

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

### SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / <i>Dechrau:</i>	Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i>
Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i>	Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i>
End / <i>Diwedd:</i>	Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i>

Week Beginning – Monday 29 April 2024 / *Dydd Llun Ebrill 29 2024*

Week 29/ *Wythnos 29*

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

I very much hope you have had an opportunity to read the Governors' Annual Report to Parents which was shared with you on Class Charts earlier this week. The report includes much valuable information about the school's work and I would encourage you to take a look if you have not already done so.

A huge thank you to all parents that responded to the parental consultation survey on ethos and values. The responses were really interesting and, most importantly, very closely aligned to the values pupils, staff and governors identified as being most important to us here at Llantwit Major. I will be sharing the top 4 values with you shortly and we will then focus on how we can embed these values into our day to day work as a school community.

Please don't forget this is a Bank Holiday weekend so there is no school on Monday! It has been a very busy term so far so I encourage all learners to take the long weekend to rest, relax and recharge. As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable Bank Holiday.

Mrs C L Robins

**School Calendar**

Week Beginning – Monday 6 May 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 6 2024</i>		<b>Week 30/ Wythnos 30</b>
Monday 6 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 6</i>	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Tuesday 7 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 7</i>	<b>Year 13 Art exam</b>	
Wednesday 8 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 8</i>	<b>Year 13 Art exam</b>	
Thursday 9 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 9</i>		
Friday 10 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 10</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 13 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 13</i>	<b>Year 12 study leave starts</b>	
Tuesday 14 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 14</i>		
Wednesday 15 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 15</i>		
Thursday 16 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 16</i>		
Friday 17 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 17</i>		

## **Modern Foreign Languages Department**

### **French Reward Breakfast**

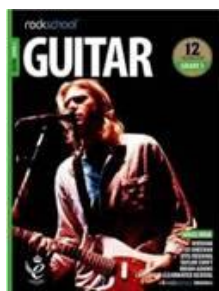
This week 30 Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed a continental breakfast during form-time as a reward for being last term's Star of the Lesson. The students enjoyed croissants, various pain au chocolat, and jus d'orange, whilst listening to French music. Bravo to everyone who earned their place through their positive engagement in lessons.

Everyone has a chance of being 'Star of the Lesson' if they are actively participating and showing off their French in lessons. 'Merci' to Year 12 student Lyla for her help with this event.



## **Music and Performing Arts Department**

Year 7 pupil, Samuel Lock sat his RockSchool Grade 3 Electric Guitar exam and passed achieving a MERIT, scoring 79%. Well done!




## Guys & Dolls

This week the cast and crew have been working on the choreography for **Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat** where Nicely Nicely Johnson gives testimony in the Broadway save a soul mission! Our fantastic year 7 cast can often be seen popping out a 'step ball change' across blue floor, or 'grapevine' down school street as they try to master the steps. Just wait till we get to the Mambo!

Tickets on sale now!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/llantwit-major-school>



**GUYS And DOLLS**

**LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY 9TH - 12TH JULY 2024**  
**BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON**

THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK

**MUSIC & LYRICS BY FRANK LOESSER**  
**BOOK BY JO SWERLING AND ABE BURROWS**

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## *A Week in Sport*



Well done to Year 9 pupil Aidan Jenkins who attended the jiu jitsu National Randori championships recently. Aidan won all his fights and earned 2 gold medals including the National Grand Open which is the top competition for under 18s in the UK. Well done Aidan and we wish you continual success in your jiu jitsu [#teamllantwit](#)

Another successful weekend for Year 12 pupil Owen Hignell who took home gold at the Doncaster Dome this weekend. Owen won 2-0 in his semi-final and 2-1 in the final to take yet another gold! Well done from all of us here at [#teamllantwit](#)



They did it, U16 Championship League Winners 2024! Well done to all Year 11 pupils who were involved in winning the league with [#teamllantwit](#)



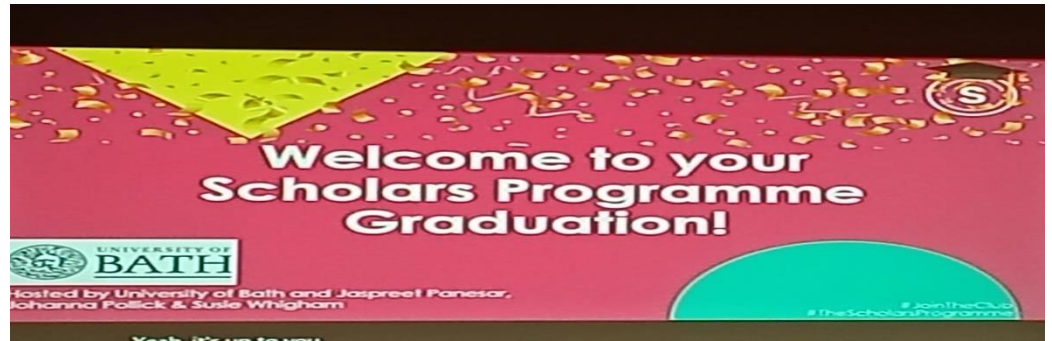
## Careers Department

Wates Construction carried out an activity with some Year 8 pupils who were tasked to build a tetrahedron. The activity involved pupils working in teams to identify the most effective way of building a tetrahedron out of bamboo sticks. In doing so the pupils had to use their problem solving and communication skills. Pupils were also informed about the possible careers opportunities within the construction industry.





## The Brilliant Club: Scholars Programme Graduation Event



Llantwit Major School is celebrating the success of 12 learners who have graduated from The Scholars Programme. Their Graduation Event took place at The University of Bath on Wednesday, 1st May 2024.

Through this programme, our students have had the opportunity to work with a PhD tutor and engage in university-style learning experiences in Art, Power and Portraiture.

Our students have shown great enthusiasm for the programme and have consistently demonstrated high levels of engagement and academic achievement. They have gained valuable skills, such as critical thinking, research, and academic writing, that will serve them well in their future studies.

“Our students developed lifelong skills through participation in this programme and I am proud of their achievements”. Mrs Davis (Lead teacher)

Congratulations to our scholars!



## Parent Forum Update

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children;
- share information, knowledge and skills;
- meet in a mutually supportive environment; and
- further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors.


Thank you to parents/carers who recently met with Miss Toms to reflect on successes and areas of improvement for our school. A short summary has been provided below of some of the key focus areas for the meeting but full meeting minutes can be found on: [http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/docs/Parent\\_Forum\\_April\\_2024\\_3\\_.pdf](http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/docs/Parent_Forum_April_2024_3_.pdf)

If you would like to share your views regarding school improvement, we would love to welcome you to our next event on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. If you would like to be added to the parent forum mailing list, please contact Miss Toms [tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk)

### **Overview of April Meeting Agenda:**

- How has the school listened to Parent Views to improve pupil feedback & teaching and learning.
- Making homework clearer for year 7 (parent agenda item).
- ALN Universal Provision (parent agenda item).
- Working with Families First Feedback.
- Positive impact of mobile phone policy.
- School Values & Ethos Ideas.
- What do parents feel the school is doing well.
- Parental ideas for school improvement.

### Summer Term Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch A	Karaoke Club		Ukulele Club Welsh Club		
Lunch B		Yr 9 Art Club		Senior Vocal	Yr10 Catch Up Wellbeing Chess Club Basketball
Afterschool	Athletics Badminton (TBC) Year 10 Art Club	Fixture Day	Basketball School Musical	Football Tennis (TBC) School Musical	LGBTQ+ (1st Friday every month)



WEEK TWO	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch A	Karaoke Club		Ukulele Club Welsh Club		Art Club Chess Club
Lunch B		Yr 9 Art Club		Senior Vocal	Yr10 Catch Up Wellbeing Basketball
Afterschool	Athletics  Badminton (TBC) Year 10 Art Club	Fixture Day	Basketball  School Musical	Football  Tennis (TBC) School Musical	

### **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](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 E Denscombe at [denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk)

Classroom Expectations



# CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

**B**e Ready

**E**ngaged

**S**afe

**T**ake Responsibility



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## **Key Academic Dates 2023/2024**

### **Summer 2024:**

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 2024
- **May Day BH:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **End:** Monday 22 July 2024 (**INSET**) (Students finish on Friday 19 July 2024 @ 1pm)

### **INSET Days:**

- **INSET Day 5:** Monday 8 July 2024
- **INSET Day 6:** Monday 22 July 2024

## **General Information**

### ***Contacting School***

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email [llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto: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.