

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF	
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 17 June 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 17 2024</i>	Week 35/ Wythnos 35

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

As you know, we have been trying out different approaches to the school day and this week we allocated year group sittings at lunch. This has been a much better approach, with shorter wait times and we will continue with this next week. I am meeting with the school council on Monday to discuss the trial and pupils will be discussing our approach moving forward in registration next week too.

I told you I would provide updates over the next few weeks on issues raised in the recent parent/carer survey you were all invited to complete. Uniform was another item raised by a number of parents. Some felt that we should not be insisting on high standards of uniform and that other things that were more pressing; others parents felt that it was important we maintained and insisted on high standards of uniform at all times. It is the school's view that pupils should wear our school uniform with pride as it identifies them as members of our school community. With the warmer weather coming, may I please remind you of our uniform expectations:

white plain shirt (short sleeved is perfectly acceptable) with a tie

black knee length skirt or tailored trousers (not leggings.) Skirts are expected to be knee length

all black shoes (no coloured/white logos, no crocs.)

Please discuss this with your child and ensure they come to school dressed in the appropriate uniform each day. If they do not, we have a plentiful supply of items in our school uniform store which we can loan to pupils. I completely appreciate from a financial point of view that it is late in the school term to purchase items if your child has lost or outgrown them. We will inform you in the next few weeks of the dates our uniform store will be open over the summer for parents/carers to collect any donated items they require for September. If you have any uniform you no longer require, it would be much appreciated if you could drop it to school reception so that it may be put to good use.

May I also please remind you that mobile phones are not permitted in school. This week a few pupils have insisted they need to use their phones in the main part of the school to contact their parents. If pupils need to do this, they have been instructed to go their Progress Office where contact home will be facilitated. However, no pupil is permitted to use their phone in or out of lessons without the express permission of an adult. If pupils do so, the phone will be confiscated, to avoid unnecessary escalation, it would be much appreciated if you reiterate this to your child this weekend also. All pupils will be reminded on Monday morning by their period 1 teacher.

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

Mrs C L Robins

Primary Contact Email Addresses

Progress Leader Teams - Email Addresses

Progress Leader Team	Email Address
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Welsh Bacc	WelshBacc@llantwitschool.org.uk

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 24 June 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 24</i> 2024		Week 36
Monday 24 June / <i>Dydd Llun Mehefin 24</i>		
Tuesday 25 June / <i>Dydd Mawrth 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>	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	
Saturday 29 June / <i>Dydd Sadwrn Mehefin 29</i>	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 1 July / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 1</i>	Sports Day	
Tuesday 2 July / <i>Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 2</i>	Year 5 Transition Morning	
Wednesday 3 July / <i>Dydd Mercher Gorffennaf 3</i>	Year 10 English IRP Exam Parent Forum	
Thursday 4 July / <i>Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 4</i>	Year 10 English IRP Exam	
Friday 5 July / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 5</i>	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork	

Music Department

Young Farmers Music Competition

Daisy Williams Year 11 has won the 13-18 singing competition and will now be performing at the Royal Welsh Show in August! We wish her all the best and give her a cheer if you happen to be there!

Year 9 Rocket Workshop

Year 9 students were treated to a unique experience when the Royal Navy visited our school to conduct an engaging and educational workshop. The event, which focused on the principles of rocketry, offered students a unique hands-on opportunity to learn about science, technology and engineering directly from Navy professionals.

During the workshop, students were introduced to the basics of rocket design and the physics of propulsion. Under the guidance of the Royal Navy team, they worked in groups to design and construct their own rockets. The highlight of each session was undoubtedly the rocket launch competition with each team had the chance to launch their creation, aiming for maximum distance.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Royal Navy for taking the time to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with us. The Year 9 rocket workshop was a resounding success, leaving students with lasting memories and a renewed interest in science and engineering.



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



A huge congratulations to the following teams who performed extremely well in the qualifiers and have qualified for the Cardiff and the Vale Athletics Finals:

U14 Girls (qualified in 3rd place)

U14 Boys (qualified in 3rd place)

U16 Girls (qualified in 2nd place)



Year 8 pupil Ella McKay competed in the Welsh Championships this weekend and jumped another personal best in the High Jump into third position. 🏆 Well done from all of us here at [#teamllantwit](https://www.facebook.com/teamllantwit)

Don't forget to share all your sporting achievements with us. 🍌



What a day for the Year 7 Athletics! 🤔 Well done to the Year 7 team who represented Llantwit Major in excellent fashion with some fantastic results. 💪



Llantwit Major
Llanilltud Fawr

Southerndown

Ogmare-by-Sea
Aberogwr

Bridgend
Pen-y-bont

Travel **FREE** on the 303
The **BEACH BUS** Service
19th July to 1st September

BWS TRAETH y 303
Teithio **AM DDIM**
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Simply jump on the 303
between Bridgend & Llantwit Major

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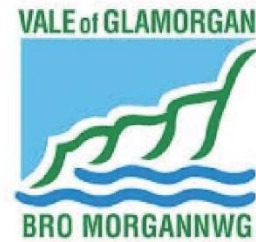
Welsh Concessionary Card holders travel for free as usual. Mae deiliaid Cerdyn Consesiynol Cymru yn teithio am ddim yn ôl yr arfer.



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OUR COUNTRY PARKS



DID YOU KNOW?

There are byelaw's in place that prohibits the following within our Country Parks;

- Open fires are not permitted
- No person shall ride or drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on any part of the land where there is no right of way for vehicles.
- No camping on the land
- Fishing is not permitted
- Swimming is not allowed

There are also Alcohol Control Public Space Protection Order, where you could be fined;

- If you continue to drink alcohol when required to stop doing so by an Authorised Officer.
- Not surrendering any alcohol in his or her possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU'RE CAUGHT BREACHING THESE CONDITIONS?

- Fixed penalty Notice is £100 fine.
- Failure to discharge criminal liability by paying the Fixed Penalty within fourteen days could result in the suspect being prosecuted and the defendant receiving a level 3 fine upon summary conviction, which is £1000.
- Anti-social behaviour referral



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



CONTACT US

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Water Safety



Keeping safe in Open Water



On average, more than 400 people drown in the UK each year. Nearly 60% of these are children and young people. We believe that the majority of drownings are preventable. Make sure that you and your loved-ones are not counted in next year's drowning figures by following our guide to water safety at home

Cold water shock – the facts

The effects of cold water shock are responsible for many of the drownings which occur in the UK every year, as the water temperature in the UK remains cold, even during the summer months. Cold water shock affects our ability to swim and self-rescue.

Signs of Cold Water Shock

Initial immersion responses – Cold shock response (0–3mins)

Immediately after immersion in cold water, rapid cooling of the skin causes a number of instinctive and reactions including gasping, hyperventilation, increased blood pressure, and panic.

Short term responses – Loss of performance (3–30mins)

Following the initial response, the hands, feet, arms and legs start to cool and blood flow continues is restricted. This causes a decrease in muscle strength and endurance leading to muscle fatigue and reduced control over body movements. If the casualty is unable to get out of the water or use a buoyancy aid, this will ultimately result in drowning.

Long term responses – Hypothermia (30mins+)

Over time, significant heat loss causes the core body temperature to drop leading to hypothermia which is fatal unless treated effectively.

Tombstoning: safety advice

What tombstoning is

- jumping or diving from a height into water
- a high-risk, unregulated activity, undertaken by unsupervised individuals

Why tombstoning is dangerous

- water depth alters with the tide; the water may be shallower than it seems
- submerged objects like rocks may not be visible; they can cause serious injury if you jump onto them
- the shock of cold water may make it difficult to swim
- strong currents can rapidly sweep people away

Think before you jump: don't let alcohol, drugs or peer pressure affect your judgement; even if you're jumping safely, children may be watching and try to copy your actions.

Since 2004 the Coastguard has dealt with over 200 incidents, with 70 injuries and 20 deaths. Of those injured the youngest was 12 and the oldest was 45.

Don't jump into the unknown.

Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Many of these drownings occur due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of open water safety. The basic principles of open water safety, combined with knowledge and understanding of the hazards, can increase enjoyment of open water and significantly reduce the number of incidents that occur each year.

Help and Support Information

If you feel you may need help and support with the cost of living crisis the links below may be of use.

Is my child eligible to receive free school meals?

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Services and support that help with food costs. Information on food vouchers and food banks.

Penarth food pod:

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx

Vale Food Bank: <https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Food Vale: <https://foodvale.org/where-can-i-get-support/>

How to get free or cheap food: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/how-to-get-free-or-cheap-food/>

Find information on grants and benefits available to you such as Council Tax Reduction.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Grants-and-benefits.aspx>

Get help with household and energy bills.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Household-and-energy-bills.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of free schools meals and you would like to discuss any aspect of their school life please contact Mrs L Pownall at pownall@llantwitschool.org.uk

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Summer 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 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. If you know which dept/team you wish to contact, please use the direct email addresses provided in the newsletter. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

Forgotten Items

We can no longer accept the delivery of forgotten items such as PE kit, books, lunch boxes etc. during the school day. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the equipment needed for the day. In the exceptional case that you do need to bring an item into school for your child, you will be asked to leave it on the desk in the main entrance. This is to reduce traffic on to the school site and ensure student safety during lesson transitions.

Medication

Please note we **do not** stock medication of any kind in school, including paracetamol, and we are not allowed to dispense medication without parental consent. If your child receives prescribed medication a medical form, available from main Reception to be collected by your son/daughter, will be required to be completed and returned to Reception. Should your child need medication throughout the school day please ensure they bring just what is needed for the day to school with them.