

Llantwit
Major
School

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School for the 21st century at the heart of the community

Another outstanding result for Maths GCSE Students

Year 11 students are celebrating achieving yet another set of outstanding GCSE Maths results which were sat in November.

72% of the year group achieved an A*-C grade with 23% of the grades already being A*-A. This reflects the continual hard work of the students and the Maths Department who supported them to achieve the results.

In order to push standards further, maths groups are now being reorganized and all pupils are being encouraged to achieve an additional maths qualification or even higher GCSE grades.



For those small number of students who just missed out on a C grade, they will be taught in very small teaching groups to ensure they achieve at least a C grade in the summer exam.

We are confident that, for the second year running, the school's maths results will be amongst the best in Wales when results are analysed at the end of the academic year.

End of Autumn Term Roll of Honour



Congratulations to all of the Autumn term 'Points to Success' prize winners. Amazon vouchers have been awarded to pupils who were top points scorers in their year group (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and top of their form group.

In a consistent effort to reward pupils for their good attendance, we have continued our attendance prize draw for each year group. The name of every pupil in the year group is put into a 'hat' and a pupil name is drawn out every fortnight. If the selected pupil has had 100% attendance over the fortnight they receive £5.

Bars of chocolate were given to pupils with no minus points during the Autumn Term and a tin of chocolates was given to a form class in each year group with the highest number of achievement points.

Since September we have also held a weekly attendance prize draw rewarding one lucky student from each year group who has an attendance percentage above 95%. At the beginning of each term we begin again, so all pupils have a chance of receiving one (or more) of these prizes. Pob Lwc!

Year 7

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| 1st | Martha Hamilton |
| 2nd | Jake Down |
| 3rd | Samantha Hodgson |

Highest Points Earner in each form group

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 7SG | Oliver Ellis |
| 7NS | Jasmine Holland |
| 7AR | Megan Huggins |
| 7DWP | Sam Godfrey |
| 7JP | Cameron Sweeney |
| 7MAW | Lucy Johnson |

Year 8

| | |
|-----|--|
| 1st | Lucy Roberts/Emily Mackeprang/Emma Barrell |
| 2nd | Rhodri Richards |
| 3rd | Emma Craythorne |



Highest point Scorers



Highest Points Earner in each form group

| | | | |
|------|-------------|-----|------------------|
| 8RN | Abbie Price | 8YK | William Steggall |
| 8TG | Amy Robson | 8ST | Tomos Jones |
| 8AES | Liam Taylor | | |

Year 9

| | |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Charlie Fuller |
| 2nd | Robert Hamill |
| 3rd | Gwynn Evans |

Highest Points Earner in each form group

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 9LW | Llewelyn James |
| 9NE | Scott McGrory |
| 9PAB | James Clancy |
| 9PF | Joel Coles |
| 9RJJ | Lauren Williams |

Year 10

| | |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Alexandra Ford |
| 2nd | Freya Paul |
| 3rd | Holly Price |

Highest Points Earner in each form group

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|-------|------------------|
| 10NC | Caitlin Spargo | 10KFW | Emily Kells |
| 10JA | Joshua Dunn | 10EAW | Rhys Blockley |
| 10EAW | Ashim Sundas | 10DH | Harvey Mathewson |
| 10ALS | Kari Morgan | | |

Year 11

| | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Callum Chattoe |
| 2nd | Rhiannon Parry |
| 2nd | Nina Tombs |
| 3rd | Lydia Sanderson |

Highest Points Earner in each form group

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|-------|----------------|------|-------------------|
| 11SPD | Samantha Ollis | 11RS | Sonny Farman |
| 11RMB | Caitlin Vivian | 11RC | Christopher Tebby |
| 11MJB | Morgan Jones | 11LM | Nell Roberts |
| 11DER | Sian Cornick | | |

Parent/Pupil Information Gwybodaeth Rhieni/Disgyblion



SCHOOLCOMMS

Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details including address, telephone numbers and email addresses as:

- ♣ you will be informed of your child's absence from school via a text message
- ♣ letters are sent by email via Schoolcomms in the first instance. If you are not receiving emails they may be going in to your 'junk'. Please contact the school for help in receiving them in your 'in-box' or with any other communication issues.

PARENTPAY

Set up an account to pay for dinner money, school trips, music lessons, etc on line. This can be done using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

If you have yet to use ParentPay, pick up your unique activation username and password from reception now.

Information about parents taking photos or videos of school events/activities

Please be reminded, as per our safeguarding policy that:

Parents/carers can only record photographic or digital images of children in school based activities ie school concerts, with the permission of the Headteacher. The School will never condone the posting of children's/young people's images on the internet or social networking sites by pupils or parents. The school cannot control the use of such images taken by parents/carers after school events, and therefore can not assure other parents/carers of the appropriateness of that use.

Bag 2 School

Please save your unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and soft toys and bring them to the school either in a 'Bag 2 School' bag (these can be collected from reception), or any plastic bag. Bags can be brought in to the school's main reception anytime in the week before collection.

Next Collection:

Thursday 30 June 2016

Labelling School Uniform

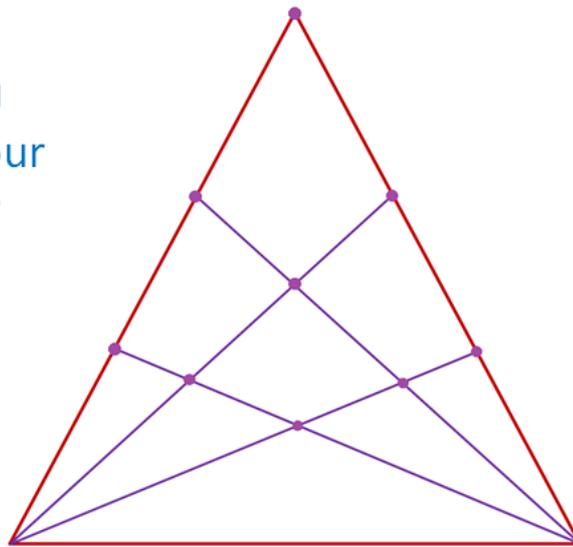
It is important to put your child's name inside school uniform items as any unclaimed items will be re-cycled at the end of each term. All named items are returned to pupils on the same day they are handed in to the office.

TO PREVENT DISTURBING LESSONS, IT IS IMPORTANT PUPILS REMEMBER TO BRING EVERYTHING THEY NEED FOR SCHOOL BEFORE THEY LEAVE HOME IN THE MORNING.

MATHS CHALLENGE

How many triangles are there?

Can you explain your system?



How do you know you have not missed any triangles or counted any twice?

Give your answer to your maths teacher to be entered into the prize draw!



New build update

In December the school Construction Ambassadors donned their PPE to experience their first official visit on to the construction site. The tour commenced with some background information on Bouygues, a brief on health and safety and a computer update of the site by the Community Engagement Officer. The ambassadors then braved the cold and the mud to experience life on a construction site.

There were a lot of interesting questions asked by the pupils and they all agreed it was a worthwhile first visit.

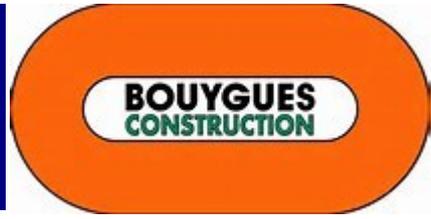


LATEST NEWS

The structural steel frame of the 3-storey main building is now complete, concrete slabs for the floors are in and the stairs are in place.



Architect Impressions of the Llantwit Learning Community site



Christmas Festivities 2015



In preparation for the Christmas period the school organised a number of key annual community festive events. This year these events have included a school carol service on Tuesday 8 December, a senior citizens hamper gifting tea party on Wednesday 9 December and a National Christmas Jumper Day in support of Text Santa which supports Save the Children, Make a Wish UK and MacMillan on Friday 18 December.

The annual Carol Service took place at the historic church of St. Illtyd's, where a packed congregation heard a variety of traditional and modern items performed by students of all ages from year 7 through to year 13. The service included some wonderfully performed musical items including Gwyl y Baban performed by the school choir.



The evening also saw some final performances from outgoing year 13 students including, Luke James performing 'bring him home' from Les Miserables and 'Shepherds Song' performed by Seb Lewis, Luke James, Alice Satherley-Thomas, Gemma Satherley-Thomas, Georgia Farman and accompanied by Tom Colgan on guitar.



The following day saw the school invite fifty guests from local Senior Citizen groups to its 8th annual tea party. Throughout the event, pupils and staff from different departments provided entertainment and refreshments for the visitors.



Christmas Festivities 2015



The Home Economics department provided bite-sized delicacies, the PE department presented thrilling gymnastic displays and the Music department performed numerous musical pieces in honour of the guests.

Each of the 50 hampers given (one from every form group across the school) had been hand-crafted during the previous four weeks out of cardboard boxes. Designs ranged from snowmen to Christmas trees, and all succeeded in bringing a smile to the faces of the guests. A contribution of 3 hampers was also kindly donated by Bouygues - the building company presently constructing our new school.



The school also participated in the National Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children. Pupils and staff members came into school wearing a Christmas jumper and donated a pound for the privilege. In excess of £630 has been raised for the charity.

Being involved in these events has helped put staff and pupils in a festive mood, raised money for charity and brought smiles to the faces of senior citizens in Llantwit Major. A huge thank you to all staff and pupils who have given both their time and money to help give to others at this festive time.



Year 10 Christmas Cake Competition

Year 10 did a sterling job yet again on their festive Christmas cakes. Holly Trudgian won with a penguin and igloo design, 2nd place was Annecy Peters with a polar bear design and in third was Charlie Brown with festive snow men. Highly commended went to Ella Allinson, Bruno Jeziorski and Elliot Redmayne. Congratulations to them all.



1st



2nd



3rd



Rotary Young Chef Competition 2016

The first round of the local Rotary Young Chef competition was held at our school in January. The competition required the young chefs to prepare, in two hours, a healthy three course meal comprising a starter, main and dessert courses for two people costing less than £15.

This year saw a mixed group with ages ranging from 14 to 15 years of age. The table layout and food presentation by all the contestants was excellent. The menus prepared by the young chefs were varied, mouth-watering and challenging.



The judge this year was Kevin Wilson of Chartwells Independent who provide Catering Services to Atlantic College. Kevin, who has worked with many of today's celebrity chefs was very impressed by the standard produced by all the young contestants and found it difficult to decide on a winner.

After much deliberation Annecy Peters was declared the winner with Lucy Marshall and Cameron Miller highly commended for their efforts. The winning menu started with deep fried Brie in breadcrumbs followed by Moules Mariniere with special frites and finished off with a truly delicious Tarte Tatin.

The judge Kevin said. "each of the competitors had a strong aspect to their menu" highlighting Cameron Miller's pea soup as "the best he had ever tasted" and Lucy Marshall's fish as "perfectly cooked". He mentioned that Annecy's Tarte Tatin was "outstanding". He later commented that "to churn out such good quality food in two hours at age 14/15 is no mean feat".

Miss Newbrook, Leader of Learning said "this competition is a good way for budding chefs to showcase their talents and creative flare. I am delighted that they all produced excellent fare in what was a challenging time limit and I am very proud of them all'.

Science Students Learn in Cern



A group of 25, 14-18 year old pupils from Llantwit Major School have recently returned from Geneva where they visited the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. The group thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the various aspects of CERN. They visited the research facilities at one of the detector sites that is situated on top of a 27km accelerator tunnel in addition to experiencing a range of talks given by scientists from all over the world. Some students were lucky enough to go underground and observe the ATLAS detector, the detector that discovered the Higgs Boson.

The highlight of the trip was meeting one of the leaders of the search for the illustrious Higgs Boson Particle, Dr Lyn Evans who was originally from Aberdare. Dr Evans was very keen to meet the school group as the 25 pupils were one of the first groups of Welsh students to visit the facility since he started his research to find the Higgs Boson Particle in 2008.



The pupils came away full of enthusiasm for science as a whole and showed great knowledge when participating in a question and answer session with Dr Evans. They questioned him on topics such as matter, antimatter, the Higgs Boson and his future research with the Hadron Collider and further studies abroad associated with particle physics.

The visit allowed the students to develop an even greater understanding of the exciting world of Science!

Cluster Council Meeting Report



On Tuesday 24 November our pupils met with Year 5 pupils from the school councils of our local feeder schools.

At the meeting pupils were able to ask a variety of questions about life at the Comprehensive which they could then feedback to their class mates.



Pupils were split into different groups to discuss what they thought made a good learner and brainstormed their ideas. Staff were able to report back about the recent CSI day and open evening for Primary parents, and pupils were able to recommend what they would like to happen when these events are available to them.

At the end pupils had a tour of the school, looking at the building site of the new school and areas which interested them.

Pupils from all schools were interactive with each other and a lot of information was shared. Many questions were raised and all pupils were able to input their opinions.

A visit to Renishaw— Inspiring a new generation of Engineers



On Wednesday 3 November a large group of year 9 mathematics students were lucky enough to pay a visit to the Renishaw Factory in Miskin. Renishaw plc is one of the UK's leading precision engineering companies with over 2,600 staff. One of their manufacturing outlets is in South Wales where they employ over 200 people.

A range of manufacturing operations and R&D activities are carried out at the site including the machining of metal components on the latest computer numerically controlled (CNC) machine tools, a production area to assemble Renishaw's metal-based additive manufacturing (3D printing) machines, and an advanced printed circuit board (PCB) assembly line.



Our year 9 pupils were lucky enough to spend some time touring the factory and they had plenty of opportunity to have discussions with members of the Renishaw personnel team about career opportunities. The visit also enabled the pupils to see mathematics being used throughout the workplace. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit and they all commented on the use of maths throughout the whole factory and workplace!



RS pupils religious experience



Year 8 visited three different places of worship in 2015 to deepen their knowledge and understanding of different religions that are practiced locally.

Our day began with a visit to the Cardiff Reformed Synagogue in Moira Terrace. We were given a most warm welcome and learned much from entering into discussion with regards to the key features and objects found within the building.

We were amazed when the curtains of the Ark were drawn back as we got to see several scrolls all covered in beautifully embroidered velvet and decorated with silver bells and plates. We were shown how Jewish people use a Yad or pointer to read the Torah scrolls and we had a closer look at one scroll that was almost a hundred years old. Some of us got to try on a prayer shawl and all the boys needed to wear a kippah or prayer hat out of respect.

Next, we visited a Mosque in Butetown: the only purpose built mosque in Cardiff that has a domed roof and a minaret. Here, we all needed to take off our shoes and this time, it was the girls turn to cover their heads. We all looked rather glamorous with our colourful pashminas and scarves. Here, the Imam greeted us and after explaining the key features found inside a mosque; we were invited to ask questions. Year 8 were very inquisitive and jumped at the opportunity to discuss many important issues with regards to current media misconceptions: the role of women in Islam and of course, terrorism. It was comforting to know that the Imam didn't regard terrorists as Islamic as Islam is a religion of peace. He firmly condemned the actions of ISIS and other groups. We were very appreciative of his honest and frank views. Next stop was lunch in Cardiff Bay. Luckily, it was a lovely sunny day and we were able to discuss many of the issues raised that morning over lunch.



Thirdly, we made our way to the Sikh Gurdwara in Riverside, Cardiff. Again, we were most warmly greeted and invited to take off our shoes. This time it was everybody's turn to cover their heads. Boys were given special orange bandanas to wear and the girls covered their heads with their head scarves again. We were taken up to the prayer hall and this is where a member of the Sikh Khalsa read a section of the Guru Granth Sahib aloud for us. It was magical as Sikhs don't just read the passages out loud; they sing them. A few of the members gave us an informative presentation about the history of Sikhism and its key beliefs. Afterwards, we were invited

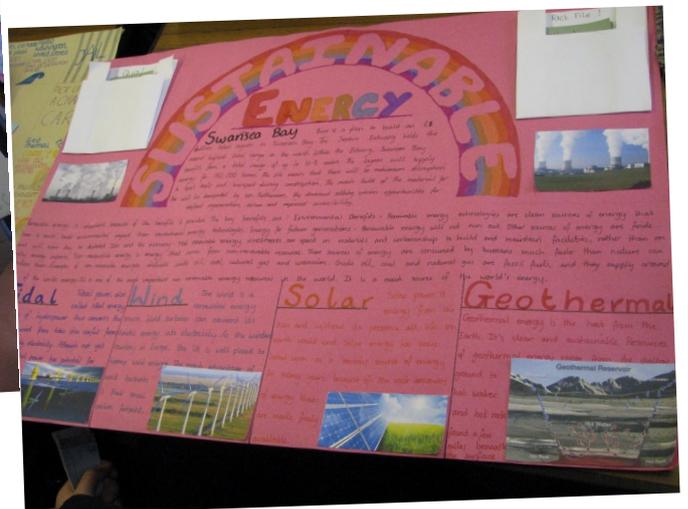
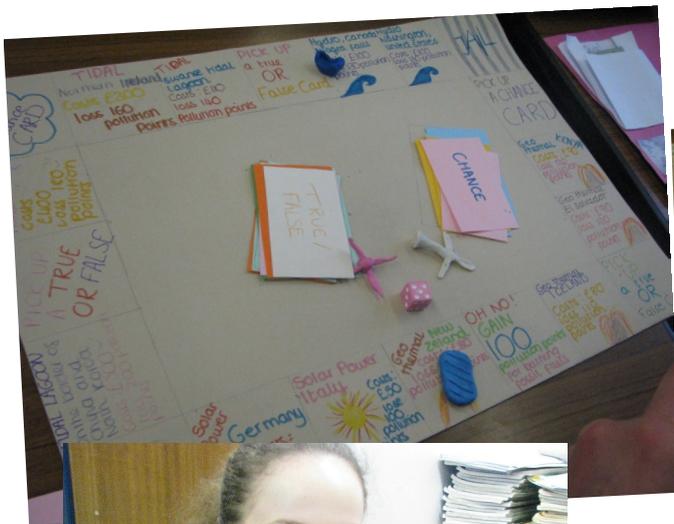
back down stairs where we were given snacks and drinks in the langar. This is a special custom of Sikhism: extending hospitality to all regardless of faith or ethnicity in order to show respect to all and equality. Whilst we ate, a number of us asked questions and we all listened respectfully as members of the Sikh community explained their beliefs and customs in greater detail.

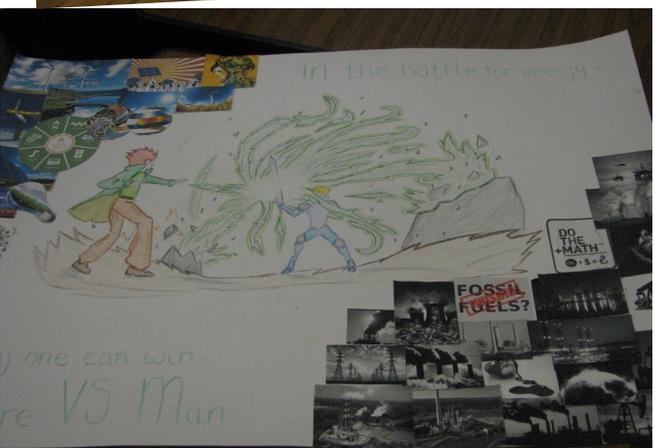
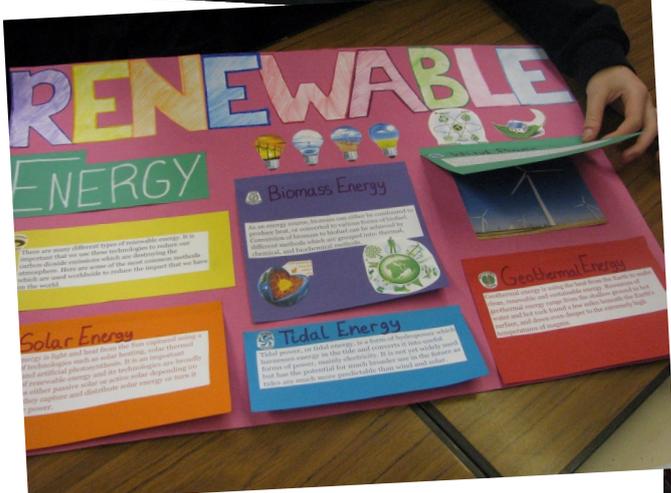
Green Solutions explored by pupils

Students have demonstrated their creative problem solving skills recently during a wider curriculum day.

Under strict time constraints they had to plan, resource and create high quality materials that would raise awareness with younger pupils of the need to switch to green energy solutions in the future. This contributes, in part, to the new Welsh Bac qualification at KS4. The theme was linked to the theme of global citizenship and this task was the culmination of their work this term.

Their teacher, Mrs Jones was thrilled with the hard work, independent thinking and resilience that this group of pupils showed throughout a series of wide ranging and highly demanding tasks.







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Key stage 3 Sports Round up

It has been a great start to the school year with Llantwit playing a large number of netball, rugby and football fixtures.

Year 7

The year 7 boy's rugby team have had a very successful start to their school rugby careers and have currently won two out of the three games played. Their commitment to school rugby training has been excellent and this has definitely improved performance on the pitch.

The team began the year with a very hard game against St Richard Gwyn which they lost 24-10, but spirits were not dampened and the group remained determined. The number of boys turning up to training increased over the next few weeks and there was a definite improvement in their understanding of the game and skills. Their next fixture was against Cowbridge and the squad were very much looking forward to putting all they had worked on in training into practice.



We proved victorious winning 34-0 with some outstanding tries scored and the team performance was excellent. The challenge for this group of players was to keep the winning streak going and they did that by winning their next game against Bro Morgannwg 24-7. The team still have fixtures left to play, confidence is high and numbers at training continue to remain strong. Well done to all boys involved.

Some year 7 boys attended a WRU Novice rugby day at the Old Penarthians Rugby club. The day was designed to give pupils who had never experienced a rugby training session chance to improve skills and confidence. Despite the wet weather a great day was had by all. Those that attended were: Scott Marshall, Sam Wilkinson, Harry Porter, Jaydon Jones, Tyler Bell, Owen Rutherford, Cameron Sweeney, Morgan Moore, Evan Jones, Ellis Oliver, Owen Lewis, Nick Fernley, Dewi Cain and Wesley Baker.

The year 7 boy's football team have had a mixed start to their season by winning one game convincingly and losing their second. In the Welsh Cup Llantwit played St Cyres School and were excellent. They dominated the game from start to finish and, with some excellent team play, scored some outstanding goals.

In the Cardiff and Vale Cup Cowbridge scored two very early goals that dented confidence but they battled hard to get a few goals back. The game ended 6-2 with both sides playing some excellent football. The boys who have shown excellent commitment to both football and rugby to date are:



Rugby: Luke Pownall, Tyler Lavery, Louis St Clair, Owen Rutherford, Luke Burgess, Dafydd Pope, Lloyd Semmens, Callum Roper, Evan Jones, Sam Godfrey, Daniel Farrell, Jack Roberts, Dylan Thomas, Lewis Ingram, Iestyn Holloway, Sean Pinch, Ethan Liscombe, Lewis Morgan, William Bolton, James Barlow, Jon Bramhall, Harry Porter, Kye Lawrence and Jaydon Jones.

Football: Wesley Baker, Elgan Talbott Morgan, Jon Bramhall, Edward Summers, Owen Rutherford, Jac Roberts, Tyler Lavery, Dewi Cain, Luke Pownall, Oliver Prior, Nick Fernley, Luke Burgess, Todd James, Ellis

Oliver, Morgan Moore, Sean Pinch, Lewis Morgan, Sam Godfrey, Dylan Thomas, Ioan Greene, Frazer Mitchell, Callum Roper and Harry Porter.

Netball

Year 7 have been training every Monday after school and numbers are growing each week. They had their first match in November against St Richard Gwyn which they unfortunately lost, but they are hoping to improve their performance in future matches.

The girls who have committed themselves to training every week are Natasha Stokes-Moffatt, Katelyn Knowles, Jasmine Holland, Samantha Hodgson, Amelia Chappell, Ffion Lewis, Brooke Sawyer, Aimee Jefferson, Bethan Fleig, Starley Davey, Ruby Cooper, Becky Williams, Rhian Goldby, Izzy Thomas, Macie O'Shea, Tyanne Steel, Emma Burke, Mia Griffiths-Price, Katie Davie, Megan Huggins, Chantelle Brown, Izzy Phillips, Bethan Scholes and Iona Wilkinson. New players are always welcome to attend.



Year 8

Year 8 rugby team have had two very hard fixtures in the opening term losing both to Bro Morgannwg 50-24 and St Cyres 24-14. However both games had a number of positives that each player could take away and they have set themselves the target of winning their remaining games this season. With hard work in training, (fingers crossed) they can achieve this.

Squad: Cobi-Joe Avaiant, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Sam Deere, Morgan Thomas, Geraint Booker, Kieran Daw, Jacob Hunt, Kofi Jones, Rhodri Richards, Connor Booker, Theo Davies, Callum Hayes, Rian Thomas, Dylan Cooke. Ewan Heywood. Louie John and Kian Morgan Brew.



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Netball

The year 8 team have been training every Tuesday after school. The A team have been successful against Bryntirion and Stanwell but lost by one goal to Cowbridge. The B team lost to Stanwell and beat Cowbridge. The B team played in the Cardiff B team tournament and enjoyed a morning of Netball at Talybont Sports Centre playing Whitchurch, Bro Eder, Glantaf and Eastern High Schools from Cardiff.

The A Squad had the opportunity to play in the National Urdd Tournament at NIAC. They played against schools from all over South Wales. The teams in their group were St Michaels (Llanelli), Ystalyfera, Bishopston, Coedcae, and Glantaf. The girls were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing against and watching the talent on show. They won all their games apart from Glantaf who eventually went on to win the whole tournament.



The girls that have shown excellent commitment to training are: Abigail Baker, Amy Robson, Maddie Daw, Emma Craythorne, Emma Barrell, Abbie Price, Ellie Morgan, Rianna Morgan, Megan Taylor, Courtney David, Caitlin O'Callaghan, Erin McLoughlin, Lauren Budina, Taylor Holloway, Bethan Roberts, Kirsty Law, Alys Francis-Farman, Cadie Roberts-Vaughan and Ella Manley.

There has also been individual success: Amy Robson and Megan Taylor were recently selected for the local Welsh hub squad, and Emma Barrell was selected for the local development squad. Congratulations to all three girls.

Year 9

The year 9 rugby team have a 50% win rate so far this season winning one of the two games they have played. They started the season well with a convincing win over St Richard Gwyn, but faced a strong Bro Morgannwg side who always remained two score ahead with Llantwit unable to close the gap.

In football the team have played two games and performed very well in both. Their first game in the Welsh Cup was against Bro Eder from Cardiff and Llantwit were unlucky not to prevail victorious. After a slow start and going two goals behind. they rallied and brought the game back to 2-2. The second half saw Llantwit attack and dominate for large periods having a number of chances to take the lead. However it was Bro Eder who broke quickly on the counter attack to win the game 3-2. In their second game the team were victorious against Cowbridge winning 5-1. This was an outstanding performance by the entire squad who pulled together and scored some excellent goals.

Rugby squad: Nathan Pownall, James Vickers, Jake Lynch, Zak Williams, Nattawut Snowden, Sam Dobbins, Tom Meadows, Alex Zalar, Leighton Pawsey, Joe Godfrey, Owen Marshall, Dylan Kinson, Coree Roberts, Ieuan Lewis, Harri Morgan, William Thomas, James Llewellyn and Vincenzo Salato Springett.

Football: Jordan Furnley, Oliver Gronow, Dylan Kinson, Ben Reilly, Coree Roberts, Joe Godfrey, Josh Gray, Leighton Pawsey, Nathan Pownall, James Vickers, Ewan Maxwell, William Thomas, Cameron Hamilton, James Clancy, Lewis Edwards-Linney.

Netball

Year 9 train on Wednesday after school but many of their training sessions have clashed with X country fixtures. The A team have played two fixtures against Cowbridge and Bryntirion so far, and are looking forward to improving on their results in the next match against Bishop of Llandaff. The B team have played in the Cardiff Sport B team tournament held at Talybont Sports centre which they enjoyed thoroughly. The girls that have shown commitment and regularly attend are: Ellie Mae Williams, Gabrielle Hunt, Millie Hunt, Sophie Moore, Daisy Cresswell, Katie Taylor, Josie Jones, Ceri Jauncey, Anneka Evans and Leah David.

Key Stage Four

Year 10 and 11 teams had two closely fought games against Cowbridge and Bro Morgannwg last half term, but will be busy over the next few weeks with training in preparation for the Urdd Tournament and the Cardiff/Vale Tournaments. The girls that have shown commitment and regularly attend are: YR 10 -Leah Mazzitelli, Ella Allinson, Hollie Price, Ellie Aspell, Millie Wiggins, Lydia Cooper, Jaime Morris, Holly Trudgeon, Caitlin Spargo, Bryony Parkinson and Alisha Hayes.

Year 11- Bethany Barrell, Nichol Jones, Heather Bowkett, Erin Baker, Rhian Fleig, Cerys Thomas, Chloe Hole house and Georgina Watts.

The year 10 and 11 teams played against Stanwell on Wednesday 18th Nov and both won their matches 20-17 and 9-5.

The year 10 A Squad had the opportunity to play in the National Urdd Tournament at Talybont in Cardiff. They played against schools from all over Wales. The teams in their group were from all over Wales. The girls were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing against and watching the talent on show. They came 3rd in their group overall.

X Country

The X country teams have competed in the Cardiff/Vale school leagues and the Regional Championships. We have entered three teams, Year 7, Years 8/9 and Years 10/11. The girls have shown commitment and excellent determination. The teams are as follows:

Year 7

Melissa Sinnott, Chantelle Brown, Iona Wilkinson, Lucy Johnson, Scarlett James, Rhian Goldby, Izzy Thomas, Natasha Stokes- Moffatt, Caitlin Knowles.

Years 8&9

Maisie Edwards, Mackenzie Whilding, Abbie Fernley, Layla McInnes, Erin McLoughlin, Amy Robson, Courtney David.

Years 10&11

Hannah Jones, Alisha Hayes, Bryony Parkinson, Millie Wiggins, Leah Mazzitelli, Lydia Cooper

There have been some excellent individual performances which deserve special recognition:

Maisie Edwards (Year 8) finished 7th in a field of 90, and the whole senior team had excellent results as follows: 5th -Alisha Hayes, 10th Hannah Jones, 22nd Bryony Parkinson, 30th Leah Mazzitelli. Well done to all girls who competed in probably the most difficult activity.



Gymnastics

The junior gymnastics team took part in the Cardiff and Vale Novice championships in CCYC on 9th Nov. There were over 200 competitors from schools across the county. Both boys and girls teams performed very well and the boys came away a bronze medal and the girls just narrowly missing out in 4th place overall. The standard of the competition was extremely high and the girls were even asked to feature on the local television programme to ask them about their performances! Well done all. The team consisted of: Boys: Lenny Luxton, Morgan Thomas & Garin Evans. Girls: Lucy Johnson, Izzy Thomas, Chantelle Brown, Iona Wilkinson, Melissa Sinnott, Maddie Daw, Alys Francis-Farman, Lauren Budina, Megan Taylor, Amelie Hayes, Ellie Morgan & Erin Mcloughlin. Well done all!



PE Department News

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Literacy is developed in all subjects across the school. Here are some examples of Year 7 developing these skills in a PE setting.

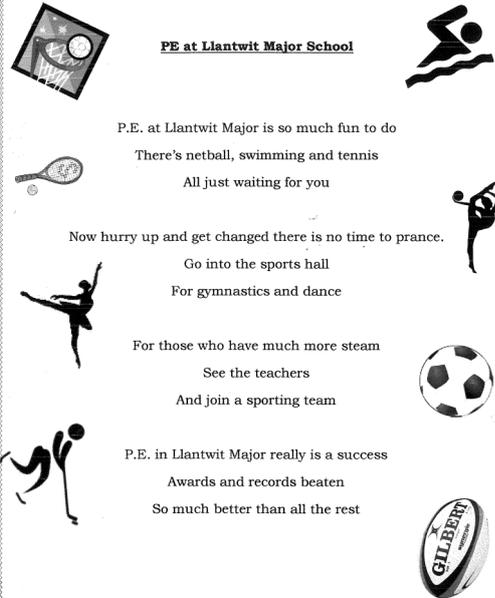
P.E poem By Evan Blockley

It began
I was nervous ,excited and most of all ready.
We played and exercised until the lesson was over .
We waited for more
days past until our next lesson.
Again and again it got funner and funner .
It was different everytime .
We changed groups and had funner activities
swimming and basketball both so much fun.
But now that have term is coming up it is time to say good bye,

P.E POEM BY LUKE POWNALL

The locker room smells nasty,
And my gym shoes smell like feet.
My socks smell like they're made of cheese
Or spoiled rotten meat.
The toilets are all blocked up,
And the floors are soaking wet.
The stench around the benches
Is from everybody's sweat.
The shower stalls are mouldy.
All the uniforms are stiff.
The air reeks of deodorant;
I dare you—take a whiff!
I'm not the smartest person,
But I know this much is true:
Instead of calling it P.E.
It should be called Peee uuuu

PE at Llantwit Major School



P.E. at Llantwit Major is so much fun to do
There's netball, swimming and tennis
All just waiting for you

Now hurry up and get changed there is no time to prance.
Go into the sports hall
For gymnastics and dance

For those who have much more steam
See the teachers
And join a sporting team

P.E. in Llantwit Major really is a success
Awards and records beaten
So much better than all the rest

By Mia Griffiths-Price
7MAW/ 7L

Joe Webb/7A, My Sports Poem 13
Mr. Paterson

I love to play football every day, all day,
But my favourite is ice skating. Hooray, Hooray
I never bleed, sweat or occasionally tear,
In all these sports I have no fear
I go around the rink twice as fast,
Oh what fun its such a blast
I'm not in it for the approval or the fame,
This is me and I love to play the game,
I even go on the x-box and play Kinect Sports
It may not be the real thing but its great in my ~~thought~~ thoughts

Thank You

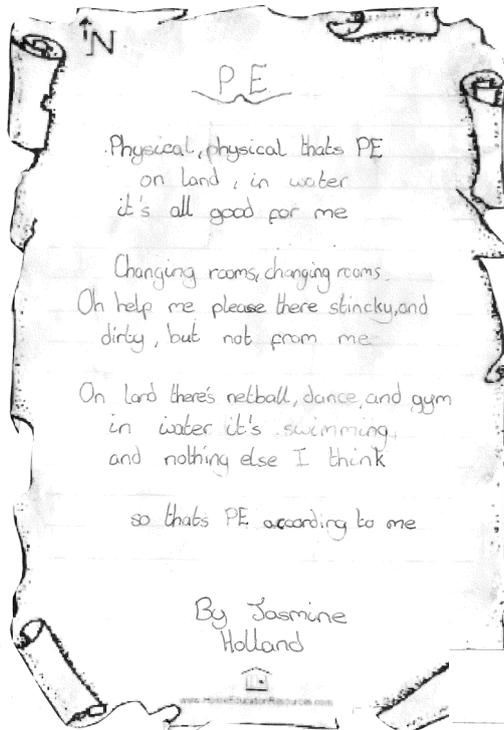
-Pe Passport poem

In Pe at school
we've done swimming
and netball.
I love swimming,
and I do it out of school.
Netball on the other hand,
is not my favourite sport,
but teachers have made it
likeable
and more enjoyable.

by Lucy Johnson

PE Department News

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P.E Poem

MY INSPIRATION

Football and rugby are my favourite sports,
When you have a great teacher it's fun being taught.

Mr Patterson never gives us a rest,
Because he wants us to be the best.
I'm proud to play for Llantwit school,
And when we beat the others it really is cool.

I have been practising my passing,
Getting to the goals and shooting.
Gareth Bale is my inspiration
To do my best in Physical Education.

By Jonathan Bramhall

Cam Swain

PE at Llantwit Major School

Playing rugby I got kicked in the head
And at that moment I was filled with dread

Going in for a tackle in the mud
I got hit in the face by a stud

I jumped to me feet ready to go
My legs wouldn't move and I swayed to and fro

My head and my eye were black and blue
You're so lucky that could have been you

So far in PE I've had a blast
Let's just hope I don't end up in a cast

Chantelle Brown
7N 7SP!
7AR!

Gwaith Cartref
PE Room

My name is Chantelle
I think PE is fun.
I like to be fit and healthy
and I love to run
I run for Cardiff Archers
and I'm super quick
I stand on the start line
and I'm at the finish line in a tick!

As I tie up my lace
My heart pounds in my chest
I feel all nervous
but always try my best
I listen for the sound of the gun
As I get ready to race
I hear no one else
As I set the pace.

Training is hard but so worthwhile
All the hours training across the miles
I run around the track each week
because practise makes perfect in my dreams
I seek

I do it for me
and I do it for my team
I love to train all day
as being an Athlete is my dream.

A poem by Ffion Lewis 7D (7NS)

In PE I love to swim,
At our own Llantwit comp gym,
One of my favourite sports is netball,
I love to play it after school,
I think cross country is boring,
Because every time I run I feel like snoring,
PE is my favourite lesson,
But swimming is my favourite session,
I like to make a swimming tornado,
That way I'm not couch potato.

Positively Mad help pupils with revision tips



The School was extremely grateful for the sponsorship from Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions for their recent Year 11 parent support revision session.

The school has worked with the company 'Positively Mad' for many years, and they continue to provide valuable strategies for the pupils to approach successful revision in ways that suit them, and for parents to support this process. The pupils had a really positive day and describe their feedback below.



On 3 December 2015, Year 11 enjoyed a 2 hour revision session from Positively Mad.

The company went through various revision techniques which were new and innovative

for us. We all had a go at these techniques and they seemed to work! The speaker, Jay, made the session really funny and enjoyable - I will certainly be trying these techniques in my GCSE revision! **Joshua Mundy 11RS**

On December 3 2015, Positively Mad paid Llantwit Major School a visit to help Year 11 pupils learn new techniques on how to revise for the upcoming GCSE exams. Jay, the crazy, enthusiastic speaker, presented helpful ways on how to revise. After school, pupils also brought their parents to a session so Jay could explain the techniques to them to for extra support at home. Overall, Year 11 pupils thoroughly enjoyed this visit. **Matthew Fry 11MJB**

The Positively Mad crew visited Llantwit School and taught us different and original revision techniques. Jay was very passionate about his work and was sure his ideas and techniques would help us in our exams. This confidence gave us confidence! The experience was really useful to me and definitely helped me to pass my mock exams and I am therefore sure if I use them again, they will help me pass my real exams in the summer. **Shannon Davies 11MJB**

Year 11 attended a Positively Mad session last term where we were introduced to new ideas and how to revise efficiently. It taught me how to revise in more creative and effective ways, with mind mapping and room journeys. All students enjoyed the event and are hoping the 'lively' man Jay will return to help us some more! **Ellie Wride 11MJB**

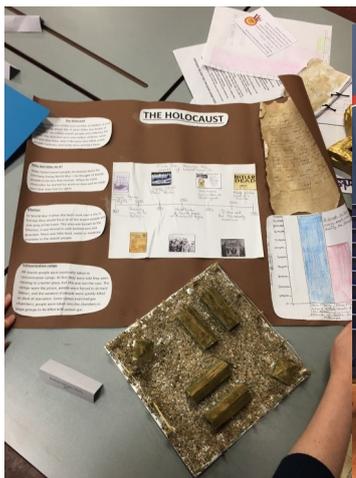
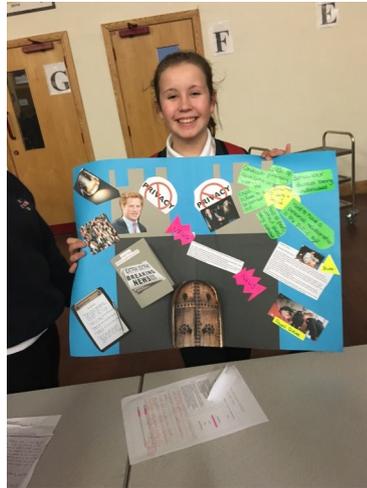
On 3 December, Positively Mad came to our school to share revision skills to help us with our exams. They helped us with things like picture memory and mind mapping- but in fun, interesting ways. I always struggle with revision and Jay made it seem much more fun and accessible. The morning was fun and enjoyable which was encouraging and gave me confidence when revising! **Amy Griffiths 11RS**

English Dept celebrate Years 7 & 8 project work



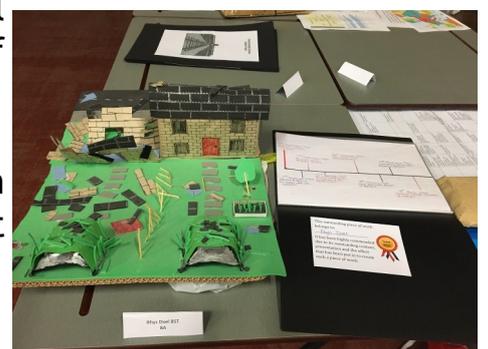
The English department recently celebrated the achievement of Year 7 and Year 8 by holding two highly successful homework project fayres. The projects, which saw pupils having to meet specific, detailed criteria stretched pupils in all areas, whether it was writing or research skills, artistic presentation or just pure originality.

The Year 7 projects allowed pupils to create their own fairy tale prince or princess, create a case study into what it meant to be royalty in today's society and link it to their current scheme of work on traditional tales. Mia Griffiths' efforts were celebrated by winning first prize as her project was not only researched in detail, it was also presented on her very own constructed castle!



The Year 8s had to create projects based around their current novel study which was either 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' or 'The Hunger Games'. Luke Thomas was awarded first prize for his reconstruction of a concentration camp with Megan Taylor in close second for her extensively researched Hunger Games project which included additional research and information as well as a reconstruction of the famous arena from the novel.

Overall the English Department were delighted with both year group's efforts and we cannot wait to see next years!



LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL PTA

invite you to a
LADIES PAMPER EVENING

with gift stalls

Friday 11 March 7-9 pm

Treatments from £4 include:

Nail painting

Waxing

Massage

Indian head massage

Henna tattoos

Variety of gift and craft stalls to include:

Make up

Jewellery

Home décor

Cup cakes

£5 per ticket or £7.50 on the door

(Ticket includes a glass of Prosecco or orange juice and a free prize draw for the 'pamper hamper')

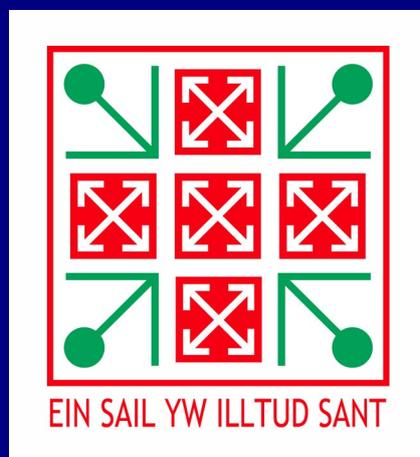
Venue: Llantwit Major Comprehensive School hall

Tickets available from Llantwit Comp, Sunkissed or PTA members

Key Dates Spring/Summer 2016

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| W/B 29/2 | 4 Mar | 9-3.00 pm | Years 7-8 | Eisteddfod |
| W/B 7/3 | 8 Mar | | Years 7 | World Book Day |
| | 9-10 Mar | | All | Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Days |
| | 9-11 Mar | | Yr 6 | Llangranog Trip |
| | 10 Mar | 4-6.30 pm | Year 10 | Year 10 Parents Evening |
| W/B 14/3 | 16 Mar | 1-3.00 pm | Year 7 | Passport Presentation |
| W/B 21/3 | 22 Mar | 4.30-6.30 pm | All | Sports Presentation Evening |
| | 25Mar-8Apr | | All | Easter Holiday/Easter Revision Sessions |
| W/B 11/4 | 11-22 Apr | | Year 10 | Year 10 exam fortnight |
| W/B 18/4 | 18 Apr | | Year 10 | Year 10 exams (week 2) |
| W/B 25/4 | | | | |
| W/B 2/5 | 2 May | | All | May Day Bank Holiday |
| | 3 May | | All | Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Day |
| W/B 9/5 | 9 May | | | GCE/GCSE examinations begin |
| W/B 16/5 | 18 May | 6.00 pm | PTA | PTA Meeting |
| W/B 23/5 | | | | |
| | 30May-3June | | All | Half Term |
| W/B 6/6 | | | | |
| W/B 13/6 | 15 June | 9-12.30 | Year 6 | 'Transition Together' Parent & Child Day |
| | 16 June | | | Sports Day |
| W/B 20/6 | | 6-7.00 pm | All | Art/D&T/Textiles Exhibition (Date to be confirmed) |
| W/B 27/6 | 27-29 June | | All | Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Day |
| | 27 June | | Year 6 | Year 6 Transition Day |
| | 27 June | 6.00 pm | Year 6 | Year 6 Transition Day Concert |
| | 28 June | | Year 4 | Year 4 Transition Day |
| | 29 June | | Year 5 | Year 5 Transition Day |
| 4/7 | | | | |
| 11/7 | 11 Jul | 8.30-5 pm | Years 7 & 8 | End of year reward trip |
| | 13 Jul | 8.30-5 pm | Years 9 & 10 | End of year reward trip |
| | 15 Jul | | | Last day of term |
| | 18-20 Jul | | | Inset Days (to be taken as twilight sessions) no impact on pupils |
| | 18 Aug | | | GCE Results |
| | 25 Aug | | | GCSE Results |

We were sorry to say goodbye to the Rev Huw Butler and would like to thank him for his support of the school over the years.



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