

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SPRING TERM / TYMOR Y GWANWYN	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 8 January 2024 / Dydd Llun Ionawr 8 2024
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024/ Dydd Llun Chwefror 12 – Dydd Llun Chwefror 16 2024
End / Diwedd:	Friday 22 March 2024 / Dydd Gwener Mawrth 22 2024
Week Beginning – Monday 4 March 2024 / Dydd Llun Mawrth 4 2024	Week 23/ Wythnos 23

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News. It will be a short message from me this week, but as we are now more than halfway through this half term I would like to commend our pupils for their hard work, diligence and respectful attitudes to learning. As you know, we are having a huge push on improving punctuality to school and to lessons here at Llantwit Major and there continues to be a massive improvement week on week. There has also been a slight improvement in attendance of late, which is fantastic to see. As stated in last week's newsletter, pupils need to be in school all the time in order to make the required progress in their learning. Well done to all of your children who have achieved 100% attendance this week. Moving forward, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance for the previous week will be awarded positive points by their form tutor in recognition of their efforts. It would be much appreciated if you could reinforce the importance of good attendance and punctuality to lessons to your children at home.

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

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 4 March 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mawrth 4 2024</i>		Week 23/ <i>Wythnos 23</i>
Monday 4 March / <i>Dydd Llun Mawrth 4</i>		
Tuesday 5 March / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mawrth 5</i>		
Wednesday 6 March / <i>Dydd Mercher Mawrth 6</i>		RS Trip: Year 7 – Senedd
Thursday 7 March / <i>Dydd Iau Mawrth 7</i>		RS Trip: Year 7 – Senedd
Friday 8 March / <i>Dydd Gwener Mawrth 8</i>		
		Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 11 March / <i>Dydd Llun Mawrth 11</i>		
Tuesday 12 March / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mawrth 12</i>		
Wednesday 13 March / <i>Dydd Mercher Mawrth 13</i>		RS Trip: Year 7 – Senedd
Thursday 14 March / <i>Dydd Iau Mawrth 14</i>		RS Trip: Year 7 – Senedd
Friday 15 March / <i>Dydd Gwener Mawrth 15</i>		

Welsh Department

School Eisteddfod 2024

We had an amazing day last Friday celebrating our school Eisteddfod. It was a pleasure to see the range of talent on display from our pupils – we felt immensely proud! Llongyfarchiadau enfawr/huge congratulations to the winning house Branwen! It was a very close final. Da iawn and diolch yn fawr to everyone who participated in both the on-stage and off-stage competitions! Also, a big diolch yn fawr goes to our student photographers who managed to catch some of the special moments on camera. There were many highlights throughout the day, below are just a few of them.



Music and Performing Arts Department

This week GCSE Drama and Year 7 students enjoyed a musical theatre workshop with Kinetic Theatre exploring script extracts from Matilda and School of Rock. It was fantastic to see the students developing confidence in presentation, public speaking and collaboration, while developing their reading and oracy skills through drama. Kinetic Theatre are currently offering free taster classes. See the attached image for more details.

KINETIC
SCHOOL OF
PERFORMING ARTS

THEATRE SCHOOL

Minis 3 - 6 yrs old | Main 6 - 18 yrs old

**FREE TRIALS
AVAILABLE**

All staff are qualified professionals in their field of expertise
& we tailor the learning to the needs of each performer

ENROLLING NOW

AFFORDABLE FEES

For more information contact:
Admin@kinetictheatrearts.com

Congratulations to Benjamin Lock who sat his RockSchool Grade 5 Electric Guitar exam recently. He scored a fabulous 88% and achieved a MERIT, gaining full marks in Improvisation and Interpretation and General Musicianship areas.

RS Department

Senedd and Synagogue Trip

This week saw the first two Year 7 visits to the Senedd and Synagogue.

On Wednesday we witnessed the Young Farmers' protest who had laid out over 5,500 pairs of wellies to represent the amount of jobs that would be lost with the introduction of the new laws.

On Thursday, we were present when the Leader of the Irish Government was officially meeting with the Rt Hon Elin Jones, the presiding officer of the Senedd. We then had an opportunity to hold a debate about whether or not single use vapes should be banned in Wales.

At the Synagogue on both days, we were given a warm welcome by the educational officer who gave us a thoroughly interesting talk about the Hebrew language, the Torah, key Jewish festivals, how Shabbat is celebrated each Friday evening and the difference between Orthodox and Reform Jews. It was highly engaging and was beautiful to witness some of the blessings being said in Hebrew and to be able to see the Torah scrolls beautifully decorated in silver whilst stored in the ark.

We look forward to returning again next week with 7DH and half of 7RC on Wednesday 13th and 7JWC and the remaining half of 7RC on Thursday 14th.



Student Council Eisteddfod Baking Competition

Congratulations to Tilly Collins and Tegan Davis who won 1st prize in the student council baking competition last Friday (Featured centre photo) The bake sale also raised over £100 for MIND and Breakfast Club! There were some fantastic entries so thank you to everyone who got involved!



Exam Department

Students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 should have received their individual Summer exam timetables this week from their form tutors. Dates and times are also located on the school website.

<http://llantwitschool.org.uk/Examination-Information/>

A week in Sport



The cold weather didn't stop pupils attending football club today. 🌨️💪 Special thanks to our Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Leader Oliver Poole for running the session. 🍌 Extra-curricular football is every Monday! [#teamlantwit](#)



Eisteddfod Winners 🇬🇧

Winners of the Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Eisteddfod Homework Project 🏆

Grace Jenkins – Year 7 🏆

Cerys George – Year 8 🏆

Indi Ward - Year 7 🏆

A special mention to our 3 Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Leaders Connie Millar, Mali Morgan and Seren Woodley-Thomas for presenting the Eisteddfod Project Winners their prizes and their excellent public speaking. 🍌🍌 Stay tuned for another homework project to be rolled out in the Summer Term!

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Basketball club is back! 🏀 Great to see familiar and new faces attend the club. 🏀 Special mention to our Health, Fitness and wellbeing leader Thomas Langley for supporting in the club.
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CARDIFF RUGBY

U17 GIRLS OPEN TRIALS

26 MARCH 2024 & 28 MARCH 2024
16.30PM - 18:00PM. SIGN UP TIME 16:00PM
CARDIFF ARMS PARK, WESTGATE ST, CF10 1JA




SCAN THE QR BELOW TO REGISTER



SELF DEFENCE TASTER SESSIONS

**** REMINDER ****

← FREE TASTER SESSIONS STARTING ON :
Wednesday 6th March 3-4pm
FOR 3 WEEKS
* KIT REQUIRED - DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PE KIT *

Meet in Leisure Centre
ALL YEARS WELCOME!

BOOK YOUR SPACE WITH YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN VIA:
<https://forms.office.com/e/iNPX8FeYR4>
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:




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

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. **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.