

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

| SUMMER TERM / <i>TYMOR Y HAF</i> | |
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| Start / <i>Dechrau:</i> | Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i> |
| Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i> | Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i> |
| End / <i>Diwedd:</i> | Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i> |
| Week Beginning – Monday 1 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 1 2024</i> | Week 37/ <i>Wythnos 37</i> |

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

We were very sorry that Sports Day was unable to go ahead this week, but unfortunately the rain in the morning meant the track was too wet for us to be able to proceed. Our reserve date is Monday 15th July and we very much hope for fine weather then!

Your children have probably told you that school governors recently agreed that our current trial of a single break and lunchtime is working well and we will therefore proceed with this arrangement on a permanent basis. From September, registration will also move to the beginning of the school day. This is so that we can continue to build trusted adult relationships between form tutors and the pupils in their forms as tutors will be each child's first point of contact each school day.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have dropped off uniform they no longer need in response to my requests in the previous two newsletters. Please be advised that our uniform store "Major Items" will be open on Thursday 15th August and Thursday 22nd August between 9am and 11.30am. If any parents/carers are in need of any items of uniform please do attend and we will be delighted to assist you. We have plenty of stock but there is still room for more! If any of you still have items you no longer need (ties, jumpers, shirts, trousers, skirts, shorts) please drop them into reception and we will ensure they are put to good use.

A huge well done to all of our learners for their exemplary behaviour during our fire drill this week. Please be advised that next Friday, the 12th of July, we will be conducting a lockdown drill. In light of recent unfortunate events that have taken place in schools in Wales it is imperative that these drills are carried out in order to ensure our procedures to keep learners safe in the event of an emergency are robust and well-rehearsed. We will fully brief all learners during form periods to ensure they understand the procedures.

Our school show "Guys and Dolls" is now only a few days away! Pupils and staff are rehearsing in earnest, the set is up, the costumes have arrived and it is set to be a fantastic show! If you still haven't got your tickets, please do so quickly before they all sell out!

Finally, a reminder that this coming Monday is an INSET day so school is not open to pupils. I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs C L Robins

Primary Contact Email Addresses

Progress Leader Teams - Email Addresses

| Progress Leader Team | Email Address |
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| Progress Leader Yr7 | Year7ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Progress Leader Yr8 | Year8ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Progress Leader Yr9 | Year9ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Progress Leader Yr10 | Year10ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Progress Leader Yr11 | Year11ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Progress Leader 6th Form | Year1213ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk |

School Departments - Email Addresses

| Department | Email Address |
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| Additional Learning Needs | ALN@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Art | ArtDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Business/Careers | CareersDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Cymraeg | CymraegDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| D&T | DTDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| English | EnglishDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Geography | GeogDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| History | HistoryDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| ICT | ICTDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Maths | MathsDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| MFL | MFLDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| PE | PEDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Performing Arts | PerformingArtsDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Religious Studies | RSDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Science | ScienceDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk |
| Welsh Bacc | WelshBacc@llantwitschool.org.uk |

School Calendar

| Week Beginning – Monday 8 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 8</i> 2024 | | Week 38 |
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| Monday 8 July / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 8</i> | INSET DAY | |
| Tuesday 9 July / <i>Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 9</i> | Year 10 Trip – Cardiff Airport School Production – Guys & Dolls | |
| Wednesday 10 July / <i>Dydd Mercher Gorffennaf 10</i> | Art/Tech Exhibition @ 5pm School Production – Guys & Dolls | |
| Thursday 11 July / <i>Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 11</i> | Year 10 Trip – Geography fieldwork School Production – Guys & Dolls | |
| Friday 12 July / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 12</i> | School Production – Guys & Dolls | |
| | Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i> | |
| Monday 15 July / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 15</i> | SPORTS DAY | |
| Tuesday 16 July / <i>Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 16</i> | END OF YEAR REWARDS TRIPS: Year 7 & 8 – Oakwood Year 9 & 10 – Drayton Manor | |
| Wednesday 17 July / <i>Dydd Mercher Gorffennaf 17</i> | | |
| Thursday 18 July / <i>Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 18</i> | Paris Trip | |
| Friday 19 July / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19</i> | LAST DAY OF TERM Day ends at 1:00pm | |
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Art Department

LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL

Ysgol Llanittud Fawr



ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION

Arddangosfa Celf a Dylunio

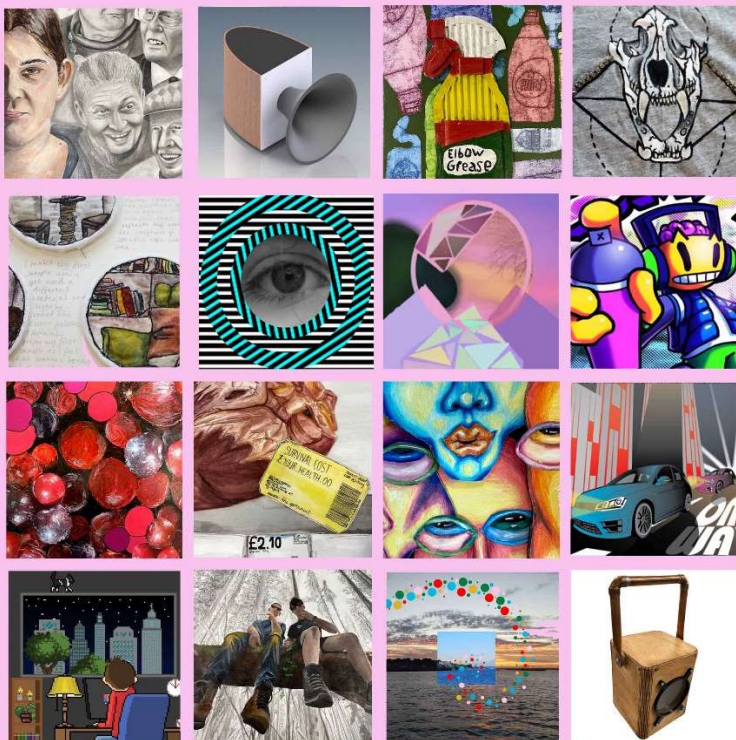
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

Dydd Mercher 10fed Gorffennaf

5-6:30PM

Award Ceremony 5-5:15pm

Please join us in the Art and Design Department from 5pm, to help us celebrate our GCSE and A Level students' creative achievements this year.



Drama Department

LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL
PRESENTS

GUY'S And DOLLS

9TH - 12TH JULY 2024



A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY
BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON
MUSIC & LYRICS BY FRANK LOESSER
BOOK BY JO SWERLING & ABE BURROWS
THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LLANTWIT-MAJOR-SCHOOL



Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom took place at Heronston Hotel. Pupils conducted themselves beautifully and they had an amazing time. We had multiple compliments from the manager, waiting and bar staff plus a local DJ (all of whom see a lot of proms) regarding how well behaved and polite our pupils were and that it was a pleasure to host them. They did our school and community proud. It was a privilege to see our students looking stunning and displaying our Llantwit values whilst having a great time. We wish them all the best in their next chapter.



English Department

Writing Matters

Below are some questions to ask your child at home about their writing in their subjects. By showing an interest in their school work, it shows that you value their efforts in school and may boost their confidence and motivation to write. By expressing an interest, you create a supportive environment where they feel safe to develop their ideas and help them develop their writing further.


QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD:

- 1) What is the purpose of your writing?
- 2) Do you have clear topic sentences?
- 3) Is there a more ambitious word you could use here?
- 4) Have you put the full stop and comma (etc.) where it should go?
- 5) Who is your audience?
- 6) Have you developed your ideas from your plan?
- 7) Do you have a variety of sentences and do they vary in length?
- 8) What other types of punctuation could you use here?
- 9) What type of text is this?
- 10) What was the feedback on your last piece of writing?

Business Department

CWRE (Careers & Work-Related Experiences)

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the CWRE survey sent out in the recent newsletter. In response to your feedback, please find information below regarding our Careers Wales School Delivery Team which is also available on the school website and a link to a very informative Careers Wales Parent Newsletter – Summer 24. The newsletter will provide you with information about online resources available, supporting pupils when choosing options and ways to support your child with their career options.

CAREERS WALES AND YOUR SCHOOL  Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

MEET YOUR CAREERS WALES SCHOOL DELIVERY TEAM

School Careers Adviser
Supports your child in their career planning to help them make informed decisions. You'll also see our Careers Advisers at school parent evenings and school events.
Your school Careers Adviser is:
Name:
Phone:
Email:

Business Engagement Adviser (BEA)
Helps your school to engage with employers. This improves students' awareness of the labour market and increases their understanding of the world of work.
Your school BEA is:
Name:
Phone:
Email:

CWRE Curriculum Co-ordinator
Supports your school with their Careers and Work Related Experiences.
Your school CWRE Careers and the World of Work Co-ordinator is:
Name:
Phone:
Email:

Additional Learning Needs Careers Adviser (ALN Adviser)
Supports your child in their career planning to help them make informed decisions. You'll also see our Careers Advisers at school parent evenings and school events.
Your school ALN Adviser is:
Name:
Phone:
Email:

Link to Careers Wales Parent Newsletter:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/c2d46ffb-538a-43f1-9a50-0b06fb780b59>

Bullies Out

All classes in Years 8 and 9 have been taking part in workshops with an organisation called Bullies Out this week.

Year 8 were involved in sessions which introduced the key themes of bullying behaviour and conflict, how the escalation of poor behaviour and friendship issues can lead to bullying behaviour, and the role of the bystander. In the workshop, participants discussed and challenged their attitudes towards others, discussed the differences between conflict and bullying behaviour and identified their role within the cycle of bullying. They developed awareness of the impact of bullying behaviour - socially, emotionally and physically and explored ways to highlight and report incidents of bullying behaviour, ensuring no-one has to suffer in silence.

Year 9 have been considering in a generation where the internet, multi-media and smartphones and tablets are the norm of everyday life, the trend of 'sexting' becoming an increasing issue for our young people. 'Sexting' is often seen as flirting by young people who feel that it's a 'part of normal life'. But what happens when it goes wrong, and the image is shared on social media or passed around? In this workshop, young people defined the term sexting, explored the consequences, discuss and challenged reasons why people sext and discussed ways to avoid sexting. This workshop also looked at some of the key points of UK law relating to the sending and receiving of sexual images.



Wales Airshow featuring Armed Forces Day 2024 - Swansea

This year, Swansea will be hosting Wales' National Armed Forces Day celebrations.

Date: 6th July (Alongside the Wales airshow 6th & 7th of July).

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wales Airshow takes place during Armed Forces Week and we will be celebrating the contributions made to our country by those who serve and have served in His Majesty's Armed Forces. This year's Wales Airshow will also see us celebrating Wales Armed Forces Day.

There will be large display of military stands and ground assets as well as 'come and try it' activities.

[Find out more here](#)



<https://www.sscecymru.co.uk/upcomingnetworkmemberevents/walesarmedforcesday2024swansea/default.htm>

Welsh Government Education News

Get help with school cost

We are offering support to eligible learners with Free School Meals and the Schools Essential Grant. Please refer to our information sheet on Get Help with School Costs. Please see link below:

[Get Help with School Costs - one pager for schools - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

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 L Pownall at pownalll@llantwitschool.org.uk

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

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 @ 1pm)

INSET Days:

- **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. Email is the preferred means of communication. If you know which dept/team you wish to contact, please use the direct email addresses provided in the newsletter. 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.