

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

| SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF | |
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| Start / Dechrau: | Monday 8 April 2024 / Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024 |
| Half Term / Hanner Tymor: | Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024 / Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024 |
| End / Diwedd: | Friday 19 July 2024 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024 |
| Week Beginning – Monday 10 June 2024 / Dydd Llun Mehefin 10 2024 | Week 34/ Wythnos 34 |

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

As you know, this week has been the first week of our trial of a single break and lunchtime. Whilst we have had a much more settled period 4 with all pupils on lunch at the same time, pupils have had to queue for a little longer than previously to be served, although all pupils have been served with at least fifteen minutes spare to enjoy their lunch.

Next week, we will trial allocating year groups 10-minute time slots and these have been shared with pupils in registration today. In response to pupil voice, we have allotted indoor spaces for pupils who prefer to not be outside, particularly on wet days. Two smaller venues have also been made available on our pastoral corridor for pupils who prefer to access a smaller, quieter space and these have been advertised to pupils in registration. We are also reviewing our extra-curricular offer to ensure an exciting range of clubs are on offer at lunchtime and will be speaking to pupils in registration next week to gather their views on any clubs they would like to see on offer.

All parents were recently invited to complete a detailed survey giving their views on the school and I told you in a recent newsletter that I would share some of the main messages with you in subsequent editions. When asked what improvements parents/carers felt had been made to the school in the last year, the two most popular responses were the mobile phone ban and the introduction of Class Charts as the primary means of accessing information about your child.

Some parents expressed dissatisfaction with telephone messages not being passed on. May I please remind you that our primary means of communication is email. A few parents said they would like to be able to contact staff directly rather than emailing the high school inbox. In response to a parent survey completed earlier this year, this facility has been available for some time. All year group teams and Leaders of Learning have direct email inboxes parents may contact and these details have been shared with parents and are on our school website. They are also included in the next section of the newsletter for ease of reference.

I would encourage parents to utilise these mailboxes as your primary means of communication as far as possible. In addition, I have created a Headteacher's inbox so that you may directly message me if you feel there are any issues that need to be brought to my attention or are not being resolved to your satisfaction:

headteacher@llantwitschool.org.uk

When asked how often parents/carers' views were sought regarding school improvement, a couple of parents said they could not remember if this had happened and that it might be useful to outline to parents what consultations have taken place. In addition to the detailed survey parents were invited to complete recently, this year parents have also been invited to complete surveys on communication, homework, feedback and aims, ethos and values, alongside surveys that individual departments send out such as the one regarding Careers & Work-Related Experiences, included later in the newsletter.

The results of these surveys are always carefully analysed and used to inform decisions taken as a school regarding your child's education. May I also remind you that all parents are also invited to each parent forum session (advertised in the newsletter), and we are always delighted to welcome new members so you may play a more active role in school improvement work.

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

Primary Contact Email Addresses

Progress Leader Teams - E-mail 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 17 June 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 17</i> 2024 | | Week 35 |
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| Monday 17 June / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 17</i> | Year 10 Numeracy mock exam | |
| Tuesday 18 June / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 18</i> | Year 10 Numeracy mock exam | |
| Wednesday 19 June / <i>Dydd Mercher Mehefin 19</i> | Year 9 Royal Navy Rocket Building Year 10 Trip: Seren – Swansea Uni | |
| Thursday 20 June / <i>Dydd Iau Mehefin 20</i> | Year 9 Royal Navy Rocket Building | |
| Friday 21 June / <i>Dydd Gwener Mehefin 21</i> | | |
| | Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i> | |
| Monday 24 June / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 24</i> | | |
| Tuesday 25 June / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 25</i> | | |
| Wednesday 26 June / <i>Dydd Mercher Mehefin 26</i> | | |
| Thursday 27 June / <i>Dydd Iau Mehefin 27</i> | Year 6 Transition Day Year 6 Parents' Information Evening | |
| Friday 28 June / <i>Dydd Gwener Mehefin 28</i> | | |
| Saturday 29 June & Sunday 30 June/ <i>Dydd Sadwrn Mehefin 29 & Dydd Sul Mehefin 30</i> | Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition | |
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A week in Sport

Llantwit Major Sports Day – 1st July

LLANTWIT MAJOR SPORTS DAY
MONDAY 1ST JULY AT LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL

What's on offer..
Bake sale
Tuck Shop
Pizza Stall
Ice Cream
Fun games!

ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS
Field Events: Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Long Jump.
Track Events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and Relay

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Inter House Games
Football Netball Dodgeball

ILLTYD VS BRANWEN VS GELERT

The poster includes two logos on the top corners, a photo of a student jumping over a hurdle, and a photo of a basketball hoop.

A huge congratulations to all pupils who competed in the Cardiff and Vale Athletics Cup competition on Tuesday. Several pupils earned their way to the podium, as well as a number of pupils winning their events! A great effort from all the pupils from Year 7 to 10 and we hope to qualify for the finals. Information will be shared regarding the finals shortly. #teamllantwit



Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Ella McKay who has had great success this weekend in Athletics. 🏃 Ella was selected to represent South Wales this weekend in the Inter Regional Championships in Deeside and jumped a new personal best in the High Jump claiming Gold and becoming Inter Regional Champion. 🏆🏆

An unbelievable achievement and a massive well done from all of us here at [#teamlantwit](#)



Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Imogen Vecchi who continues to have great success in the world of Athletics. 🏃 Imogen was selected to represent South Wales in the Inter Regional Championships in Deeside and managed to get a Bronze in the Hurdles, Long Jump and Relay. 🏆🏆🏆

Well done from all of us here at [#teamlantwit](#)

A promotional graphic for Llantwit Major JFC Girls' Football. At the top left is the club's crest. The main text reads 'LLANTWIT MAJOR JFC' in blue and 'GIRLS' FOOTBALL' in yellow. Below this is a yellow banner that says 'WE ARE NOW RECRUITING FOR MORE PLAYERS AND MORE VOLUNTEER COACHES!'. The graphic features several photos of girls' football teams in yellow and blue kits. A yellow banner on the left says 'AGES 5-16'. At the bottom left, it says 'Contact Alex - 07555118741 Girls' Coordinator'. At the bottom right, a photo shows a team holding a banner that says 'SWWGL FINALISTS'.

Year 11 Leavers' assembly and celebration breakfast

On Wednesday 12th June, Year 11 students attended a final assembly signifying the last time they would be together.

The day started with their Mathematics examination and then time spent signing shirts and having a celebration breakfast of cake! We then completed the morning with an assembly celebrating their time at Llantwit and their successes and achievements. Some students then had extra celebrations with a football match on the 3G.

At Llantwit school we take pride in celebrating this important moment in their lives, confident that they are ready and able to take the next step. There was a euphoric atmosphere, it was lovely to see everyone so happy and enjoying themselves. We wish all our Year 11s the very best for their exams and future. We look forward to seeing some of them back in September or hearing about their future success if they are choosing a different pathway.



Careers Department

As part of our evaluation of CWRE provision within the school, we are consulting with parents/carers and pupils over the course of this half term. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete the short questionnaire below, to assist in future planning and provision of CWRE:

<https://forms.gle/ybtHCuj7frwVbNvQ8>

3 Peaks Fundraiser

Mr Pascoe and a group of friends raised a massive £5,300 for the British Heart Foundation by taking on the 3 Peaks. The challenge was in memory of a friend sadly lost to a cardiac arrest in 2021.

They completed the challenge in 23 hours and 33 minutes which was within the 24-hour window. Well done!

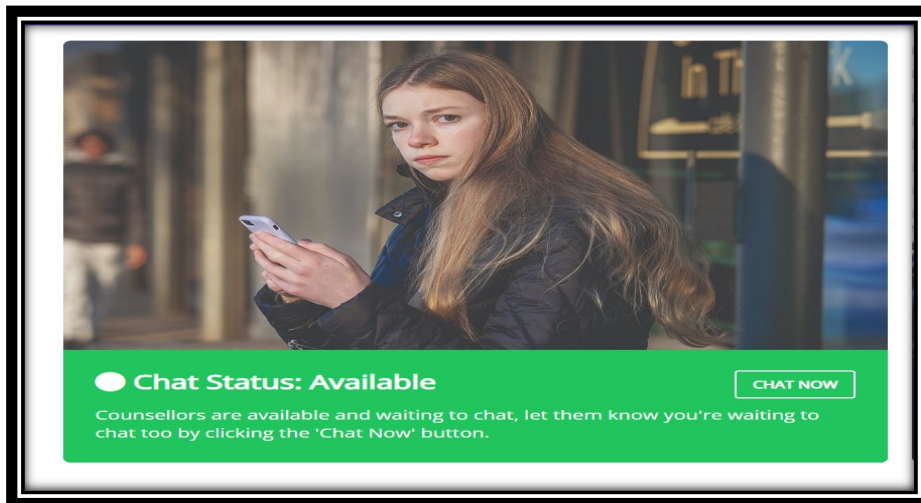


Barnardo's Counselling Service



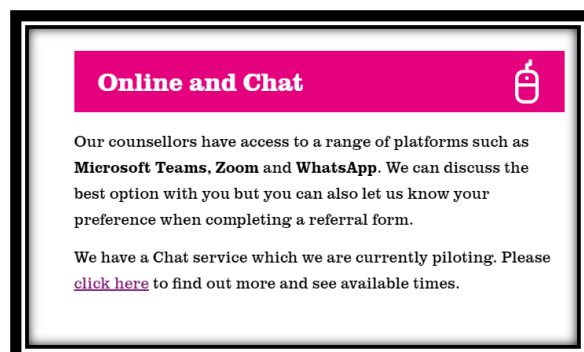
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Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.

Vale School & Community Based Counselling Service are launching a pilot chat function.



This will be available Wednesday evenings from 12th June until 10th July 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

You can access this via our website www.schoolbasedcounselling.co.uk and click on the link under the pink heading Online & Chat.



Chat with a Barnardo's counsellor now; let's figure things out together.

Protecting your children online: a parents' guide to cybersecurity webinar

Our School Safeguarding Officer, through working with colleagues in policing at the Regional Cyber Crime Team, has been able to secure 3 on-line sessions for parents and staff on Eventbrite.

The dates and times are as follows:

- 19th July 2024 12.00pm
- 24th July 2024 10.00am
- 31st July 2024 3.30pm

This is a free event, set up and run by the policing Regional Organised Crime Unit and it's a great resource.

Here's the link to register for the 3 webinars: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protecting-your-family-online-a-parents-guide-to-cybersecurity-tickets-920136030637?aff=oddtcreator>

School Essentials Grant

As you will be aware, the School Essentials Grant is available to eligible families on lower incomes with children attending school from reception to Year 11. All looked after children also qualify for the grant of:

£125 per learner

£200 for learners entering Year 7

The 2023 to 2024 scheme has now closed but applications can be made for the new grant year from 1 July. Details are available on local authority websites via this [link](#).

Llantwit Major Period Hub

Did you know that Llantwit Major School are a Period Hub?

All students have access to free period products which are available throughout the building and signposted in each toilet facility. Members of the school community are also able to discreetly request period products from reception. Alternatively you can email perioddignity@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk to arrange for products to be delivered to your home.



**LET'S
TALK ABOUT
PERIODS**

Ever been stuck in an emergency in school with no backups or too embarrassed to ask a friend? Well... no more! We have FREE product on site.

Products can be found in;

Drama Studio
L9
L4
M Block Literacy Room
PE Office
School Street Window
Wellbeing

email perioddignity@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
to get free products delivered discretely to your house

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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. 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.