

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 19 February 2024 / Dydd Llun Chwefror 19 2024	Week 21 / Wythnos 21

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News. It has been a busy week here at Llantwit as pupils prepare for the Eisteddfod, which we are all looking forward to and takes place next Friday.

Thank you so much for your efforts in ensuring your child/children get to school on time. There has been a significant improvement in punctuality as the week has gone on and we will continue to look to improve. As per our communication earlier this week, please be reminded that any bus that originates in Rhoose will now arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes earlier in the mornings to ensure your child is not late to school.

I will be explaining our new approach to feedback to our pupils in assemblies next week and you will receive a separate communication outlining what you should expect.

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

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 19 February 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Chwefror 19 2024</i>		Week 21/ <i>Wythnos 21</i>
Monday 19 February / <i>Dydd Llun Chwefror 19</i>	Inset Day	
Tuesday 20 February / <i>Dydd Mawrth Chwefror 20</i>	Year 11 English Language Mock Exam	
Wednesday 21 February / <i>Dydd Mercher Chwefror 21</i>		
Thursday 22 February / <i>Dydd Iau Chwefror 22</i>	Year 7 Parents' Evening	
Friday 23 February / <i>Dydd Gwener Chwefror 23</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 26 February / <i>Dydd Llun Chwefror 26</i>		
Tuesday 27 February / <i>Dydd Mawrth Chwefror 27</i>	Year 9 Seren Trip – Cardiff	
Wednesday 28 February / <i>Dydd Mercher Chwefror 28</i>		
Thursday 29 February / <i>Dydd Iau Chwefror 29</i>		
Friday 1 March / <i>Dydd Gwener Mawrth 1</i>	Eisteddfod	

Maths Department

Intermediate Maths Challenge

The results are in!

A massive congratulations to all of the Year 10 and 11 pupils that chose to sit this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge before half term. As a school we achieved 3 silver awards and 5 bronze awards.

A huge well done goes to Josie Thomas of Year 10 for achieving the best results out of the 50 pupils that entered and Molly Chislett-Reynolds who had the highest result out of the Year 11 pupils.

Stay tuned for more news on our Junior Maths Challenges in the summer term.

Performing Arts Department

Urdd Eisteddfod

The Urdd Eisteddfod will be held in Maldwyn, Montgomeryshire. This year we have entered a number of students into a variety of music competitions, both vocal and instrumental. The local and regional competitions held in the Urdd Residential Centre, Cardiff Bay are currently underway. So far we have received the result of one competition at regional level. Daisy Jones in Year 13 demonstrated her flute skills in a musical and sophisticated performance of Fantaisie by Philippe Gaubert to an ecstatic and excited audience. She will now have the opportunity to perform at the Finals in May half term. We wish her every success in this competition. Keep an eye on S4C as this event is televised.



School Eisteddfod

We will be celebrating the school Eisteddfod (a competitive festival of music and poetry) on 1st March 2024. Many of our students will be continuing to prepare for their music and drama competitions over the next week to be ready for their performances on stage in our school hall. We will continue to open the department during the week for them to rehearse during break and lunch. Pob luc to all of our competitors this year!

Llantwit Major Student Council

EISTEDDFOD BAKING COMPETITION

Friday 1st March 2024

Bake a Batch of Cakes

***Cakes will be judged on taste and
Presentation***

£25 Amazon Voucher for 1st Prize

***Important: All cakes entries will be sold in a
bake sale to raise money for MIND &
Breakfast Club. All cakes must be delivered
to the Headteacher's office by 08:30am on
Friday 1st March 2024!***

***Friendly Reminder: We are a cashless
school. Card payments only.***

1st of March 01/03/2024

Summer Examination Timetables

Please could all parents of Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 be advised that the WJEC exam timetable can be located on our school website under: Students - Examination Information.

Families First Talking Teens

The first workshop took place on Tuesday night and was well attended with excellent feedback. There are still spaces to start the course next week if parents would like to participate. Following next week's session, registration will be closed.

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

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

You only need to complete this once, so if you have already began the course, you do not need to complete it again. If you have any questions regarding the provision, please email 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.



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



A poster with a blue background and a dark blue header. The header contains two yellow hexagons and a white square with a red and blue geometric pattern. The main text is in large, bold, black letters, with the first letter of each word in yellow. The text is arranged in four horizontal bands. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with the text 'BEING THE BEST WE CAN BE' in white and yellow. There are also two yellow hexagons at the bottom left and right corners.

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 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.