

## 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 27 November 2023 / Dydd Llyn Tachwedd 27 2023</b>	<b>Week 12/ Wythnos 12</b>

### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first December edition of Major News.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child/children are leaving for school in an appropriately warm , waterproof coat. As per previous communications, pupils may wear all back socks over tights and coats are permitted as pupils walk about the school building but must be removed in classrooms, which are appropriately heated. A few pupils have presented to school in leggings this week due to the cold weather. Appropriate trousers and/or a skirt with thick tights are considerably warmer attire than leggings, so please be reminded that leggings are not permitted. All black footwear is also required, please.

Unfortunately, there have been a few quite serious incidents on the bus in the last few weeks which have involved pupils who are not entitled to travel on certain routes attempting to do so and refusing to disembark. In both cases, the other pupils on the bus have needed to disembark in order for the situation to be resolved by senior staff, and this week, another bus needed to be sent to transport those pupils who were entitled to travel home safely. I can only apologise for this disruption and assure you that the pupils in question have been sanctioned appropriately and issued with bus bans. As I'm sure you can appreciate, ensuring the health and safety of all my pupils is my utmost priority. Our buses are full and if pupils who do not have passes are allowed to travel then there are not enough seats for those who are entitled to a seat, which I'm sure you will agree is unfair. Please be advised that all decisions regarding bus passes/allocation of routes are made by the Local Authority, so if you have any queries and/or your child has lost their bus pass then please make contact with them.

Christmas is nearly upon us and it is a busy time for us all here at Llantwit Major School. Our second Parent Forum meeting of the term takes place next Monday at 6pm and a warm invitation is extended to you all. Our Christmas Fayre also takes place next Thursday evening and promises to be a wonderful community event. I very much hope to see you all there.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you all a peaceful and warm weekend.

**Mrs C L Robins**

### Home Economics Department

Our year 10 GCSE food and nutrition pupils have displayed excellent skills this week when producing decorated gateau. They used a variety of ingredients such as chocolate, fruit, nuts and fresh cream to decorate their sponges, and what an excellent job they did!



### English Department



#### **Crafting Tales with Rebecca King: Inspiring Year 7N and 7U Students in the Art of Story Writing**

Renowned author Rebecca King recently graced the halls of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, sharing captivating insights into her journey as a storyteller. Engaging the Year 7 students, she delved into her teenage years, unravelling the roots of her storytelling passion. Rebecca offered a glimpse into her wellspring of inspiration, drawing from her globetrotting adventures to craft narratives that transcend borders. She provided a sneak peek into the intricacies of her novels, such as "Ember Shadows and the Fates of Mount Never" and "Ember Shadows and the Lost Desert of Time," exploring themes that intertwine fantasy and reality. The interactive session sparked lively discussions among pupils, igniting their creativity as they exchanged ideas on story creation, plot development, and character design. The event served as a powerful catalyst, leaving an indelible mark on the students and inspiring them to embark on their own literary journeys.

If you'd like to purchase a copy of Rebecca King's books for your son/daughter you can do so here: <https://www.griffinbooksonline.co.uk/> Please use the code RKING23 for discount.

Pupil Feedback:

*I loved making the story with Rebecca King and my friends. I also enjoy making fun/funny stories up. It was amazing to meet Rebecca King and it has inspired me to read a little bit more.*

*I loved the interactive aspect, making your own story and the book signing was amazing!*

*The part I enjoyed the most is when she talked about how to create characters for a story.*

*I loved that we got to get her autograph in our book that she had written.*

*I liked how we made up the story line using a dice to pick the setting and another to pick the problem.*

### **A week in Sport**

A huge congratulations to year 7 pupil Poppy Toult who last night received some fantastic news. 🎉 Poppy has been playing badminton for a while now and with all of her hard work, determination and encouragement has earned herself a place in the Welsh Team! 🇬🇧 We are all very proud of her achievement and we wish her all the best in the future. [#teamllantwit](#)

Congratulations to year 13 Sport pupil and Health and Wellbeing Leader Maisy Wiggins on her selection, once again, for the Cardiff U18s squad. 🏆 Maisy has been a great role model within the school and her playing career outside of school continues to progress as she will represent Cardiff. 🙌 We are hugely proud of Maisy and we wish her all the best in the upcoming season. [#teamllantwit](#)



What a game for the year 11 rugby team on Monday of this week. 🏆 With a little help from year 10, the year 11 rugby team played their first game of the season against SRG. A very balanced game with both sides showing even amounts of attacking ball, showing great defence and some great physicality throughout. 🌟 SRG however finished on top despite the game being so well balanced! Congratulations to SRG on their 12-0 victory. 🙌

Mr Crocker's man of the match: 🏆 Rhys Behrens 🏆 [#teamllantwit](#)



As with every year, it is with great pleasure we add this year's international athletes to our Llantwit Major school international wall. 🌸 This year we will have some returning faces to the wall in Mali Morgan who will be joined by some new faces: Connie Millar, Millie Webb, Nancy Thomas and Olivia Morgan. Well done all! [#teamllantwit](#)



A tough loss for the year 8 football team this week in the CVSFA Cup. 🏈 It was a great game of football from both sides which saw the game finish 2-2 against a very competitive Pencoedre team. 🙄 Nothing could separate either teams so the game headed to dreaded penalties. 🏈 Pencoedre came out on top winning the penalty shoot-out 3-1 🌟 [#teamllantwit](#)

Goal scorers:

Jac Collins 🏈

Kaylum Wilcox 🏈

Penalty takers:

Dylan Fitchett

Lily Davies 🏈

Jac Collins

Alfie Deeming

Mr Crocker's player of the match:

🏆 Kaylum Wilcox 🏆



The year 8 and 9 Netball team also played brilliantly this week against St Richard Gwyn and Stanwell! They competed in some extremely close games and really demonstrated their progression of skills after training for the past few weeks. Well done girls! 🏐

Star players of the Matches:

🏆 Imogen Vecchi

🏆 Sophie Grafton Driscoll

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## MOD - SSCE Awards Ceremony

On the 28th October 2023, Lyla McGuinness in year 12 and Cari Jarvis in year 10 attended the SSCE Cymru Veterans Awards in Brecon. They were selected for these awards due to their contributions to the school in regards to their MOD (Ministry of Defence) work.



*I am extremely thankful and happy to have been chosen for the Service Children of the Year Award 2023. I have been a part of the MOD team since I was in Year 8. Since then, I have attended Remembrance services, spoken for and represented the school in several camp Remembrance services. I was also selected from all of the MOD children in Wales to feature in and voice over the SSCE Cymru short film which explains what SSCE has to offer (Supporting Service Children in Education). It was a really fun and new experience working on something like this with the awesome Joanna Wolfe and I am very grateful to have been chosen!*

Lyla

*I am extremely grateful to have been chosen for this year's Children Ambassador Awards Cymru. It was a phenomenal experience to meet new people and engage with others in fun activities. I got to meet many new individuals such as the finder of little troopers, Louise Fetigan and many other inspirational figures. It was also very nice to feel beneficial to all those around me and about what the service children have achieved. I've been in the MOD team since I was in year 8 and have enjoyed my journey knowing that I don't only get to have fun, but feel honoured knowing I'm making a small difference around my school and all over Wales. Thank you SSCE for helping us MOD Ambassadors make a difference and ensuring all service children's voices are heard.*



Cari

## Christmas Community Fayre





### Parent Forum

**Next Meeting Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6pm**

If you would like to suggest an agenda item prior to the meeting, please email [tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk)

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** [http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/docs/Parent Forum 16th October 2023.pdf](http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/docs/Parent%20Forum%2016th%20October%202023.pdf)

#### **What is the Parent Forum?**

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, and 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
- further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors

The parent forum does not have any statutory responsibilities, duties or powers in the school.

#### **Who can be part of the parent forum?**

Any parent/carer of children currently at Llantwit Major School is welcome to join any parent forum meeting. The forum will be chaired by Miss Toms. At times other members of the school community will also attend the meetings depending on the agenda items and what the school feels they would like to share with the parents, such as new initiatives.

## ParentPay

We continue to move towards a 'cash-less' school. All trips and items for purchase will now be set up via ParentPay, allowing you to pay online without the need to send money into us.

Please use the ParentPay system to make any required payments, and avoid sending in cash payments into the school. If you have not already set up a ParentPay account, please contact us and we will be happy to send you the relevant link and details to put this in place.

Using ParentPay not only allows you to make payments, it provides a list of all the payments you have made and provides details of any balances due and when they are required.

As you know ParentPay is also used by our pupils to pay for their school meal. Please remember to check your child's balance regularly to ensure they have sufficient funds available to purchase their meal. For those pupils who do go 'overdrawn' letters will now be sent to parents/careers to advise them of any negative balances. Further details to follow.

## Community News

### *Meet your Local Officers*

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## MEET YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS

Come and talk to your local officers to raise issues about your local area and obtain crime prevention advice.

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Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Llantwit major Library	11.30am-12.30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Llantwit Major Library	11.30am-12.30pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Llantwit Major Library	11.30am-12.30pm



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### E-scooters: Know the law



## E-SGWTERI: DEALL Y GYFRAITH

## E-SCOOTERS: KNOW THE LAW

- ✓ Gellir ei yrru ar dir preifat gyda chaniatâd tirfeddiannwr.
- ✓ Mae'n gyfreithiol iddynt gael eu gwerthu am y rheswm hwn.
- ✗ Ni ellir eu defnyddio ar unrhyw ffyrdd cyhoeddus yng Nghymru (nac unrhyw fannau cyhoeddus eraill fel llwybrau troed, palmentydd neu barciau).
- ✗ Rydych mewn perygl o gael eich erlyn a chael y sgwter wedi'i atafaelu trwy reidio ar ffyrdd cyhoeddus.

- ✓ Can be ridden on private land with land-owner's permission.
- ✓ It is legal for them to be sold for this reason.
- ✗ They cannot be ridden on any public roads in Wales (or any other public places such as footpaths, pavements, or parks).
- ✗ Those riding on public roads risk prosecution and having the scooter seized.



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# KeepingSouthWalesSafe

### E-bikes: Know the difference, know the law



## E-BIKES: KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, KNOW THE LAW

- ✓ There are different types of e-bikes.
- ✓ Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) can be legally ridden by anyone aged 14+, and do not require road tax, insurance, or a licence – the same as a normal pedal bike.
- ✓ To be classified as an EAPC, a bike must be fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling it, have a maximum continuous power rating via the electric motor not exceeding 250 watts, and all electrical assistance must cut off when the vehicle reaches a speed of 15.5mph.

- ✓ Any other electric bike that doesn't meet the EAPC rules is classed as a motorcycle or moped.
- ✓ Non-EAPCs can only be ridden on public roads if the bike is registered with the DVLA, taxed, insured and used by a rider who holds the appropriate class of licence.
- ✗ Unless the above criteria are met, e-bikes cannot legally be ridden on public roads.
- ✗ Those riding on public roads risk prosecution and having the vehicle seized.



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School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 4 December 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Rhagfyr 4 2023</i>	<b>Week 12/ Wythnos 12</b>
Monday 4 December / <i>Dydd Llun Rhagfyr 4</i>	<b>Parent Forum Meeting</b>
Tuesday 5 December / <i>Dydd Mawrth Rhagfyr 5</i>	
Wednesday 6 December / <i>Dydd Mercher Rhagfyr 6</i>	
Thursday 7 December / <i>Dydd Iau Rhagfyr 7</i>	<b>Years 12 and 13 Art and Design Trip – Cardiff.</b>  <b>School Christmas Fayre</b>
Friday 8 December / <i>Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 8</i>	<b>Years 12 and 13 Geography Trip – Cardiff</b>
	<b>Coming Up/ I ddod</b>
Monday 11 December / <i>Dydd Llun Rhagfyr 11</i>	<b>Mock Exam Fortnight starts: Years 11, 12 and 13</b>
Tuesday 12 December / <i>Dydd Mawrth Rhagfyr 12</i>	
Wednesday 13 December / <i>Dydd Mercher Rhagfyr 13</i>	
Thursday 14 December / <i>Dydd Iau Rhagfyr 14</i>	
Friday 15 December / <i>Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 15</i>	<b>Years 11 and 12 CERN Trip</b>

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

#### **Autumn 2023:**

- **Term 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 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.