

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

<b>AUTUMN TERM / TYMOR YR HYDREF</b>	
<b>Start / Dechrau:</b>	<b>Monday 4 September 2023 / Dydd Llun Medi 4 2023</b>
<b>Half Term / Hanner Tymor:</b>	<b>Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 / Dydd Llun Hydref 30 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3 2023</b>
<b>End / Diwedd:</b>	<b>Friday 22 December 2023 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22 2023</b>
<b>Week Beginning – Monday 9 October 2023 / Dydd Llyn Hydref 9 2023</b>	<b>Week 6/ Wythnos 6</b>

### **Message from the Headteacher**

I trust you have all had a productive and enjoyable week.

Further to previous communications regarding the efficiency of the canteen, it has been decided in conjunction with Big Fresh that we will replace the current fob payment system with PIN codes. These will be issued to pupils on Monday morning. Please encourage your child/children to record these pins in a safe place as they will need them to access the canteen. This system has proven far more effective than fobs in other schools across the Local Authority.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our Sixth Form Parents' Evening last night in school. If you attended, I would be most grateful if you could complete a quick feedback survey using the attached QR code. This will help us to ensure events are as successful as possible moving forward.



Finally, I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend our Parent/Carer Forum meeting next Monday in order to ensure as many of you as possible are playing an active role in school improvement.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs C L Robins**

### **Message from the Deputy Headteacher**

I would like to use my message this week to reinforce some of our expectations. Firstly a huge thank you to all those learners and parents that are fully supporting the school uniform policy. There has been a huge improvement in uniform standards this year, which has been fantastic to see. We are, however, seeing a number of learners wearing hoodies, socks and tights together and not wearing ties. We will continue to reinforce the expectations and letting you know via class charts if learners are not following the policy. Please can I ask that you continue to reinforce the rules at home.

Please can I ask that you also speak to your children about how they use their phones in school. It is very important that they understand they should not be taking pictures or videos of other learners at anytime, including breaktime and lunchtime. We will be doing more work on how learners interact on social media and what is and isn't appropriate, but again your support in reinforcing this at home would be much appreciated to ensure the safeguarding and privacy of all learners and staff.

**Mrs E Wilson**

### **Local Authority Safeguarding Bulletin**

*It has come to the attention of the Local Authority that there are significant safeguarding concerns in respect of the Omegle.com website/app due to its harmful sexual content and access to personal data including locations. Children, young people and their parents/carers are advised to delete this app.*

*If a child/young person has been a victim of online harm/exploitation then they should report this to 101 and where required appropriate safeguarding referrals should be made. If it is believed a child is at immediate risk then emergency services should be contacted by ringing 999.*

*Further information on the risks associated with this website can be found at the following links:*

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/09/30/dangerous-chat-rooms-alert/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know>

### **School Buses**

We have had several reports regarding buses this week. We have been in contact with Vale of Glamorgan Transport and they have requested that parents/carers contact the Transport team on 01446 700111.

### **Local News - Llantwit Major RFC U13s Fundraiser**



**Llantwit Major  
U13s Fundraiser**

**Curry & Quiz Night  
with Jeff Phillips  
as Neil Diamond**

**Tickets £15 via QR code**

**Saturday 18th November  
7pm to late  
Llantwit Major RFC**



## Parent Forum Meeting

Please be reminded of the following parents' meeting which takes place at the school on Monday.



### **PARENT FORUM – We want your views**

We would like to extend our invite to all Parents and Carers to attend our first Parent Forum of the academic year on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 5.30pm**.

Parent forum is open to all parents and it is an opportunity for the school to consult with parents on upcoming events, new initiatives and existing practices. For our parents it provides a structured way to have their views and questions shared and considered on big topics.

Following on from the previous meeting in July the agenda is set as follows:

1. Homework Policies
2. Reporting home on behaviour for learning and attendance
3. Working with big fresh our canteen provider
4. Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
5. Electing a parent chair and secretary
6. Any other business

If you plan to attend can you please let us know by emailing [llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) so that we can provide a suitable space and refreshments.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Parent Forum Dates**

- 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 05:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 05:30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 05:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 05:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 05:30pm

## Science Department



### World Space Week Competition for Parents

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who took the time to enter our World Space Week Competition 2023.

We had some fantastic responses, which ranged from thought-provoking to very clever to absolutely hilarious!

As staff it is always lovely to be recognised for our hard work and commitment to helping your children reach their potential and so I am delighted to announce the winner of this year's competition is Ahmad fawad Adeeb for the following entry:

***Rocket Name: The Beacon of Inspiration.***

*This name is a nod to the school's commitment to providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. It also reflects the school's pioneering spirit and its commitment to pushing boundaries. Additionally, the name "The Beacon of Inspiration" is evocative and aspirational. It suggests that the rocket is a symbol of hope and possibility, and that it will inspire students around the world to reach for the stars. Finally, the name is also a play on words, as rockets are literally used to send beacons of light into space. This suggests that Llantwit Major School's rocket will be a shining example of excellence and innovation, and that it will inspire students to pursue their dreams.*

Da iawn – your prize will be ‘rocketing home’ this week.

I will also be sending home some Haribo ‘Starmix’ for everyone who entered.

I would love to be able to share all of the entries with you but with such a wonderful response I would overtake the newsletter!

I do feel that Mrs Sarah Cox does deserve a special mention as her entry made me laugh the most:

Rocket Name: ‘The MoonDraker’ – the world’s first 20mph rocket!

**World Space Week – staff winner:** Congratulations to Mrs Savagar.

**World Space Week – pupil winners:** Congratulations to Leah Williamson, Alana Higgs and Kieran Richardson who all produced some excellent work on the topic of ‘Space and Entrepreneurship’

**Year 9 Triple Physicists excel at Engineering:** Congratulations must also go to the new triple physics class of 2023 for their outstanding engineering abilities!

Paul and Max were the winners of our first engineering challenge of the year when they designed the slowest falling parachute in an effort to protect the precious cargo being dropped as part of medical aid into war torn countries.

I will update you on the winners of our rubber band racers and hovercraft design next week.





## Design & Technology Department

### AS and A Level Product Designers visit the WJEC Innovation Awards

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Mr Martlew accompanied the AS and A Level Product Design students to the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff to visit the WJEC Innovation Awards exhibition. This is an exhibition that showcases all of the very best GCSE, AS and A Level Design & Technology work from 2023. It was such an inspiring, insightful and informative experience to support the students in their studies. If you would like to find out more about the exciting opportunities and experiences in AS and A Level Product Design please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/VrUJgcBs7Ac?si=BLXHx5-wzfzyqxiG>



## Welsh Department



We will be celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in school. Diwrnod Shwmae encourages people to share the Welsh language with others, whether in school, at work, in the shops, or with friends. Cymraeg is a living language to be used outside of the classroom! The aim of Dydd Shwmae is for more people to start every conversation in Welsh using **Shwmae** or **Su'mae** and to use whatever Cymraeg they have. Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to celebrate the Welsh language and enjoy conversing in Welsh. Pictures of the day will be posted on the school's X page (formerly Twitter) – keep an eye out for them! Diolch!

## Performing Arts Department



Thank you to the 68 students that auditioned for the school production and the 97 that turned up to the first rehearsal. The amount of interest in this production is truly exciting. Each and every student did a wonderful job but sadly, due to the nature of this musical, and of theatre, we cannot cast everyone. Of the 68 people that auditioned for the production we could only give 9 parts. Only 9 people, nowhere near the amount we would have liked to cast.

For the parents that saw Les Misérables 2023 you know that this is going to be a **killer** show and the production team are **dying** to get started. Students can still get involved on Wednesdays in the drama studio 3:00pm-4:30pm, to miss it would be a **grave** mistake.

## Careers Guidance Department

On Wednesday 11th October 2023, Year 11 pupils visited the Skills Cymru Careers Fayre at the Motorpoint Arena. Skills Cymru provides young people with a chance to explore the exciting education courses available to them with some of Wales' most popular colleges, universities and employers. It gave students a rare chance to benefit from direct contact with active employers and course giving them their best chance at choosing a course or role that is right for them.





## PE Department

### Week in Sport

A great afternoon for football. Year 10 football team faced a very strong Corpus Christi side in the CVSFA Cup. 🏆 The Year 10 team showed great discipline and had numerous chances to take an early lead but unfortunately we went into half time 1-0 down. After another physical second half the away team began pulling away and the game finished 0-4 to Corpus Christi. We wish them the best of luck in the next round as we turn our attention to the second round of the Welsh Cup. 🏆 [#teamllantwit](#)

Man of the Match: Eli Hickman ⚽



A great away game to the Year 9 football team in Glantaf! Llantwit showing their class in parts of the game.



Many chances were created by the away side but some slight misses and great saves from the Glantaf keeper meant we just fell short 4-2.

⚽ Goal scorers: Seb Gant ⚽  
Cameron Harty ⚽

🏆 Player of the match: Harrison Owen 🏆

A very tough away fixture for the Year 10 rugby team against Bro Morgannwg! 🏈 The home side proved to be very physical and efficient with ball in hand which made the game extremely difficult for [#teamllantwit](#). The boys fought 'til the end but were out matched today. 🏈

🏆 Man of the match: Walker Baugh 🏆





It's so pleasing to see the Year 8 team continue to grow and continue to attract new players. 🙌 Another tough game against a fierce Bro Morgannwg team. The boys gave it their all but it wasn't enough and Bro Morgannwg were deserved winners 24-0. 🏉 [#teamlantwit](#)

Man of the match: 🏆 Eddie Mullis 🏆

A special thanks to our Year 10 rugby players who helped coach and deliver the warm up: Keenan Faulkner, Aaron Moce and Walker Baugh. 🙌



School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 16 October 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Hydref 16 2023</i>		Week 7/ <i>Wythnos 7</i>
Monday 16 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 16</i>		
Tuesday 17 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 17</i>		
Wednesday 18 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 18</i>	<b>Year 10/11 MAT/Oxford Trip</b>	
Thursday 19 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 19</i>	<b>Year 7 DT/London Trip</b>	
Friday 20 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 20</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 23 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 23</i>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Tuesday 24 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 24</i>		
Wednesday 25 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 25</i>		
Thursday 26 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 26</i>	<b>Year 9 Parents' Evening</b>	
Friday 27 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 27</i>	<b>Year 7/8 PE-Gymnastics/ Bro Morgannwg Trip</b>	

## **Key Academic Dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn 2023:**

- **Half term:** Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023
- **End:** Friday 22 December 2023

### **Spring 2024:**

- **Start:** Monday 8 January 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- **End:** Friday 22 March 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)

### **INSET Days:**

- **INSET Day 3:** Monday 23 October 2023
- **INSET Day 4:** Monday 19 February 2024
- **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](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk). **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents 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.