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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 13 May 2024 / *Dydd Llun Mai 13 2024*

Week 31/ *Wythnos 31*

Message from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

Thank you to all parents that responded to the recent parental survey pertaining to our school values. After significant consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors, I am pleased to confirm that we have now established three core values which will form the basis of much of our work here at Llantwit Major. The grand reveal will follow shortly!

It is really important for us here at LMS to know what all our parents/carers think about our school. As such, I would like to invite all parents/carers to complete this survey regarding important aspects of our school. Please read each statement considering your own experiences and tick the box that best fits with what you think. For some questions, you will have an opportunity to explain why you have chosen that answer, if you want to.

Your opinion really matters to us. We will use your answers to help us understand what you think about our school so that we may continue to strive to make improvements. The survey will close at 12pm on Wednesday 22nd May

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOhuPEcUbrZaXEdEvKJetuTuzfbMDFiO94wTuJHase38g93w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Yesterday, I had a very productive meeting with the Local Authority regarding school transport. As you will know from previous communications, behaviour on the school buses is something we seek to continue to improve. The sole role of the bus driver/s is to transport your child/children to and from school. It is not their job to manage pupils' behaviour, tell them to sit down, put their seatbelts on and behave appropriately on the bus. It is an expectation that pupils will do all these things, and failure to do so may result in their bus pass being revoked. It would therefore be very much appreciated if you could discuss the importance of safe and respectful behaviour on school transport with your child/children at the weekend. Please also remind your child they must bring their bus pass with them to school every day. If they do not have a pass then they are not guaranteed entry. If your child has lost their bus pass, please contact the LA who will be able to arrange a replacement for a small fee.

As every many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 20 May 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 20 2024</i>		Week 32/ <i>Wythnos 32</i>
Monday 20 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 20</i>	Year 8 clay workshops begin Parent forum	
Tuesday 21 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 21</i>		
Wednesday 22 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 22</i>		
Thursday 23 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 23</i>		
Friday 24 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 24</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 27 May / <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27</i>	Half Term	
Tuesday 28 May / <i>Dydd Mawrth Mai 28</i>	Half Term	
Wednesday 29 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 29</i>	Half Term	
Thursday 30 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 30</i>	Half Term	
Friday 31 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 31</i>	Half Term	

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Critical Thinking Challenge Stars!

Congratulations to Phoebe Jarrett in Year 9 and Nancy Thomas in Year 8 on their successful completion of the Critical Thinking Challenge. As an independent challenge, they developed critical thinking skills, essential for success in academics and beyond.



The Seren Challenge presented complex topics set by the Open University that required critical analysis, evaluation of evidence and the formulation of well-reasoned arguments in all six areas of learning:

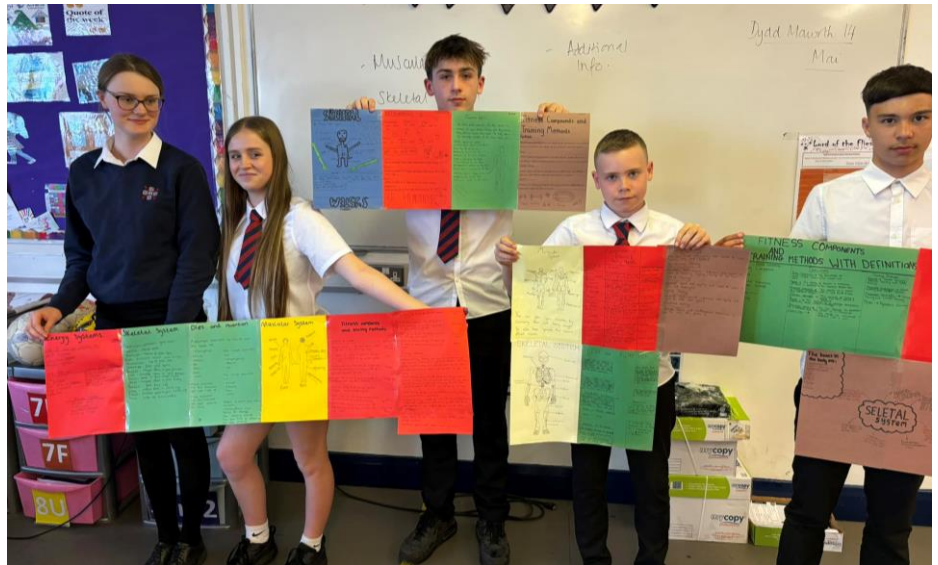
- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Humanities
- Languages, literacy and communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology

By taking on this challenge, Phoebe and Nancy have developed skills that will benefit them in their future studies. Well done to you both!

A week in Sport

Excellent work completed by Year 9 GCSE PE today completing revision pieces on topics covered so far. 🍌🍌

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Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Ella McKay who competed in the South Wales Regional Athletics Championships this weekend and got Gold in High Jump with a personal best and Silver in Pole Vault.

🏆🥈🇨🇪 Well done from all of us here at #teamllantwit



Further success in athletics with another Year 8 pupil. Congratulations to Imogen Vechi who also took part in the Regional Welsh Championships this weekend and came away with a Gold in Long Jump, Silver in the Hurdles with a new personal best and Bronze in the 100 Meter Sprint plus a new personal best! 🏆🥈🥉 The Year 8 girls are on fire at the moment. 🍌

🇨🇪 Well done from all of us here at #teamllantwit



Further positive news with Year 9 sport pupil Megan Bunston also competing in the South East Wales Regional Track & Field Championships. 🇨🇪 Megan won Silver in the High Jump and Bronze in the Long Jump with a personal best in the Long Jump. 🏅🏅 Well done from all of us here at [#teamllantwit](https://twitter.com/teamllantwit)



Parent Forum

Invitation Monday 20th May @ 05:30pm

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

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

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 E Denscombe at denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk

Classroom Expectations



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Ready

Engaged

Safe

Take Responsibility



BEING THE **BEST** WE CAN BE



Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Summer 2024:

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

INSET Days:

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

General Information

Contacting School

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

Forgotten Items

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

Medication

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