

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / Dechrau: Monday 8 April 2024 / Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024
Half Term / Monday 27 May 2024 - Friday 31 May 2024/
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Mai 27 - Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024

End / Diwedd: Friday 19 July 2024 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024

Week Beginning - Monday 24 June 2024 / Dydd Llun

Week 36/ Wythnos 36

Mehefin 24 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

As you can see from the items that follow in this newsletter, we have a very busy few weeks coming up here at Llantwit Major School. Our annual Sports Day takes place on Monday. I'm sure this will be a fantastic event and I am most grateful for all the time our hardworking staff have put in to organising the day.

Our school show takes place the week after next and the staff and pupils are preparing in earnest. For those of you who have not yet booked your tickets yet I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. We are extremely proud of the quality of our school productions here at LMS and this one will be no exception.

Please may I remind parents/carers that we are in the process of replenishing our uniform store. If any of you have unwanted items (this includes shirts, skirts and trousers) we would be extremely grateful if you could drop them to school reception so we may put them to good use.

Please also be reminded that Monday 8th July is an INSET day so our pupils will not be in school.

The school day will also finish slightly early on the last day of term, Friday 19th July, with buses departing from school at 1.15pm. If you would prefer your child remains in school until 3pm please contact the high school inbox and we will make the necessary arrangements.

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

Mrs C L Robins

Primary Contact Email Addresses

Progress Leader Teams - Email Addresses

Progress Leader Team	Email Address
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
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 1 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffenaf</i> 1 Week 37 2024		
Monday 1 July / Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 1	Sports Day	
Tuesday 2 July / Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 2	Year 5 Transition Morning	
Wednesday 3 July / Dydd Mercher	Year 10 English IRP Exam	
Gorffennaf 3	French Trip Info Evening 6-7pm	
Thursday 4 July / Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 4	Year 10 English IRP Exam	
Friday 5 July / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 5	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork	
	Coming Up/ I ddod	
Monday 8 July / Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 8	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 9 July / Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 9	Year 10 Trip - Cardiff Airport School Production - Guys & Dolls	
Wednesday 10 July / Dydd Mercher	Art/Tech Exhibition @ 5pm	
Gorffennaf 10	School Production – Guys & Dolls	
Thursday 11 July / Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 11	Year 10 Trip – Geography fieldwork School Production – Guys & Dolls	
Friday 12 July / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 12	School Production – Guys & Dolls	

A week in Sport

Llantwit Major Sports Day – 1st July

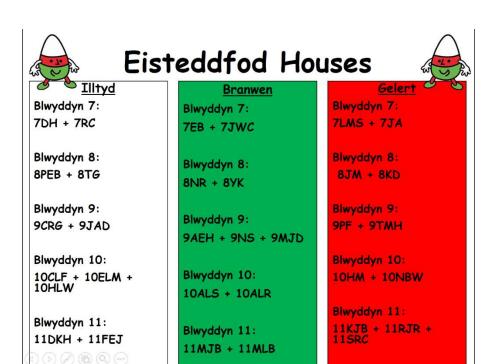


Registration on Sports Day

On sports day (Monday 1st July) the structure of the day will be different to our usual school day. Please remind your child of the following:

- 8.30am Morning Registration on the 3G. Form tutors to register their form groups and R Jones to register sixth form. Any pupils not taking part in the activities will register in the canteen.
- 12.00pm Whole school lunch.
- 12.40pm Whole school gather on the 3G for PM registration (form tutors to register their form groups and R Jones to register sixth form).
- 12.45 pm Afternoon events start.

Lunch will run from 12:00pm to 12:40pm and pupils will have no set break as there will be opportunities for pupils to have breaks in between activities throughout the day. Pupils will also have opportunities to buy refreshments and snacks throughout the day from the pizza stall, ice cream van, bake sale and tuck shop.



Safeguarding

Recently parents were invited to attend a meeting with South Wales Police to explore how they can safeguard their children from sexual exploitation online.

Please find below some important information regarding how to keep your child safe:

Communication platforms Discord, Signal & Telegram have end to end encryption which means they are not monitored and cannot be traced. Children are not safe on these platforms and abusers may specifically use and push children to these platforms as they can't be traced. Please discuss this with your child and advise them not to use these platforms.

If you are concerned that your child has shared an indecent image online Childline can often get the image removed. Please follow the link for further guidance: https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/

Signs that your child may be being exploited:

- Change in behaviour
- Becoming withdrawn
- Using multiple platforms/secretive phone
- Sexting
- New online friends
- Anxious
- Self-Harm
- Isolating themselves
- They have friends who have been exploited

Should you have concerns that your child is being exploited online please contact the police for further guidance and support.



It's really hard when you think your child isn't safe.

We are here to listen and help.

SAFECALL It's your call.

Llantwit Major RFC Information





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 pownall@llantwitschool.org.uk

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Summer 2024:

Start: Monday 8 April 2024May 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 2024INSET 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.