

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 18 March 2024 / Dydd Llun Mawrth 18 2024	Week 25/ Wythnos 25

Message from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to the final Spring term edition of Major News.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers their support in enforcing our new approach to mobile phone use. We have enjoyed a really productive week and it has been a joy to witness our learners playing and interacting with each other and staff at break and lunchtimes rather than being glued to their screens.

It has been a very busy term here at Llantwit Major and staff and students alike are all in need of a really good rest. As such, may I politely inform you that I will be instructing staff to turn off their laptops and emails over the next fortnight so that they may also benefit from some much-needed time away from their screens. Any emails during the Easter break will be actioned on our return to school on Monday 8th April.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing holiday.

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 25 March 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mawrth 25 2024</i>	
Monday 25 March / <i>Dydd Llun Mawrth 25</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 26 March / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mawrth 26</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 27 March / <i>Dydd Mercher Mawrth 27</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Thursday 28 March / <i>Dydd Iau Mawrth 28</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 29 March / <i>Dydd Gwener Mawrth 29</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Week Beginning – Monday 1 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 1 2024</i>	
Monday 1 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 1</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 2 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 2</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 3 April / <i>Dydd Mercher Ebrill 3</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Thursday 4 April / <i>Dydd Iau Ebrill 4</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 5 April / <i>Dydd Gwener Ebrill 5</i>	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Week Beginning – Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i>	Week 26/ <i>Wythnos 26</i>
Monday 8 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8</i>	Back to School – 8:30am start
Tuesday 9 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 9</i>	
Wednesday 10 April / <i>Dydd Mercher Ebrill 10</i>	
Thursday 11 April / <i>Dydd Iau Ebrill 11</i>	Year 9 Reports issued
Friday 12 April / <i>Dydd Gwener Ebrill 12</i>	

Welsh Baccaureate Department

Exam Results

Congratulations to Year 10 and Year 13 pupils! The Welsh Baccaureate department have been busy this week sharing excellent WJEC results with Year 10 and Year 13 pupils.

Year 10 pupils have received their first set of results from the WJEC (their Community Challenge results) which will contribute up to 25% towards their final GCSE grade. Year 13 pupils have received the results of 3 pieces of work (their Community, Global and Enterprise & Employability challenges) This will contribute to 50% of their final A level grade. We have spent the week explaining to all students the impact that these results will have on their final grade, and analysing and providing feedback on further marks / grades needed to achieve a variety of final GCSE and A level grades. Llongyfarchiadau i gyd!

Advance Notice

All Year 10 students are currently studying for the Global Challenge element of their Welsh Baccaureate GCSE. The topic the pupils are studying is marine litter and they have already conducted analysis of a variety of sources of information on this topic. As part of the qualification pupils are allocated 5 hours to create a pack which raises awareness of marine litter, the issues and solutions they have read about in their sources of information booklet. The pupils are allocated a day (5 hours) where this is to be completed. This must be a substantial piece of work which is creative and innovative. In the past we have seen artwork, quizzes, board games, models and the like created over the 5 hours. We have asked pupils to start thinking about what they would like to create on their allocated day. Whilst the department will supply materials to support this element of the qualification, we have suggested that pupils may want to start collecting some items from their household recycling which they may want to use to highlight the issue of plastic in the oceans, such as yoghurt pots, milk bottle tops etc. **As usual, all pupils will be expected to be in school uniform and plastic aprons will be available. The Global Challenge is worth 25% of the final GCSE grade.** This is a supervised task which must be completed in order to pass the qualification.

The allocated days are below:

- 10F – 22nd April
- 10N – 23rd April
- 10L – 24th April
- 10A – 25th April
- 10D – 1st May
- 10U - 2nd May
- 10T – 7th May

If students are unsure which class they are in, they will need to see their Welsh Baccaureate teacher in advance of the days.

Welsh Language Department

This half term the Criw Cymraeg launched their use of Welsh awards for pupils and staff. Llongyfarchiadau enfawr/ huge congratulations to Mr Godden for being awarded the first ever Pencampwr Cymraeg/Welsh Champion award. The Criw Cymraeg all agreed that Mr Godden's use of Welsh in lessons and around the school is superb!

Da iawn Mr Godden.



Lots of positive points have also been awarded to pupils for their use of Welsh throughout this half term. The Criw Cymraeg will be counting the points up and awarding pupils with 'jump the queue' passes to use at break or lunch. These passes will be given out after the Easter break.

Remember to keep using your Cymraeg whenever you can!

First Aid Training

Groups of our older learners have had an opportunity to have first Aid training in school this week. They covered CPR, Dr ABC and how to put someone in the recovery position. They also had training on using a defibrillator. Pupils took part with keen interest and will be receiving certificates for their work. A huge well done to all involved.



A Week in Sport



The annual Urdd 7s Rugby competition will be running between the 16th and 19th of April 2024. 🏉 🇨🇾

Year 7 is on the 19th April

Year 8 is on the 18th April

Year 9 is on the 17th April

Year 10 is on the 16th April

We will be holding 7s rugby training sessions and trials on Monday 8th April and Monday 15th April for all year groups on these days. The teams for all year groups will be selected on 15th April following the second training session. 🏉🏉🏉🏉 [#teamlantwit](#)

The sun was shining for another fantastic extracurricular football session. ☀️ Thanks again to Health, Fitness and Well-being Leader, Oliver Poole, for leading the session. ⚽ [#teamlantwit](#)



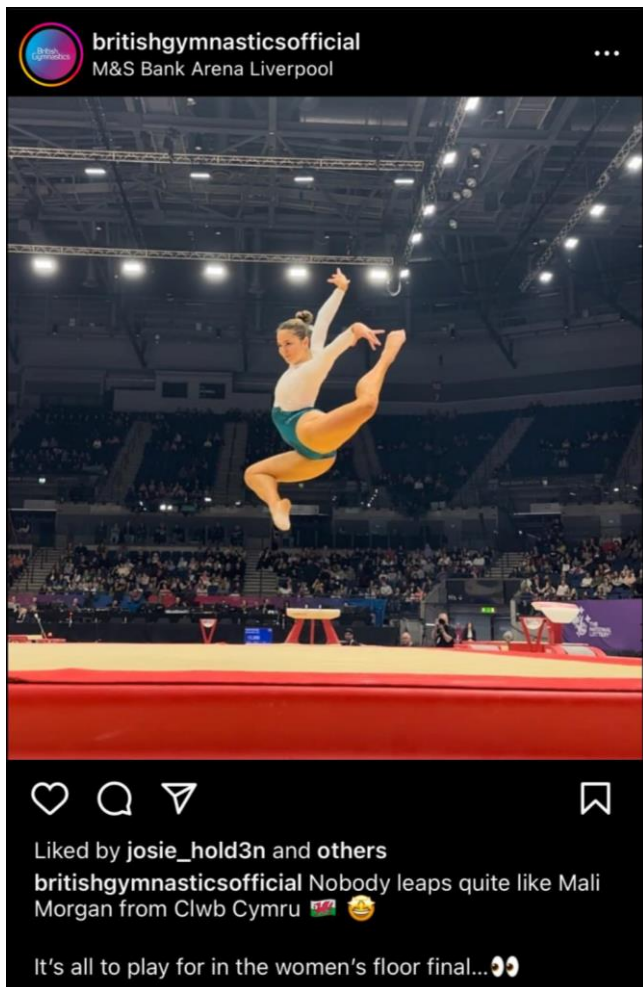
What a weekend of sporting achievements for [#teamlantwit](#) with further success. Archie Preece boxed in the National Boxing Centre for Wales for the first time on Saturday against England and won by unanimous decision. 🥊 He has one more camp next weekend in the centre and will then be travelling to Glasgow over the Easter weekend to box against Scotland. 🍀 Best of luck Archie from all of us here at [#teamlantwit](#)



Well done to Nancy Thomas who represented Llantwit Major School at the British Gymnastics schools Trampoline Finals in Telford international Arena on Saturday. 🏆 She narrowly missed placing third but we're extremely proud to see Nancy reaching the finals after three rounds of zonals and placing first in the Welsh final. 🇬🇧 [#teamlantwit](#)



Well done to year 12 pupil Mali Morgan who competed in the British Gymnastics Championships this weekend. 🏆
 Nobody leaps quite like Mali Morgan! 🙌 #teamllantwit



Well done to all those who took part in the WJEC GCSE PE practical moderation. 🙌 #teamllantwit



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, a white square with a red and blue grid pattern, and the text "CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS" in white. Below the header are four horizontal bars of varying shades of blue, each containing a large yellow letter followed by text: "Be Ready", "Engaged", "Safe", and "Take Responsibility". At the bottom, the text "BEING THE BEST WE CAN BE" is written in white and yellow. There are also yellow hexagons at the bottom left and bottom right.

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.