	
Tuesday 21 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 21</i>		
Wednesday 22 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 22</i>		
Thursday 23 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 23</i>		
Friday 24 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 24</i>	Year 13 study leave begins	

Parent Forum Update

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children;
- share information, knowledge and skills;
- meet in a mutually supportive environment; and
- further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors.


Thank you to parents/carers who recently met with Miss Toms to reflect on successes and areas of improvement for our school. A short summary has been provided below of some of the key focus areas for the meeting but full meeting minutes can be found on: http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/docs/Parent_Forum_April_2024_3_.pdf

If you would like to share your views regarding school improvement, we would love to welcome you to our next event on Monday 20th May 2024. If you would like to be added to the parent forum mailing list, please contact Miss Toms tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk

Overview of April Meeting Agenda:

- How has the school listened to Parent Views to improve pupil feedback & teaching and learning.
- Making homework clearer for year 7 (parent agenda item).
- ALN Universal Provision (parent agenda item).
- Working with Families First Feedback.
- Positive impact of mobile phone policy.
- School Values & Ethos Ideas.
- What do parents feel the school is doing well.
- Parental ideas for school improvement.

Summer Term Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch A	Karaoke Club		Ukulele Club Welsh Club		
Lunch B		Yr 9 Art Club		Senior Vocal	Yr10 Catch Up Wellbeing Chess Club Basketball
Afterschool	Athletics Badminton (TBC) Year 10 Art Club	Fixture Day	Basketball School Musical	Football Tennis (TBC) School Musical	LGBTQ+ (1st Friday every month)

WEEK TWO	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch A	Karaoke Club		Ukulele Club Welsh Club		Art Club Chess Club
Lunch B		Yr 9 Art Club		Senior Vocal	Yr10 Catch Up Wellbeing Basketball
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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

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 E Denscombe at denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk

Classroom Expectations



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Ready

Engaged

Safe

Take Responsibility



BEING THE **BEST** WE CAN BE



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. For all general enquiries please email 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.