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

Senior Eco-School Champions!

On 24 March 13 pupils were invited to the Welsh Assembly Government as ambassadors for a new all-Wales Senior Eco-committee which will meet twice a year. This is an exciting and prestigious opportunity for Llantwit pupils to become part of an on-going national conversation about future sustainability in Wales.

During the day pupils were given the opportunity to discuss important issues facing Wales, and began to develop a shared vision with pupils from other schools. Llantwit pupils

posed thought provoking and challenging questions on energy, health, poverty, and climate change to a panel of politicians and environmental experts on sustainability.



Geography teacher Mrs Sarah Davies said that “this is an exciting opportunity for our pupils to have a say in the many important issues which will affect them in the future, and we are very honoured to be part of this Senior Eco-committee”. The voice of this all-Wales Senior Eco-committee will form part of a shared vision which will feed into new legislation and the new Future Generations Bill.



Many thanks to the following year 7 pupils who contributed so positively on the day; James Llewellyn, Sam Rust, Oliver Gronow, Daniel Carini, Ieuan Lewis, Josephine Jones, Gabrielle Clark, Ceri Jauncey, Sophie Moore, Ruby Davies, Daisy Creswell, Ellie-Mae Williams, and Erica Talbot Morgan.

Any pupils interested in joining the Eco-group please speak to the Geography department.

(More photographs on inside cover)

Senior Eco-School Champions!



Diary Dates & Important Reminders

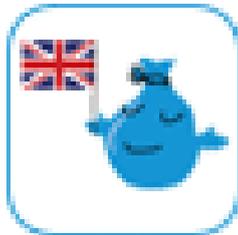
Llantwit Major School will be running an Enterprise Week during the last week of our academic year, 14-18 July. The week will follow a similar format to a team version of The Apprentice TV show. Pupils will be given the opportunity to experience what it is like to create a product, which they will attempt to sell for a profit in the enterprise fayre on the final day.

All profits made during the week will be donated to charities of the pupils' choosing. This year's theme is 'The World Cup'.

Please ensure your child's name appears on all items of school clothing in order that any lost property can be returned as quickly as possible.

Bag 2 School

The last collection date for this year is Wednesday 9 July.



Please save your unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and soft toys and bring them to the school either in a 'Bag 2 School' bag or any plastic bag.

Bags can be brought in to the school's main office anytime in the week before collection.

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES

A reminder for Year 11/12/13 pupils that GCSE/AS/A level certificates are available for collection from the main office. These are your official certificates, as opposed to the confirmation slips which are given out on results days. Most employers will require a copy of your official certificates before employment commences.

Certificates are kept up to 4 years and then destroyed. After this time past pupils will need to apply directly to examination boards for copies of their certificates. The cost is approximately £30 per certificate.

Holiday Requests during Term Time—A reminder that if a pupil is taken out of school for a holiday during term time, this absence will not be approved by the school and will appear on the pupil record as unauthorised.

Highest point Scorers - Spring Term



Year 7

1 st	Robert Hamill
2 nd	Zoe Ingram
3 rd	Nathan Pownall

Highest Points Earner in each form group

Elizabeth Guest 7RAB	Rhys Jones 7NC
Lauren Williams 7CH	Josh Walker 7NEJ
Keeley Jones 7SM	

Year 8

1 st	Jessica Summers
2 nd	Charlie Brown
3 rd	Catrin Llewellyn

Highest Points Earner in each form group

8AES Joshua Mannings	8DRD Brendan Lawrence
8RN Abby James	8SD Richard Sinclair
8ST Aaron Court	8TG Jake Smith

Year 9

1 st	Dylan Chattoe
2 nd	Ryan Taylor
3 rd	Cara Marie Wibley

Highest Points Earner in each form group

Lewis Sutton 9JP	Ieuan Williams 9SPD
Lydia Sanderson 9DH	Molli Allen 9KE
Ben Boyd 9LM	Sam Williams 9RC
Ethan Osman 9RS	

Highest point Scorers - Spring Term



Year 10

1st	Freddie Sanders
2nd	Alex Parry
3rd	Tom McGrory

Highest Points Earner in each form group

10DWP	Iwan Williams
10NS	Rhys Gardner
10JD	Kieran Cormican
10 AR	Eleanor Bown
10MAW	Tara Groves/Emily Vavoulas
10SG	Jacob Young

Year 11

To be announced later.

Year 12

Form Group with most points in year 12 - 12LG

Year 12 attendance winner of lottery—Matthew Sanderson

Year 13

Form Group with most points in year 13 - 13JA

Year 13 attendance winner of lottery - Dominic Gilliatt

Congratulations to the large number of pupils who achieved the Callio Attendance Target of 95%.

Those pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term were rewarded with family Ice Skating tickets for Planet Ice in Cardiff.





Pupils views on Wellbeing in Llantwit Major School

Our student Wellbeing committee have been very busy promoting their ideas and developing suggestions to contribute to the progress of the Learning & Wellbeing department.

Two of the Year 12 pupils, Lantianna Darter and Alice Ryan spoke to the Vale Secondary School teachers' group wellbeing meeting about their thoughts and ideas for prevention of cyber bullying.

Their ideas were so well received that Dr Browne has already been asked whether they can attend a future Headteachers' meeting to contribute to the same topic!

The group discussed what 'wellbeing' means to them and they came up with their thoughts. Wellbeing at Llantwit Major School means:

- ♣ having self respect and confidence
- ♣ feeling successful and able to play a role in your own wellbeing
- ♣ having friends who support you and with whom you share mutual trust
- ♣ being physically active and having hobbies
- ♣ being a good citizen in the community
- ♣ striving to reach your potential.

The pupils in the committee value the school's opportunities to praise and reward them because this gives them self confidence. The school has a points system which is linked to termly prize assemblies, and also a 'celebration of success' programme where departments nominate pupils for excellent work in class over the half term.

Pupils views on wellbeing in Llantwit Major School

Pupil voice is also highly valued in our school and we undertake regular surveys to gauge pupils' opinions on all aspects of our school. Most recently a group of pupils from Year 7 up to Sixth form were involved in meeting members of the Parent Forum and Dr Browne in order to develop ideas for next year's School Improvement Plan...watch this space!



Wellbeing Committee 2013-14

Year 7

Josie Jones
Morgan Thomas

Year 9

Rachel Reilly
Nia Kendrick

Year 11

Chelsea Dawes

Year 8

Aaron Court
Jessica Tomey

Year 10

Olivia Lloyd

Sixth Form

Lantianna Darter
Alice Ryan

Governors Annual Report

As indicated in the Autumn newsletter, the list of summary information is now available and will be sent out via Schoolcomms.



World Book Day Celebrations

Thursday 6 March-World Book Day- was marked, by both pupils and staff at Llantwit Major School, by dressing up as their favourite book character.

Special note must go to Gwynn Evans, Freya Hardwicke-Merry and Morgan Thomas for their prize winning costumes as Gandalf, Katniss Everdeen and Billionaire Boy.





World Book Day Celebrations

Extreme reading, review and illustration competitions were also held in the week prior to World Book Day and pupils showed excellent creativity and flair in their entries. The competition was organised by the English department as an excellent way to promote literacy and to encourage pupils to take an active interest in reading.



Pupils celebrate.....

On Friday 7 March, some of our year 11 girls represented Llantwit Major School at the International Women's Day conference in the Paget Rooms, Penarth.



The girls were welcomed by Cllr Bronwen Brooks and met several other influential members of the community. During the course of the afternoon they listened to a number of inspiring talks on 'Empowering Women in Wales in Times of Austerity'.



At the end of the afternoon they were invited to be filmed giving their views on the events of the day. All agreed their attendance at this event had left them feeling inspired and empowered; a thoroughly worthwhile excursion.



Wales Football Manager visits Llantwit Major School

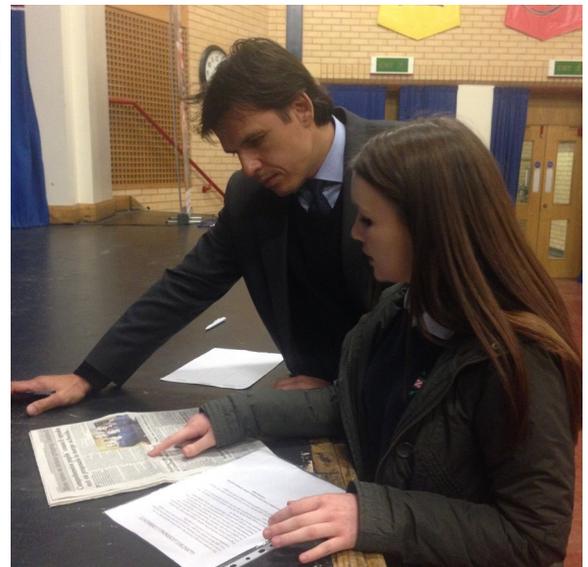
On Friday 21 February, ahead of the European Championships 2016 draw in France, Chris Coleman, Wales football manager spent the afternoon in Llantwit Major school. He gave inspirational talks to pupils on the importance of school life and working hard and how pupils must pay attention to their studies in order to succeed. He also talked to the budding sports stars about training hard, being committed to sport and how Welsh footballers such as Gareth Bale have become role models on an international level.



In addition, in an hour long interview, the Student Sports Council posed a number of questions to Chris Coleman about his career as a professional footballer, club manager and international manager. All of the pupils appreciated the honesty in his answers and were inspired by his passion and belief in working hard to achieve your goals.

During this meeting he supported the views held by the pupils on the Llantwit Major Learning Community by signing their petition.

Llantwit Major School would like to thank the Welsh FA for organising this visit and Chris Coleman for taking time out from his busy schedule to talk to pupils.



Pupils welcome Collège Jules Verne

Pupils and staff of Llantwit Major School were delighted recently to welcome 64 pupils and 5 members of staff from Collège Jules Verne, the secondary school in the Pouliguen. The visitors had been staying for a week in Cardiff but made time to come and visit the school and get to know some of their 'twins'.

As well as being an excellent opportunity for all pupils to practise their language skills it was the chance for our French friends to get a taste of what it's like learning in a Welsh comprehensive school.



Our guests participated in a variety of activities during their morning with us including language, cookery, textiles, art and history lessons. A morning break which included Welsh cakes and Bara brith was also much appreciated. Collège Jules Verne, pupils and staff, seemed thrilled with their visit and the welcome they received.

Madame Scantlebury, Curriculum leader MFL commented:

'It was a pleasure to welcome Collège Jules Verne to our school. It has been a fantastic day and one which our pupils will remember for a long time. We have made a lot of friends today and hopefully we can continue to develop links with our 'twin' secondary school so that similar events can take place in the future'.



French pupils send their thanks

Thank you very much for your wonderful welcome. We were all very happy and hope to see you again. Of course, you're very welcome to visit us here in Le Pouliguen, Bises, Lenka.

*I love your school ! It was a pleasure to meet you.
Lauriane*

We had a fantastic day in your school. It was very interesting and I loved your welcome. I hope we will see you again ! Théo

Hello everyone ! I found you're very nice, I had a good day ! I like your school, it is better than my school ! You are welcome to our school ! Laure-Anne

*Hi everyone, thank you for your warm welcome. I liked going to your school. You are so funny ! :) ;)
Bye Bye. Paul*

*Thank you for your welcome, it was really moving. Everybody was happy that morning. The teachers were really happy because the pupils got on well.
Annaëlle*

Hi everyone ! Thanks for your warm welcome. I liked the activities, it was very nice. Good bye. Amaury

The school was amazing, I loved the French class. It was very interesting because your school was not like ours. You school was just amazing!!!! Juliette

Hi everyone Thank you for you warm welcome. It was very nice The school is wonderful I love your school Julie

Hi everyone ! Thank you for you warm welcome. You were very nice. Your school is wonderful and I liked the art lesson :). Bye! ;) Manon

Hi everyone, Thanks for your warm welcome, it was moving. The classes were very interesting and I hope to see you soon ! BYE BYE. Lisa.

Dear friend... Last week we were at Llantwit Major comprehensive school and that was very cool and interesting. Your school is very different from mine. In my school, we have choice of our clothes, and in my school there aren't cooking lessons. I prefer your school than mine because there is more freedom. Goodbye my friends !! Naomi & Baptiste.



Year 10 students have a successful work experience

During the week 17-21 February, all Year 10 pupils undertook work experience.

Whilst some accessed their placements via the Careers Wales database, many others organised their own placements both locally and as far afield as Manchester and London. Examples of placements included primary schools, film companies, leisure centres, MOD St. Athan and a whole host of others.

On returning to school students were asked to comment about their placement:

“For work experience I went the Atlantic College Outdoor Centre. I believe that the experience gave me a good insight into the world or work. I participated fully in all the activities and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I would love to return in the future.” **Nia Rees 10AR**

“I went to Barry Island Quasar Laser Centre. The experience gave me a first-hand view into the real world of work through learning how to order stock and book events with customers. I enjoyed working there and now feel ready to work in the near future.” **Chris Price-Webb 10SG**

I have received so many positive comments from both employers and students and I would like to thank all those businesses who have provided our pupils with such a valuable insight into the world of work and the experiences they gained whilst on placement.

Lindsay Gallo



Sam Palmer who requested a placement within the Science department at Llantwit Major School

Applied Art & Design

Celtic Stones



Year 10 Applied Art students are currently working on an exciting new project linked to the Galilee Chapel at St Illtud's Church.

Pupils have been asked to work with local Artists and stone masons to design and carve a new central stone for the floor of the gallery. Pupils have had two day trips to research local Celtic stones and carry out important drawing and photographic research as well as participating in actual stone masonry workshops. Working with the local Church within the community is seen as a valuable part of the Applied Art GCSE course and essential to learning about real Art projects.





Transition News

Airport Sponsor Key Event

After a smooth transition from Primary School to Comprehensive, Year 7 pupils in Llantwit Major School were, this week, awarded certificates in a special Passport presentation ceremony, aimed at recognising achievement.

The pupils have worked on a transition programme between Easter of Year 6 and Easter of Year 7, and have been awarded stamps for completing tasks in lessons in all subjects, and for other aspects such as attendance, taking part of the wider life of the school, etc. The pupils received working towards bronze, bronze, silver or gold certificates, depending on their achievements, and special awards were made to pupils from each form class for endeavour, improvement or achievement.

The event was attended by proud parents, guardians and family members, Primary school Headteachers and staff to see their children and former pupils awarded, and Cassie Houghton from Cardiff Airport attended to present awards. The airport have been the sponsors of this event and various other educational initiatives, for several years now and have supported the pupils by coming to school to promote the event, and running events for groups of pupils at the airport.



The ceremony was opened by a 'Celebration of Talent' which saw the highly talented Erica Talbot-Morgan Year 7, give an acoustic performance of KT Tunstall's hit song 'Feel it All'. A second musical instalment saw a group of promising future recording artists made up of Ruby Davies, Josie Jones, Daisy Cresswell, Erica Talbot-Morgan (Year 7) and Jessica Summers (Year 8) perform a rendition of Vance Joys' 'Riptide'.

(Photographs courtesy of Colorfoto)

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Guest speaker at the event was Team GB London 2012 Olympian and 800m Welsh record holder, Gareth Warburton as represented by Concept Sports Management. Gareth spoke about the importance of remaining true to his ambitions and dreams. He described how the influence of his PE teacher and his sheer grit and determination has got him to where he is today.

Mr Warburton was joined on stage with his coach, Darrell Maynard. He echoed the comments made by Mr Warburton, noting that if it wasn't for the push given by coaches and education professionals, that people may not achieve their true potential.



After yet another successful year, we look forward to seeing what the future Year 7 cohort have to offer and welcoming them to the transition events taking place in the coming months.



School's WBQ Working with others pays off!

A group of students presented a cheque to Macmillan for £500.

This was the result of all their hard work in preparing for the Christmas Fayre at Llantwit Major School. This event forms part of the WBQ curriculum as it supports students in entrepreneurial activities, working with others as well as making excellent use of problem solving skills.

Thanks to Rebecca from Macmillan for coming in to accept the cheque and a huge well done to the winning 'Working with others' group.

Da lawn Blwyddyn 12!



Year 7 Llantwit boys' Swimathon

Will Thomas, James Vickers and Nathan Pownall decided to team up for a 1.5k swimathon at Llantwit pool for sport relief.



They managed to fundraise £150 to boost the sport relief total, and are grateful to all of their family and friends who sponsored them.

The boys were delighted to beat their £100 fundraising target after watching sport relief coverage on TV and seeing how their money can help both in the UK and around the world.





PE Department News

Newyddion Yr Adran Addysg Gorfforol

Netball Report

On Friday 4 April the Netball Season came to an end with the finals of the Cardiff/Vale County Tournament. It was held at Talybont sports hall and consisted of four finalists from each year group competing for that top place of County Champions.

The YR 9 team for the second year running reached the final and were against the same opposition of Cardiff High, Howells and Corpus Christie. The team of Heather Bowkett, Rachel Reilly, Bethany Barrell, Cerys Thomas, Chloe Holehouse, Nichol Jones, Rhian Fleig, Georgina Watts and Erin Baker played Corpus Christie first and after a very close game finished with a winning result of 13-12. This gave them the confidence they needed to play last year's winners Cardiff High. However pressure was extremely high and mistakes were made giving Cardiff High the edge to win with a score of 10-4.

After a disappointing loss the team showed their determination and skill to beat Howells comfortably with a score of 11-3. Congratulations to the YR 9 Team for trying their best, lets learn from the mistakes and try again next year.

Final Results: Cardiff High County Champions, Llantwit Major - Runners Up, Corpus Christie - 3rd, Howells - 4th.





Cross Country Report

The 18th Cardiff/Vale Cross Country Presentation took place on Wednesday 2 April. During the evening Llantwit Major Girls team were presented with the following awards.

The 8 & 9 girls team finished 3rd place in the league out of a total of 15 schools, and 2nd in the Championship Race held at Trelai Park on 27 November 2013; an excellent achievement.

Well done to all the girls who took part -Alisha Hayes, Hannah Jones, Bryony Parkinson, Lauren McLoughlin, Millie Wiggins, Chloe Holehouse, Jessica Summers and Leah Mazzitelli.

During the evening the district colours were presented to all pupils who competed at the 52nd Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on 1 February, 2014. Congratulations to the following pupils who received these awards - Erin Hayes (YR 12), Alisha Hayes (YR 8) and Cerys West (YR 7).

Special congratulations must go to Erin Hayes who picked up several more awards that evening. In the championship event in November she competed in the U20 Race and finished an amazing 2nd. This excellent result meant she was selected to represent the Cardiff/Vale Team in the National Championships at Brecon.

Following a very good race she was then selected for the **Welsh Schools Team** and went on to compete in the London Mini Marathon and in the Home Counties International in Nottingham finishing a fantastic 29th.

Well done on a very successful season.



School prepares students for the challenge of a lifetime!

Seven determined students have signed up for World Challenge expedition to Uttarakhand in India. This expedition takes place in July 2015 and our challengers will be busy raising funds over the forthcoming months.



The Challengers are (back row) Llewelyn Brown, James Cousins, Nell Roberts, (front row) Elen Jenkins, Bethany Barrell, Abby Farmer and Jess Lucas.

This will no doubt test their enterprise and leadership skills as they work as a team from the very start. The expedition involves a number of stages including...

The Acclimatisation Phase. This is the first phase of our expedition and will help us prepare physically and mentally for the entire expedition.

The Challenge Phase. Will the team be up to trekking through the jungle as we approach the fantastic Himalaya mountain range?

The Project Phase. We'll get involved with assisting a school in the local community. Challengers will be put to the test as they build relationships with students through teaching and play, or maybe build or repair something that will benefit the community. As a reward for all their hard work volunteering in the Indian communities no trip to India would be complete without seeing the Taj Mahal.

World Challenge is a well-recognised and valuable addition to any student's CV and personal statement.

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Dr Browne adds, *“I believe that the opportunity to travel, particularly to destinations which allow students to experience cultures very different from their own exposes them to experiences which provide them with very significant long lasting benefits.*

Being exposed to new cultures certainly creates a healthier perspective in young people. Seeing different social classes creates compassion and often makes young people feel more content.

Similarly the opportunity to meet people from different cultures can help to avoid the development of prejudice and misconceptions and make young people more confident in meeting people in a variety of different contexts.

It is for these and so many more reasons that we so strongly support the school’s latest project in visiting India with World Challenge.”

The school has very kindly offered a donation to start the fundraising ball rolling.

Miss Carr, the event organiser will be completing an abseil in order to help with the funds. *“I’m really looking forward to doing something like this and happy to donate the funds to the students. Thank you to all who sponsored me. We’ve got many more events lined up for fundraising so please do all that you can to help the students.”*

There are still places available for this challenge. If you are interested please contact Miss R Carr.

Bridges built with Year 5

Year 5 pupils from our 6 feeder Primary schools visited us recently to build a bridge the width of the hall that they could walk across at the end of the session.

Over 200 pupils from Rhws, Eagleswell, St Athan, Wick, St Iltyd and Llanilltud Fawr Primaries *built a 15-metre long, model cable-stayed bridge (the same design as the Second Severn Crossing) from plywood and aluminium sections.* The event was run by the Institution of Civil Engineers Wales, and each day pupils were assisted by two Engineering Graduates from ICE Wales. They learnt about: what Civil Engineers do; Health & Safety issues and working together; had a question and answer session on Materials used in Construction.



The bridge building day has become an annual event at the school as part of their transition programme. Leanne Pownall, Assistant Headteacher in charge of transition said “ The pupils are welcomed to the school for many events as part of our transition. During this event the pupils come to the school for an hour and have great fun doing something totally different in the security of their own class. Next time they visit in the summer they will be with us for the day trying different subjects and meeting more staff and pupils.”

The pupils worked really effectively in their classes and remembered their jobs and built and checked the bridge. Very sensibly they all sent their teacher over first to make sure it didn't collapse!!







Year 9 Review of Eisteddfod 2014 by Matthew Fry & Shannen King

On 7 March 2014, the School held another outstanding Eisteddfod produced by the teachers and students. There were some fantastic performances including the Drama teacher Miss Stewart's version of "Hot, Hot, Hot". Throughout the day there were all sorts of emotions flying through the air; nerves, happiness, excitement etc. However all four Houses: Madog, Hywel, Llywelyn & Glyndwr performed very well.



The Eisteddfod started with a buzz of excitement as the gymnasts performed their routine, which had the audience in awe. After that, the junior pianists went on stage to play some magnificent pieces but in the end Jack Wilkinson won the competition by playing his own version of 'What a Wonderful World'. Then we had the Senior vocal groups, Bethan, Georgia, Catherine and Alice won by singing their hearts out doing their own version of *Royals*. After that stunning competition we went onto the Senior instrumental solo, with 6th Former Lewis Stoodley winning the competition for Hywel with his amazing electric guitar solo which had everyone clapping and cheering. The sensational Erica, Celyn, Ruby, Sophie and Jessica then sang in the Junior vocal solo. Their performances were followed by the 5x60 Street Dancers.

After that competition we went on to the Senior vocal solo, where the amazing Erin Hayes had everyone on their feet clapping and singing along to her very entertaining version of Queen's "Somebody to Love". Erin later won the Eisteddfod Shield for Most Dedication. We were then all treated to the Junior Solo Dance where the fabulous Morgan Thomas dazzled and went on to win the

Eisteddfod Shield for Best Entertainer. We spoke to another competitor in the Junior Dance Solo, Mared Roberts who said "I am really nervous and I really want to win this competition". Back to the vocals, there was an epic battle between Sonny Farman and Tom Colgan but in the end Tom was victorious with his rendition of "I See Fire".



(Photographs courtesy of Colorfoto)

To finish off the morning of entertainment we had two very special surprises, two girls from year 10, Maisie and Nia, started to sing the “*Best Song Ever*” by ‘One Direction’. It was very entertaining and had everyone on their feet singing and dancing along. The atmosphere was so awesome that some people even created a conga line. However, after that performance we had the *Caribbean Calypso Group* where we had the drama teacher Miss Stewart dress up as an old Caribbean lady singing the very funny “*Hot, Hot, Hot*”. This was absolutely stupendous and had everyone cheering.



After lunch, we managed to speak to the fabulous Morgan Thomas who said “Before the competition I felt really self-conscious, however after my performance I felt adrenaline pumped”. Singer Amy Griffiths said “I enjoy being on stage even if I am nervous”.



To start the final part of the Eisteddfod we had the Year 7 House songs where each House sang the very famous Welsh song “*Sosban Fach*”. Then we went onto the Intermediate girls, vocal where Nell Roberts stole not only the victory but the hearts of the audience by singing her rendition of “*Turning Tables*”. Straight after that there was a comedy act: Dan, Shea and Adam who made everyone laugh, however before that we had Dr. Alter’s

terrible jokes (as usual). The Senior vocals then took to the stage, with Luke James singing his heart out to the crowd and getting a standing ovation. Luke later won the Eisteddfod Cup for Best Performance. Well deserved.

Then came the competition everyone was waiting for: The Battle of the Bands. First up was Groover T, then Kick and finally Stiff Richard, performing “*99 Red Balloons*”. Everyone was on their feet calling for an encore at the end.

The annual Eisteddfod finished with the Charing Ceremony. Millie Hunt won the Chair this year. This year’s House winners were Madog.

Everyone stood to sing the National Anthem and Eisteddfod 2014 came to an end. Really looking forward to the next one: March 6th 2015!!!

This year’s winners were **Madog** on 487 points.

The winner of the Eisteddfod Chair was **Millie Hunt** Yr 7.

The winner of the Shield for Best Entertainer was **Morgan Thomas** Yr 7

The winner of the Shield for Most Dedication was **Erin Hayes** Yr 12

The winner of the Cup for Best Overall Performance was **Luke James** Yr 11 for his rendition of Gethsemane from Jesus Christ Superstar.

(More Eisteddfod photographs overleaf)



Vacancies—Examination Invigilators



We are looking for reliable, conscientious individuals to add to our register of Examination Invigilators. The work is on a casual basis throughout the year and hours will vary depending upon demand.

As an Examinations Invigilator you will work within a team to ensure that the exams are carried out on time and to a high standard as set out by the various examination bodies. The successful applicants will be subject to a DBS check as part of their employment. Salary - £6.30 per hour.

Please download an application form from our website at <http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk>.

Completed application forms should be emailed to llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or sent to the school for the attention of the Examinations Administrator.

Home-School Communication

A reminder to parents that the school is now using Schoolcomms as its home/school communication system. This system is a cost effective solution for both the school and parents, providing a two way communication to report your child's absence or simply as a more reliable way to receive correspondence from the school.

The school will use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the Priority one contact(s). If you want to confirm that we have your correct data please email the school on llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone on 01446 793301.

In addition, using the School Gateway App (which is available free for both Apple and Android phones), means two way communication is also free (If the app is not used your normal text charges will apply). Instructions to install this App are outlined below:

1. Go to your app store and search for "School Gateway" and download the app
2. Once downloaded, select the "I'm a New User" button; enter your email address and mobile number that we have on record for you. Select Send PIN and a PIN number will be text to your mobile phone.

Log in with your email address and the PIN, your account is now active and you will receive instant notifications of messages in your notifications bar.

Science Club

A fantastic new group has started in the science department that has been enriching the science education for interested year 9 pupils. The group have called themselves L.O.S.T. (Llantwit's Official Scientific Tribe), and they have been doing a wide range of exciting Science based activities.

The group are keeping bang up to date with all the latest scientific advances in the news, they have been performing exciting investigations and have been given the opportunity to take part in prestigious trips and competition.

The group rose magnificently to a recent challenge, to develop an investigation to be performed by local primary pupils. They perfected a bubble investigation and even helped deliver the lessons to the year 5 and 6 pupils, when they came up into Llantwit's Science department this term.



The group had the opportunity to attend the Big Bang Science event in Birmingham in March and 6 members of the group attended an Aeronautical challenge and won against much older pupils from other schools. Many future visits and investigations are already in the pipe line.

This is what some of the science group members said about their recent trip to the NEC: 'The Big Bang was at the NEC, it is the biggest science convention for kids. It aims to inspire young scientists to go into the science field. Whilst we were there, we looked at many different competitions we could compete in to win prizes like a kindle. We saw many different experiments taking place, there was a good one with a water melon covered in elastic bands. Eventually the pressure built up and split the water melon in half. We also saw amazing robots that could visualise their surroundings and were able to carry out commands'.

Earlier this month a select group of 6 from the L.O.S.T science group were entered in an Aeronautical Challenge at the ICAT near Cardiff Airport.

The students were involved in a variety of activities from dropping important air supplies to flight simulators and even acting as cabin crew on an airline. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and had the highest score in all tasks compared to year 10 students. Their score was put forward to win the overall competition.



Even though they were very unfortunate not to win the overall competition from three days the L.O.S.T representatives were awarded a highly commended certificate and prize for their efforts in coming second. This was an outstanding achievement for the group! We look forward to winning further competitions.





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