

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

AUTUMN TERM / TYMOR YR HYDREF	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 4 September 2023 / Dydd Llun Medi 4 2023
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 / Dydd Llun Hydref 30 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3 2023
End / Diwedd:	Friday 22 December 2023 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22 2023
Week Beginning – Monday 18 September 2023 / Dydd Llyn Medi 18 2023	
Week 3 / Wythnos 3	
Monday 18 September / <i>Dydd Llun Medi 11</i>	Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 19 September / <i>Dydd Mawrth Medi 12</i>	
Wednesday 20 September / <i>Dydd Mercher Medi 20</i>	
Thursday 21 September / <i>Dydd Iau Medi 21</i>	
Friday 22 September / <i>Dydd Gwener Medi 22</i>	
	Coming Up / I ddod
Monday 25 September / <i>Dydd Llun Medi 25</i>	
Tuesday 26 September / <i>Dydd Mawrth Medi 26</i>	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 27 September / <i>Dydd Mercher Medi 27</i>	Year 11 English Discussion Exam
Thursday 28 September / <i>Dydd Iau Medi 28</i>	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork
Friday 29 September / <i>Dydd Gwener Medi 29</i>	Year 11 Food Practical Exam

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the second edition of the academic year of Major News.

We continue to have a largely positive start to term. Standards of uniform are good, pupils are settled and behaving well and we are enjoying a calm and ordered school environment. However, three sets of toilets have been deliberately flooded this week. This is really disappointing, causes our Estates team unnecessary work and means that toilet facilities have to be closed down which has a negative impact on our pupils. I would very much appreciate parents'/ carers' support in reinforcing to their children the importance of respecting and looking after the school community. I can assure you that the perpetrators have been identified and appropriate sanctions put in place.

We have also been experiencing some issues in the canteen which have meant that queues have been longer than normal. This is due to IT issues and difficulties processing pupil payments. We are in constant contact with the Local Authority regarding this issue and have asked to meet with them to discuss how we can improve the provision moving forward. I will, of course, keep you informed.

Thank you to all parents and pupils that attended our Awards Evening on Thursday night. It was a great success and fantastic to celebrate the varied achievements of our talented pupils. Thanks also to all staff that were involved in arranging the event.

Finally, a very big well done to our Year 11s who have successfully completed their English presentations this week, worth 10% of their final grade. The English department have enjoyed some passionate and persuasive arguments! Year 11 parents and carers, please be reminded that our Year 11 information evening takes place on Monday 18th September at 6pm. Lots of useful information about the year ahead and how you can support your child will be provided on the evening.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend and thank you as ever for your continued support.

Mrs C L Robins

A Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Well done to all the parents and pupils that have got their classcharts set up and can access information. If you have emailed to say you are struggling then please rest assured we are working on solutions and you will get a response that will help you resolve the problem. If you have not managed to gain access please email the high school inbox.

As we reach the end of our second week I want to praise the fantastic effort students are making in terms of uniform. It is great to see them looking so smart and being part of the Llantwit School.

Mrs E Wilson

General Information

Contacting School

The school Administration Team are experiencing a large increase in telephone calls, many of which are for non-urgent messages. Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and the message will be swiftly passed to the relevant department. **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.

School Attendance

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We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

Here are some ways you can help.

If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.

Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.

Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.

If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.

School Nursing Immunisation Team Timetable 2023/2024

School Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
7			Flu	Flu					
8			Flu	Flu		HPV	HPV	HPV	HPV
9			Flu	Flu		HPV	HPV	HPV	HPV
10			Flu	Flu					
11			Flu	Flu					

Flu – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine will be offered in school from Reception to Year 11

Anyone can get flu but children have the highest rate of infection and it can be serious for them. The vaccine can help protect your child against serious complications from flu, such as pneumonia and help protect others who may be vulnerable to complications from flu. The nasal flu spray is the best way to protect against flu and reduce the spread of the seasonal influenza virus.

HPV – The HPV vaccine will be offered to girls and boys in Secondary School from Year 8

HPV infection is very common. There is clear evidence that the HPV vaccination can reduce your child's chances of developing HPV-related cancers and HPV-related genital warts. In time, it is expected the HPV vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK by preventing cancers caused by HPV. If your child missed their HPV vaccine in school, please contact the School Nursing Immunisation Team on 02920 907661/664 or email immunisation.Cavuhbschoolnursing@wales.nhs.uk to discuss and/or book a catch-up clinic

It is vital that your child receives key routine scheduled vaccinations throughout their childhood and on time - please ensure these are up to date as they grow up. Your GP practice should invite your child to receive the following vaccines however please note that if your child attends a Cardiff and Vale school but lives outside the area, you will need to contact the GP to make an appointment.

Pre Schoolers (offered from 3 years and 4 months of age)

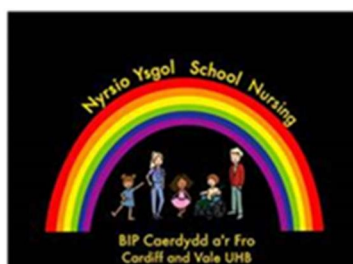
- ♥ MMR vaccine (2nd dose) protects against measles, mumps and rubella
- ♥ 4-in-1 vaccine (booster) which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio

Between 13-15 years

- ♥ 3-in-1 teenage booster (Td/IPV) which protects against diphtheria, tetanus and polio
- ♥ MenACWY which protects against Meningitis and Septicaemia.

If you are unsure, or think your child has missed any of these vaccinations, contact Child Health on 02921 836928 or your GP surgery and ask if they can check your vaccination record.

It is best to have vaccinations on time, but it is never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations saves Lives.



Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives

Mae apwyntiadau brechiadau'n rhesymau meddygol pwysig dros adael eich cartref
Vaccination appointments are important medical reasons to leave your home

Local Community Centre CF61 Community Gardening Project

The Local Community Centre has a team of dedicated gardening volunteers who have designed a community garden for the local residents of Llantwit Major to enjoy.

The gardening project also provides volunteering opportunities for those who enjoy gardening and also has a social aspect. Some of our volunteers are retired so it gives them structure to their day and stops them feeling lonely and isolated. For others it is a break from their caring responsibilities. Being outdoors and being active also helps with their mental health and wellbeing.

Over the last few months we had an issue with a group of teenagers who stole items, pulled out plants and generally caused damage. More recently there have been toys stolen from the children's area where wooden pathways were moved, wooden tables and log seating was turned upside down and all the stepping stones removed making a general mess. Some of the animal ornaments were also damaged. This happened on two occasions within one week and took our volunteers hours to tidy up and replace everything. Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) who runs CF61 is a charity and we rely heavily on financial, plant and equipment donations to make the gardens possible.

We want to make parents aware of this issue and would ask that any anti-social behaviour be reported to us at GVS or the Police. Please note there is CCTV working in the area and anyone identified will be dealt with accordingly.

You can contact Cath Haines at GVS on 01446 741706 or email cath@gvs.wales

Thank you.

Virtual Youth Space Wales – Ukrainian Support

VIRTUAL YOUTH SPACE WALES

Register Today

Come along, make friends and have lots of fun

- ✓ Ukrainian young people age 11-17
- ✓ Starting 14th September 18:00 - 19:00
- ✓ 6 week online programme

QR Code

Sessions will be delivered by Barnardo's Ukrainian Support Helpline. For more information email ukrainiansupport@barnardos.org.uk

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PE Department

Welcome Back!

We hope you've all had a lovely summer and have had time to rest and relax with family and friends. 🧑

All extra-curricular activities have now resumed. Please check out the PE Extra-curricular timetable below or in school street outside of the PE Department. We look forward to seeing our returning pupils and lots of new faces attending our clubs. 💪

For new pupils, there is no need to sign up to any clubs! All are welcome to attend and simply turn up and enjoy. 🏀

Simply head to the changing rooms on the day you wish to attend a club in school street and a member of staff will be on hand to provide further information and instructions.

All clubs run from 3pm-4pm and pupils must have made travel arrangements to make their way home once the club has finished. 🚌

During extra-curricular activities, Llantwit Major PE kit is not mandatory but can be worn. 👍

We have several fixtures already in the September calendar for all year groups so encourage all pupils to attend clubs to ensure they can be selected to represent the school if they wish to. ⭐ [#teamlantwit](#)

Mr J Crocker

Leader of Learning - Physical Education

 PE Extra-Curricular Timetable 2023 - 2024 					
<i>Week 1/Week 2</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Rugby (7&9) <i>Mr Nunes</i> Rugby (8&10) <i>Mr Crocker</i> Netball <i>Mrs Watson</i>	Fixture Day	Basketball <i>Mr Crocker</i> Badminton <i>Miss Jones & Mrs Howells</i>	Football <i>Mr Nunes</i> Gymnastics <i>Mrs Watson</i>	

Academic Year Dates 2023/2024

Autumn 2023:

- **Start:** Monday 4 September 2023 (**INSET**)
Tuesday 5 September 2023 (**INSET**)
- **Years 7, 11 & 12:** Wednesday 6 September 2023
- **All Year Groups:** Thursday 7 September 2023 and Friday 8 September 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 1:** Monday 4 September 2023
- **INSET Day 2:** Tuesday 5 September 2023
- **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