

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

<b>SPRING TERM / TYMOR Y GWANWYN</b>	
<b>Start / Dechrau:</b>	<b>Monday 8 January 2024 / Dydd Llun Ionawr 8 2024</b>
<b>Half Term / Hanner Tymor:</b>	<b>Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024 / Dydd Llun Chwefror 12 – Dydd Llun Chwefror 16 2024</b>
<b>End / Diwedd:</b>	<b>Friday 22 March 2024 / Dydd Gwener Mawrth 22 2024</b>
<b>Week Beginning – Monday 22 January 2024 / Dydd Llun Ionawr 22 2024</b>	<b>Week 18/ Wythnos 18</b>

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 edition of Major News. The school term is flying by! It has been a very busy few weeks with plenty of activity as you can see from this jampacked newsletter.

Thank you to all parents/carers that responded to the survey I sent out last week on feedback and reports. There were lots of interesting, thought-provoking points made. I am meeting with more students this week to discuss the feedback they receive and will then discuss with staff how we can improve the feedback we provide for our learners. I will provide an update to you regarding what you and your children can expect before half term.

We held a lost property collection after school yesterday which resulted in very few items being claimed. We would therefore like to offer all lost property and donated items to any interested parties. We have a plentiful supply of jumpers, trousers, shirts, as well as a number of warm winter coats. If you have any uniform items you no longer need that you think may be useful for others we would be most grateful if you would drop them to school reception. We will be holding a uniform drop-in collection on Thursday 8 February 2024 from 3.00 – 4:00pm. If you are in need of any items, please do attend and we will be delighted to assist you.

Can I please draw your attention to the next parent forum which takes place on Monday 5 February 2024 at 5:00pm. Miss Toms would be delighted to welcome parents/carers who have not previously attended to give your views on the school and how we can work together in a productive manner to ensure the best outcomes and provision for all our learners.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs C L Robins**

**Message from the Deputy Headteacher**

I have been delivering assemblies this week on safety in school and how important it is for everyone to take responsibility for their actions/words. In order for our learners to be the best they can be, and for them to thrive and grow, it is vital that they all feel safe in school. We understand that young people sometimes need help resolving conflict as they don't have the maturity and/or experience to resolve issues themselves which is why it is so important we as adults know what is going on. Please use the new safeguarding link (below) to report any conflicts you are aware of that can help us prevent them escalating:

<https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/5d3ec66a-3d3e-4e19-bbc8-325564c90cd8>

Thanks for our support with keeping our school community safe.

**Mrs E Wilson**

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 29 January 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ionawr 29 2024</i>	Week 19/ <i>Wythnos 19</i>
Monday 29 January / <i>Dydd Llun Ionawr 29</i>	
Tuesday 30 January / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ionawr 30</i>	
Wednesday 31 January / <i>Dydd Mercher Ionawr 31</i>	
Thursday 1 February / <i>Dydd Iau Chwefror 1</i>	<b>Year 8 Parents' Evening</b>
Friday 2 February / <i>Dydd Gwener Chwefror 2</i>	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 5 February / <i>Dydd Llun Chwefror 5</i>	<b>Parent Forum - 5:00pm Year 10 Exam Fortnight begins</b>
Tuesday 6 February / <i>Dydd Mawrth Chwefror 6</i>	
Wednesday 7 February / <i>Dydd Mercher Chwefror 7</i>	<b>Trip: Llangrannog</b>
Thursday 8 February / <i>Dydd Iau Chwefror 8</i>	<b>Trip: Krakow</b>
Friday 9 February / <i>Dydd Gwener Chwefror 9</i>	

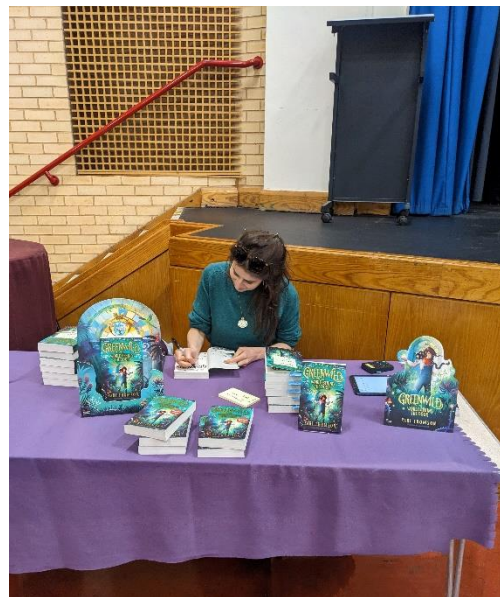
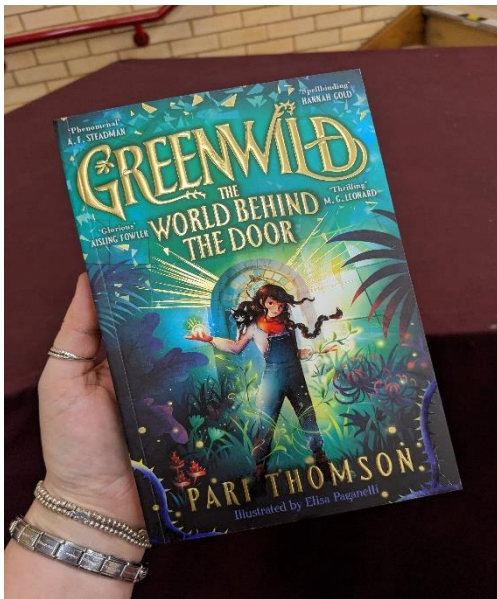
## English Department

Author Pari Thomson graced the halls of our School on Wednesday, leaving her mark on the eager minds of our year 7 students. Thomson took the time to share insights about her latest book, 'Greenwild: The World Behind the Door,' a captivating tale that resonated deeply with our audience.

Thomson delved into the intricate world of her imagination, sparking the students' curiosity and imagination. With vivid storytelling and engaging anecdotes, she brought the characters and settings of 'Greenwild' to life.

The Q&A session that followed was a testament to the students' enthusiasm and the impact of Thomson's visit. Eager hands shot up, seeking to delve deeper into the author's creative process, inspiration, and the underlying themes of her work. Thomson graciously shared her writing journey, inspiring the budding writers in the audience to pursue their literary aspirations.

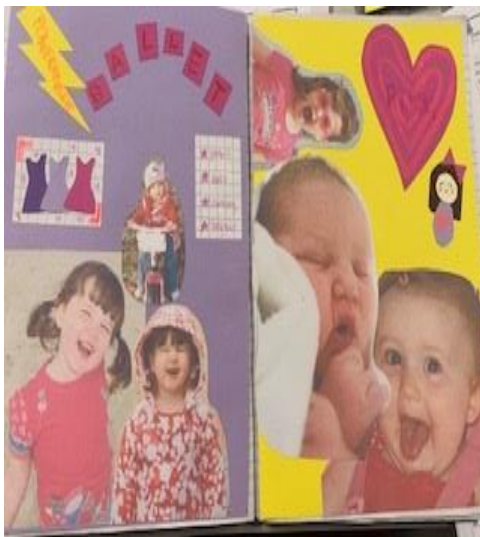
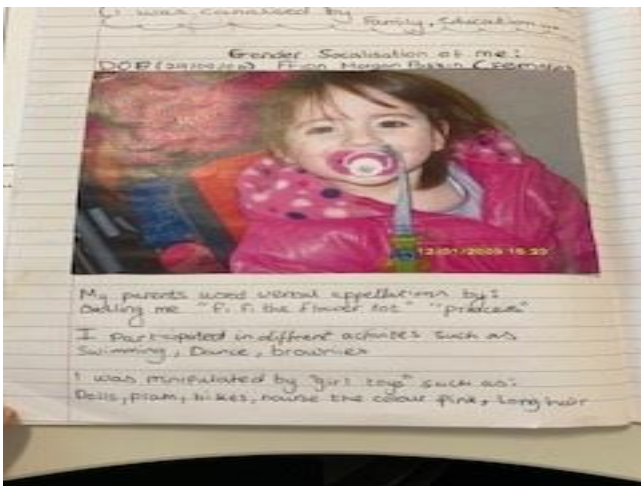
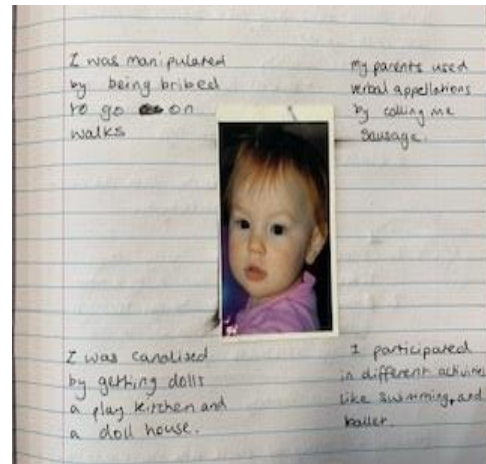
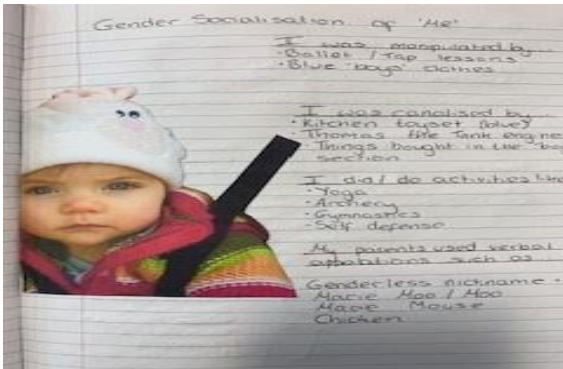
The positive feedback from year 7 students echoed the success of Pari Thomson's visit. Many expressed their newfound love for reading and enthusiasm for exploring the vast world of literature. The school is grateful for the opportunity to host such a talented and inspiring author, fostering a love for storytelling and literature among the next generation of readers at Llantwit Major.



Social Science Department

Year 12 Sociologists have been studying the topic of Culture. As part of this we have been investigation the 'socialisation of me'.....How have we acquired our identity?

Below are some adorable examples of year 12 students who have used their baby pictures to illustrate the 'gender socialisation of me' section.



### **IT Department**

Last Friday the IT Department welcomed Rhys Driscoll from the University of South Wales to discuss pathways into Cyber Security with our sixth form classes. Rhys, who actually studied to be a teacher at Llantwit 16 years ago, is now the Deputy Director of the Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security at USW the perfect person to introduce us to the world of Cyber. The class undertook several problem-solving challenges, they showed that spotting countries wasn't a strong point, but they had excellent knowledge of animated penguins!



## **Music Department**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL**

Is your child interested in learning an instrument at school? Through a series of excellent providers we are very pleased that we can offer a range of instrumental tuition for students at Llantwit Major School. We also have a small stock of instruments that we can loan out and so purchasing an instrument is not always necessary.

Trumpet	Piano/Keyboard	Singing
Cornet	Guitar	Rap
Tenor Horn	Ukulele	
Trombone	Bass Guitar	
Baritone	Drums	

Playing a musical instrument has huge benefits for students. It is good for academic progress, improving concentration, organisation, developing self-esteem and confidence and honing social skills; quite apart from the sheer pleasure playing music brings! Prices will vary depending on the length of the lesson but a typical lesson would be £13 for 20 minutes. Lessons will occur during the school day on a rolling rota to ensure minimum disruption.

### **NEW ENQUIRIES**

If you wish to register your interest for lessons, please fill out the form below and return to Miss Toms. This can be returned electronically via [tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk) or printed. Once you have registered your interest the relevant instrumental teacher will contact you directly to organise lessons for next half term.

### **RETURNING STUDENTS**

If you have previously registered for lessons and wish to continue with your teacher, please contact them directly to secure your space next term if you have not already done so.

Yours faithfully

**Miss H Toms**

**Curriculum Leader of Music & Performing Arts**

### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS APPLICATION FORM**

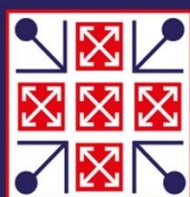
Please fill out this application form and return it to Llantwit Major School Music Department.

Student Name	Registration Group
Instrument Choice	
Parent/Guardian Full Name	
Parent/Guardian Email Address	

## ESOL Adult Classes

**Change of date:** It has been noted that the offer of English classes for adult learners clashes with Ramadan and therefore Adult Learning Wales have decided to delay the start date of this provision.

It will now begin on Tuesday 16 April 2024. If you would like to attend, please contact [tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk)



## FREE English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Course at Llantwit Major School TASTER SESSION

### What is it?

If your first language is not English and you would like to learn or improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, then an ESOL course could be for you.

Adult Learning Wales will provide accredited ESOL classes within your local community in a friendly and supportive learning environment.

### Language Skills

The ESOL course focuses on developing your language skills enabling you to access local services, participate in daily life in Britain and preparing you for employment or further education.



### Reasons to Learn

- Boost your confidence
- Discover a new skill
- Open doors to new opportunities
- Reignite a passion
- Improve your wellbeing
- Make plenty of new friends
- Be a part of your local community
- Become more active and outgoing
- Learn new and different skills.

Sign up now  
Email [Tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:Tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk)

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 5PM-7PM  
LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL







Nyrsio Ysgol | School Nursing  
BIP Caerdydd a'r Fro | Cardiff & Vale UHB

**\*DUE TO DEMAND\***  
**EXTRA DATE FOR -NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE**  
**WALK-IN CLINIC**

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, 15:45-17:45

**Rookwood hospital/MVC**

**Fairwater Rd Cardiff CF5 2YN**

The School Nursing Immunisation Team have arranged a Flu walk-in clinic for those children (Reception to Year 11) that missed their flu vaccination at school

***\*This is a walk-in clinic and vaccinations will only be available on a first come first serve basis and subject to availability\****

If you have not completed a form already please click on the link below or scan the QR code to access the e-consent form.

Please **do not** attend this clinic if your child has already received the nasal flu vaccine in school this year. If you are not sure if your child has received their nasal flu vaccine in school **please ring 02920 907661/664**

<https://forms.office.com/e/gZB4DgXvuq>



**Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau**  
**Vaccination saves lives**  
Mae imiwneiddio'n bwysicach nag erioed yn ystod pandemig  
Immunisations are more important than ever during a pandemic

## **Talking Teens Free Workshops**

Families First are running a short series of free workshops at our school which looks to support parents' understanding of teenage development and the influence of brain development on behaviour.

Free catering and refreshments provided. Please see more information in the poster below.

If you would like to attend, please complete the self-referral below:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=u9OZ4-04lkaRz3mFHb9V7HJxyUfB6qBGh-cPBYNdQ3pURDI4NU1TWIVMQTFHQ0RCSE9GSE8xU1ZFTy4u>

If you have any questions regarding the provision, please email [tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk)

# TALKING TEENS

## Free workshop for Llantwit Major Families

Talking Teens develops parents understanding of teenage development and the influence of brain development on behaviour. It promotes positive approaches to boundary setting and problem solving while encouraging the importance of listening, verbal and non-verbal communication.

**WEEK 1 Being a parent of a teenager; the role of parents and responding to difficult feelings**  
**Tuesday 20th February 4:30pm\* -7:00pm**

\*Registration Session

**WEEK 2 Understanding your teenager; Teenage development, parenting styles and praise & criticism**  
**Tuesday 27th February 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**WEEK 3 Communicating with your teenager; talking & listening, communicating clearly & handling difficult issues.**  
**Tuesday 5th March 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**WEEK 4 Managing conflict; rules & boundaries, choosing how to respond and problem solving.**  
**Tuesday 12th March 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

This course will be delivered by Welsh Government initiative Families First.

Llantwit Major School is a host venue.  
 Catering and refreshments provided for attendees.



Classroom Expectations

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

**B**e Ready

**E**ngaged

**S**afe

**T**ake Responsibility

**BEING THE BEST WE CAN BE**

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

### **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.