

## 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 4 December 2023 / Dydd Llyn Rhagfyr 4 2023</b>	<b>Week 13 / Wythnos 13</b>

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

Christmas has definitely arrived here at Llantwit Major! Our pupils have enjoyed getting the school ready over the last few days as you can see from the attached pictures. Thank you so much to all those parents and carers that attended last night's Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic evening and a lovely way for the community to come together.

Years 11, 12 and 13 begin their mock examinations on Monday. These are excellent preparation for the summer series, so please do encourage your child/children to take these exams seriously.

Finally, our last day of term is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The school day will finish at 1.40pm, with buses departing at 1.45pm. If you would prefer that your child remains onsite until 3pm please contact school and we will of course accommodate them.

Thank you as ever for your continued support and I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

**Mrs C L Robins**

### *Message from the Deputy Headteacher*

We have been made aware of social media accounts being set up using the school name and/or logo. We will be speaking to all learners regarding this but would like to ask parents to discuss their child's social media use with them on a regular basis. It is not appropriate to use the school name/logo. We will take further action if any pupils are found setting up accounts and bringing the school into disrepute.

**Mrs E Wilson**



## **English Department**

Skimming and scanning are essential skills in literacy because they teach readers how to quickly locate specific information within a text. Here's why they are beneficial:

- **Efficient Information Retrieval:** Skimming and scanning techniques enable readers to efficiently find relevant information without reading the entire text. This skill is invaluable in academic and professional settings where time is limited, and specific details need to be extracted quickly.
- **Improved Comprehension:** Skimming helps readers grasp the main ideas and overall structure of a text. Scanning, on the other hand, allows readers to focus on specific keywords or phrases. By combining these techniques, readers can quickly understand the context and extract the necessary details, enhancing their overall comprehension.
- **Enhanced Research Skills:** Skimming and scanning are fundamental for research. Researchers often need to sift through numerous articles, books, or online sources to find relevant information. Skimming and scanning help researchers identify the most pertinent sources and extract essential data efficiently.
- **Effective Study Habits:** Students can use skimming and scanning techniques to review large volumes of study materials. This is particularly useful when preparing for exams, allowing them to review a wide range of topics and identify key points without spending excessive time on each section.
- **Critical Thinking:** Skimming and scanning require readers to think critically about what information they need and where to find it. This enhances their analytical skills, teaching them to assess the importance of different parts of a text and evaluate its relevance to their needs.
- **Digital Literacy:** In the age of digital information, skimming and scanning are essential skills for navigating online content. Readers can quickly assess the credibility and relevance of websites, articles, or social media posts by applying these techniques, helping them avoid misinformation.

In summary, skimming and scanning are valuable literacy skills that empower readers to efficiently gather information, improve comprehension, conduct effective research, develop study habits, enhance critical thinking, and navigate the digital landscape effectively. Have a look at the link below for examples.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/mod/oucontent/view.php?id=85812&section=2>



### *A week in Sport*

It was pleasing to see the year 11 team keep natural order and beat the year 10 team 7-0 this week. 🏈 It was a great game from both teams and they will most definitely meet again. 🙌 #teamllantwit

Year 10 man of the match: Lucas David 🏆

Year 11 man of the match: Jamie Thomas 🏆



A great effort from the year 9 rugby team in very cold conditions against a talented Pencoedtre side. 🧊 Some excellent phases of attack and tries scored from both sides 🏈. Final score: 51-29 to the visitors. A special mention to year 8 pupils: Kyle Paulett Howe, Rory Edbrooke, Eddie Mullis, Jac Collins and Alfie Smith for stepping in to play for the year 9s today. 🙌 #teamllantwit

Try Scorers:

Josh Martin 🏈

Dan Galliford 🏈

Conversions:

Jac Collins x 1

Dan Galliford x 1

Mr Nunes' Player of the match:

🌟 Harrison Owen 🌟



A great game for the year 10 rugby team this week against a strong Cantonian team in the knockout stage of the Welsh cup. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿🏆 The game was very edgy going in to the second half with Llantwit Major holding a narrow 3 tries to 2 lead. However, Llantwit proved to be more clinical and went on to win 42-12. 🏉 #teamlantwit

Thanks to Llantwit Major RFC for allowing the boys to play on the pitch under the floodlights 🌃

Try scorers:

Tyler Lee 🏉🏉🏉🏉🏉

Bayley Hillberg 🏉🏉

Rio Lucas 🏉

Harry Fisher 🏉

Men of the Match:

🏆 Eli Hickman and Harry Fisher 🏆



### **Christmas Lunch - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

This year sees the welcome return of a full Christmas lunch offering from our canteen. On Thursday pupils will be able to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings as well as a festive pudding selection, and of course a vegetarian option will be offered. This will be costed the same as a standard main meal and the pudding will form part of the meal deal option the canteen offer. An alternative hot food option will be available as well as pre-packed sandwiches for those children who don't want the Christmas lunch.

### **Beacon House Therapeutic Services and Trauma Team**

Beacon House have produced a booklet titled 'Supporting Traumatised Children through the Christmas Storm'. This will follow under a separate email.

### **ParentPay - School Meal Account Limit**

In order to help parents/careers manage their ParentPay account we have introduced an 'over-draft' limit threshold on your child's lunchtime meal account.

This means that as soon as they are overdrawn by £5 they will only be allowed to purchase a main meal option (no cookies, cakes, multiple pizza slices or flavoured water) until their account returns to credit.

No child will ever be denied a main meal, this cost will continue to be added to your ParentPay account, but we would remind you that you are responsible for any monies due on this account.

Once an account reaches the £5 overdraft we will send you a statement so that you can see the due balance and make a payment to bring it into credit.

If you would like to set a maximum daily limit your child can spend on meals, we are able to facilitate this. Please email the school inbox with your child's name and the daily limit you wish to introduce. This will allow your child to purchase any combination of food they choose, but only up to the limit you set.

Please note that we can only change this once each term and because this has to be entered manually, please bear with us whilst we make the change, and ensure that you have advised your child that you are doing this to avoid any embarrassment at the till.

We continue to review the canteen and the food options available to our pupils and hope to update you again on this shortly.

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 11 December 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Rhagfyr 11 2023</i>	<b>Week 14/ Wythnos 14</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>	<b>Pupil Christmas lunch</b>
Friday 15 December / <i>Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 15</i>	<b>Years 11 and 12 CERN Trip Years 12 and 13 Geography Fieldwork</b>
	<b>Coming Up/ I ddod</b>
Monday 18 December / <i>Dydd Llun Rhagfyr 18</i>	
Tuesday 19 December / <i>Dydd Mawrth Rhagfyr 19</i>	
Wednesday 20 December / <i>Dydd Mercher Rhagfyr 20</i>	
Thursday 21 December / <i>Dydd Iau Rhagfyr 21</i>	<b>Years 12 and 13 Cheltenham Christmas Market Trip</b>
Friday 22 December / <i>Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22</i>	<b>Last day of Term – 1:40pm finish</b>



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

#### **Autumn 2023:**

- **Term End:** Friday 22 December 2023 – **1:40pm finish**

#### **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.