

## Newsletter Spring Term 2017

### Cluster celebrates MOD success with £118,000 grant

Llantwit Major cluster is delighted to have received a further £118,000 from the MOD education support fund to support its military pupils.

The cluster has been involved in several events where they have shared good practice with other schools and organisations in terms of the expertise they have built up in this area. Only recently many of our MOD pupils were involved with a filming project to raise awareness of what life is like for armed forces children in schools in Wales. The high profile launch event was sponsored by Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education who was joined by local authority leaders and high ranking members of the Armed Forces in Wales.



# Cluster celebrates MOD Success

Clwstwr yn dathlu llwyddiant Y Weinyddiaeth Amddiffyn



**Cabinet Secretary for Education  
Kirsty Williams AM said:**

‘Children of service personnel sometimes move around a lot which can impact on the stability of their education. It is important, therefore, that we provide information and support to make sure their learning is not adversely affected. We hope these online films and digital stories will help schools and local authorities understand the circumstances that service children sometimes find themselves as well as providing a snap shot into the lives of service children in Wales today.’

**Cllr Brendan Toomey, WLGA  
spokesperson for Community  
Safety, Policing and Fire said:**

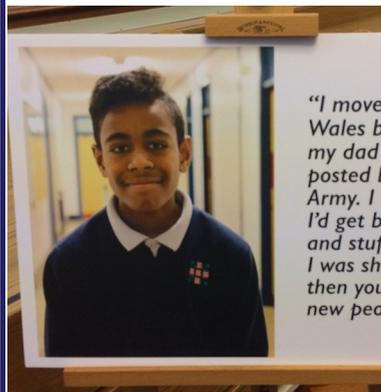
‘These powerful films give a snap shot of what life can be like for the children of serving personnel. Schools and councils play a key role in supporting Armed Forces children who face unique and sometimes challenging experiences. These videos and resources can be used as a training and teaching aid for educational professionals and for other Service children in Wales and beyond to hear the experiences of other young people with serving parents.’

All the films will be available on the project website

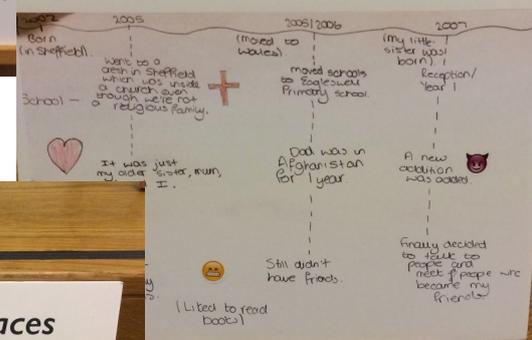
[www.sscecymru.co.uk](http://www.sscecymru.co.uk)



*“I would say I’ve learned ways to make friends. You just learn to go with the flow”*



*“I moved to Wales because my dad got posted by the Army. I think I’d get bullied and stuff and I was shy. But then you meet new people”*



*“I like moving places because then I have more experience with what’s out in the world, and what beautiful places there are. But then staying with my friends would be very nice”*



*“We were Skyping once and we were getting rocketed at the time and these alarms were going off. I had to try and make out it was a fire alarm so I didn’t panic him. But it really gets into his head and then he will still mention that years later” - Parent*



*“Because that’s what being part of the Army is. It’s being part of an enormous family”*

# School gains MoD Platinum Award

Yr Ysgol yn derbyn Gwobr Platinwm Y Weinyddiaeth Amddiffyn

We recently had the pleasure of inviting the Royal Air Force into the school for the day to complete leadership skills activities with our MoD pupils.

Sergeant Carl Graham and Cpl Mike Hard, spent the day working with our pupils motivating them through talks and physical training activities, to really work towards their future goals and offering them advice on how they can get there! Carl spoke from experience when motivating our year 11s, as Carl used to attend the school himself when he was younger. It was great to see how a past pupil has successfully gained the career they wanted and could then come back with a wealth of experience, to motivate and advise our current pupils, to strive to obtain their education and career goals and help them try map out their future path. The pupils had an amazing day and cannot wait until the next time the air force visit!

Sergeant Carl Graham said, 'We had a great time with the students conducting Personal Development Training which is designed to identify the importance of soft skills such as Teamwork, Leadership and Communication. These skills are essential not only for the Royal Air Force but any employer would like them.'

On the day Sergeant Carl Graham also presented the school with a Platinum award from the Royal Air Force. The platinum rating comes from a number of factors including school engagement and successful partnership and links with the Royal Air Force. The school is very proud to have received such an award, which is now proudly displayed within the school! A successful and enjoyable day was had by all and we cannot wait for the next visit!



# 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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.

We also hold 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	Samuel Rose
2nd	Isabella Smith
3rd	Megan Booth

## **Highest Points Earner in each form group**

7JA	Rosie King
7MS	Dylan Bird
7RN	Sonny Jones
7SD	Ellie Minchinton
7ST	Bethany Said
7TG	Dylan Hutton

## **Year 8**

1st	Paige Price
2nd	Maddison David
3rd	Sam Godfrey



# Highest point Scorers



## Highest Points Earner in each form group

8AR	Abigail Skaife	8NS	Sam Wilkinson
8JP	Sophie Lewis	8SG	Samantha Hodgson
8MAW	Joshua Kirkham	8WD	Amelia Chappell

## Year 9

1st	Abbie Price
2nd	Will Houghton
3rd	James Jones

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

9CJS	William Steggall
9LW	Aaron Rendall
9NE	Joseph Parry
9PF	April Bowen
9RJJ	Emma Barrell/Tomos Jones

## Year 10

1st	Lauren Williams
2nd	James Llewelyn
3rd	Lewis Wills

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

10EJB	Morgan Richards	10SPD	Ewan Cullinane
10LM	Nathan Morgan	10TM	Rees Jones
10RMB	Nattawut Snowden		
10RS	Robert Hamill		

## Year 11

1st	Kiera Manley
2nd	Jake Fairchild
3rd	Chloe Redmore

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

11ALS	Alex Ford	11EAW	Max Taylor
11CM	Bethan Williams	11KFW	Ewan Terrett
11DH	Tyler Haines	11NC	Amy Williams/Charlotte Said

# School achieves Platinum Eco-School's Award!



Proud pupils and staff are celebrating the achievement of the Platinum Eco-School's Award. This is a very prestigious award which is the highest accolade in the Eco Schools scheme in Wales, and honours a long-standing commitment to the programme. This makes the school part of an elite group of secondary schools in Wales, and the only one in the Vale of Glamorgan, to achieve this distinction.

Over the last 7 years, eco-conscious pupils and staff have endeavoured to improve many aspects of school life, which have included reducing litter, increasing recycling and improving the school grounds. In addition the school has raised awareness in global issues through forging links with people from around the world and raising money for many charities over the years.



Pupils and staff have promoted sustainability throughout all curriculum subjects and is an integral theme in the school displays and assemblies. There have been several whole school events, for which we have been recognised with this award, such as 'Sustainability Week' and 'Enterprise Week'. During these events pupils have been involved with the local community, through the Christmas hamper scheme, beach clean ups and making and selling products from recycled materials.



In addition, Llantwit Major School has been awarded Fair Trade School status for four years in a row for its commitment to raising awareness of Fairtrade within the curriculum and using Fairtrade products.

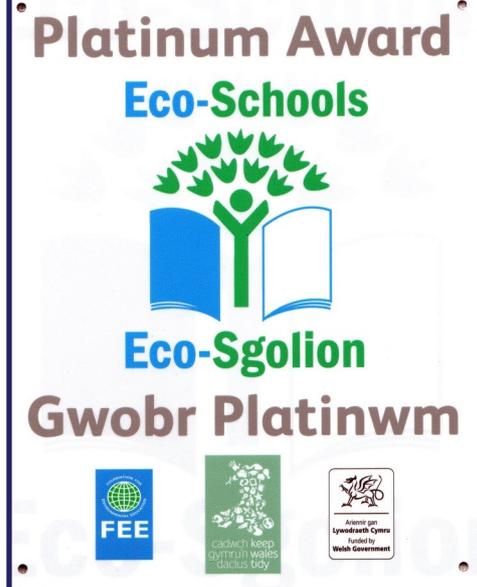
Over the past two years the Eco-group have been invited to be part of the annual All Wales Senior Eco Committee. This group of schools have met in the Welsh Assembly to provide an input into the political decision-making process and to share their experiences back in their school community.

# Yr Ysgol yn derbyn Gwobr Platinwm Ysgolion-Eco

Healthy living is promoted throughout all aspects of school life, with a focus on healthy diet and exercise. There are many clubs and opportunities for pupils to participate in extra-curricular activities during and after school. In 2015 the school was successfully reassessed for the Healthy Schools National Quality Award, again the only secondary school in the Vale to hold this award.

On the assessment day (12 December 2016) the Eco-club confidently presented a timeline of the school's eco-journey over the last 7 years. Eco School co-ordinators Mrs Sarah Davies and Mrs Sarah Trotman

extended their congratulations to the pupils on such a sterling job! Many thanks also to Mr Wil Daniels and Mrs Jane Jones, Shannon Davies and Emily-Jayne Owen (year 12 students) for their support of the Eco-group this year. Thank you also to all the staff and pupils in the school community for their long standing commitment and enthusiasm to the Eco School's programme. Finally, staff wish to thank Julie Giles, Eco-Schools Development Officer, who has provided endless help, support and enthusiasm to the school.



Julie Giles commented "The school has undertaken a wide variety of activities over the years showing dedication and commitment to the Eco Schools programme. Improvements have been made in many areas within the school and I was really pleased to hear pupils say they have many ideas for the future!



I would like to offer my praise regarding the incorporation of education for sustainable development and global citizenship into the school curriculum as well as the environmental activities pupils undertake out in the local community. Well done and well deserved".

# Christmas Festivities 2016



During the final few weeks before Christmas we held a number of festive community events.

Parents, staff and governors were treated to a wonderful Christmas concert at St Illtyds Church by the students. Under the direction of Leader of Learning Hayley Toms and Music Teacher Mel Davis, the dedicated cast of over 60 students performed a variety of Christmas hymns and carols for the community. There was even a visit from the Innkeepers wife (Amber Taylor) who had people laughing out loud with her account of the Christmas story. The highlight of the evening was the combination of Junior Choir, Senior Choir, and the School Orchestra in a Jingle Bells finale with festive hats. Well done to all staff and students involved.

The following day saw the school invite 45 guests from a local Senior Citizen groups to its 7<sup>th</sup> annual tea party. Throughout the event, pupils and staff from different departments provided entertainment and refreshments for the visitors. The Home Economics department provided bite-sized delicacies, and the performing arts department performed numerous musical pieces in honour of the guests. Each of the 45 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.



Congratulations should be given to Mr Thomas' Yr 7 form who won a trip to Cardiff Ice rink for creating the best hamper.



# Nadolig 2016



On our final day of the year 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, raising a total of £580.00. Being involved in these events helped put staff and pupils in a festive mood, raised money for charity and brought smiles to the faces of senior citizens from within the town. 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.



# RS Department Festivities

Newyddion Addysg Grefyddol



Students were invited to a tea party for outstanding work ethic during Religious Studies lessons. These students, from years 7 and 8 were nominated by their teachers every day during December to open a window on an Advent calendar and receive an invitation to a tea party, which was held on the 14 December. A good time was had by all 25 students who attended. Students were treated to a Christmas quiz, took part in a 30 second mannequin challenge and were treated to an impressive buffet.

*Lucy, a student from year 8 said 'the R.S. tea party was amazing, even better than I thought it would be. Thank you so much for selecting me'.*

*Joshua, also in year 8 said, 'the tea party was really good. I had a lot of fun'.*

*Catherine in year 7 said 'I think that the party was good and a nice reward for great work and behaviour' and Ben from Year 7 said 'The party I thought was very enjoyable. We had a great Christmas quiz and I really enjoyed the food and fizzy pop. When Mrs Griffiths invited me to the party I was really, really happy because I could celebrate my good work and behaviour with other pupils who also work hard and behave in all lessons'.*

Mrs Griffiths said, 'it is lovely to be able to celebrate the success of pupils in such a positive way'.



# Students support annual parade

Disgyblion yn cefnogi'r gorymdaith blynyddol



Five Year 10 students took part in the town's annual lantern parade. The theme this year being 'Wales; Land of legends' the young people decided that the story of 'Gelert' from North Wales might be one that would stand out during the procession of light.



The lanterns created referred to the faithful hunting dog of Prince Llewellyn and when, on calling for him one day, the prince had to go on the hunt without him.

On his returned he found Gelert with his muzzle covered in blood. Fearing that the hound may have killed his small son, and after not being able to find him, Llewellyn drove his sword through Gelert's heart. Gelert let out a final, painful howl during which Llewellyn heard the cry of his child. On turning over his upturned crib, Llewellyn found his son unarmed, beside the body of a wolf.

Wracked with grief over the misjudgement of his most favoured hound, Llewellyn carried Gelert's body outside the walls of his castle where a stone, placed in his honour at Beddgelert, Snowdonia, can still be seen.

Through their involvement in the parade the 5 students also earned voluntary hours towards gaining their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.



### Preparing pupils for their global futures

The **Global Futures** plan, launched by the previous education minister in 2015, highlighted how important it is 'to ensure that more and more of our young people benefit from the development of their linguistic skills and from learning about cultures from different countries, both of which are gained through studying a Modern Foreign Language.'

This year pupils have had the opportunity to take part in events intended to illustrate the range of exciting and life-changing careers.

In October we were delighted to welcome Mr Tim Penn, director of the company Signature Leather which deals with customers all over the world.

He spoke to Year 8 pupils about the advantages of developing communication skills in foreign languages for today's world of work and for the future. As a successful Business Language Champion, Mr Penn spoke passionately about the opportunities open to our pupils in increasingly globalised surroundings. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed Mr Penn's entertaining presentation with many commenting that they would consider Mr Penn's ideas when deciding on their options.



### Le petit-déjeuner for our MFL 'stars of the lesson'

The Modern Foreign Languages Department are keen to ensure that pupils are rewarded for consistently taking an active part in their MFL lessons and using the target language to the maximum. Pupils who gained the most 'stars' in their particular French group during the first half term were invited to an MFL breakfast in November and seemed to enjoy the experience.





### Cardiff City Stadium

In November 15 Year 8 pupils were thrilled to be invited to an event at Cardiff City Stadium. The event, superbly organised by Central South Consortium, was another opportunity for pupils to consider the benefits of studying a modern foreign language. Pupils took part in a carousel of workshops which included a science lesson conducted in French, an Italian taster lesson and an interactive French reading activity. Of course the highlight of the day was a tour of the stadium and changing rooms!



# English Dept celebrate Years 7 project work



The English department recently celebrated the achievement of Year 7 pupils by holding a highly successful homework project fayre. 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.

For the first time, parents and family members were invited to see the projects and we were so pleased to see so many family members visit the school to celebrate the Year 7's success!

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.

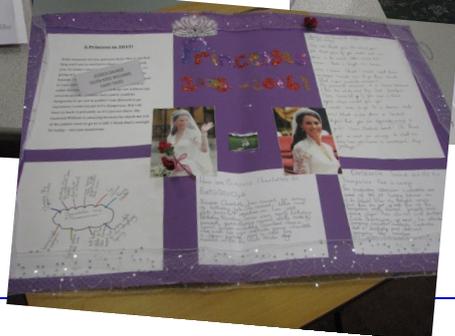
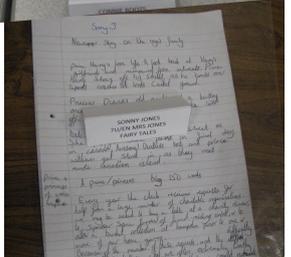
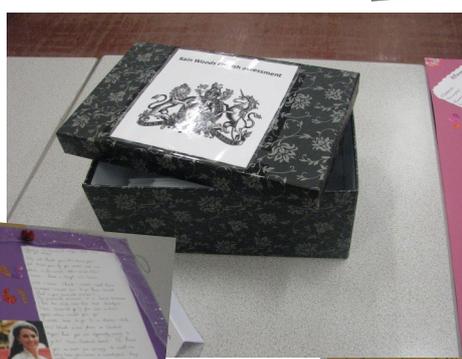
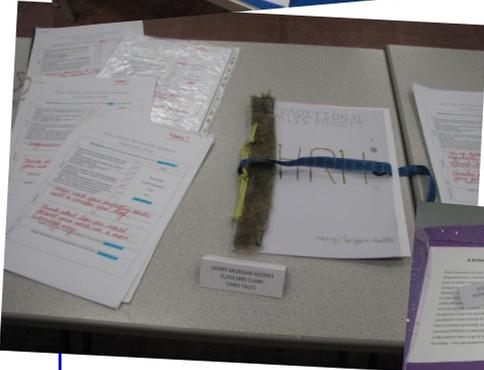
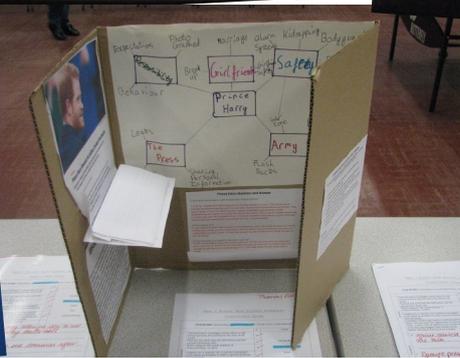
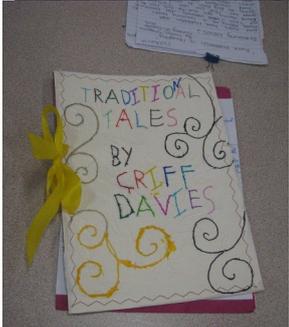
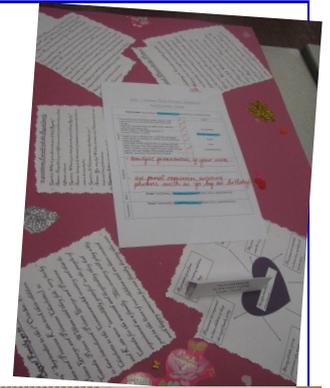
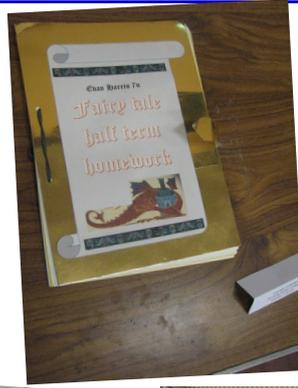
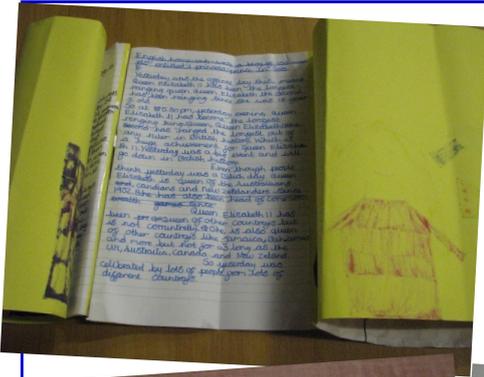
Hope Shakespeare's (an appropriate surname!) efforts were celebrated by winning first prize as her project was not only researched in detail, it was also presented in a beautiful, creative presentation box that had hidden sections for you to find.



In second and third place was Dylan James and Sean McLoughlin who both wowed the English department with the originality and precision of their presentation but also their well-researched and technically accurate written work.

Well done Year 7 - we are looking forward to seeing more fantastic homework projects at future fayres!

# Yr Adran Saesneg yn dathlu prosiectau Blynnyddoedd 7



# Being a School Council Member

by Lily Starkey Year 8



I enjoy being in the school council due to the fact I gain the opportunity to voice mine and others' opinions. Pupil voice is key to a productive educational system and Llantwit Major Comprehensive School excels at listening to all pupils and their opinions. From genuine statistics produced by a survey the school took, students said their voices are heard and taken under consideration.



*Photograph taken by Nia Johnstone Year 10*

For instance, a large project we worked on was the quality of the school toilets. Pupils worked with the school to review them, pupils planned and pupils acted. We have also done a lot of work on:

- ♣ Uniform
- ♣ Anti-bullying
- ♣ The school build
- ♣ Transition from Primary to Comprehensive
- ♣ Our chosen Charities
- ♣ The School improvement plan

## Another smooth transition...



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

The pupils have worked on a transition programme between Easter of Yr 6 and Christmas of Yr 7, and have been awarded stamps for completing tasks in many different aspects such as attendance, joining clubs and taking part in the wider life of the school, etc. The pupils all received a certificate stating they had successfully achieved their transition passport and special trophies were awarded to pupils from each form class for best attainment, best effort and most improved.

The most improved award winners were: Dylan Howe, Maisy Fry, Cerys Evans, Molly Kincaid, Iwan Thomas and Jess Gronow. The best effort winners were: Catherine Blayney, Gethin Punter, Taran Ellerton, Alex Dela Cruz, Griff Davies and Jessica Williamson. And the best attainment award winners were: Flynn Aitken, Hope Shakespeare, Amelie Deere, Ellie Minchinton, Samuel Rose and Isla Mawson.



The event was attended by proud parents, guardians, family members and primary school head teachers to see their children and former pupils awarded. 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 school music department provided three musical items for entertainment, highlighting some of the talent in Yr 7. Two groups performed a piece called *Salva Nos*, which is a Medieval Dance they have been learning in their music lessons. The students chose to perform on a variety of instruments including Electric Guitar, Keyboard, Drums, Saxophone, Glockenspiel and Voice. The performances were gratefully received by parents and the other students in Yr 7.

William Parrott, also in Yr 7, performed 'My Favourite Things' from the *Sound of Music*, a trumpet solo which was also praised highly. *Da iawn blant!*

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.

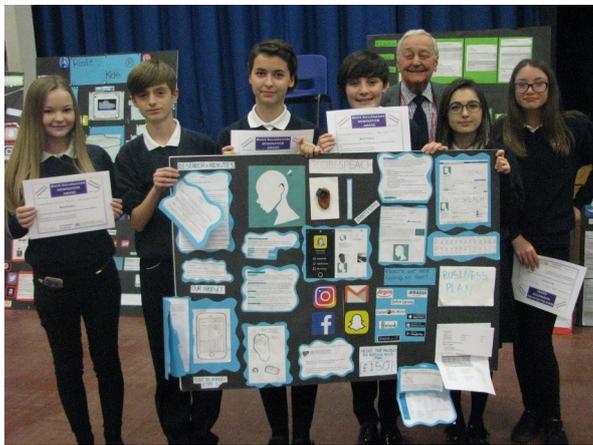
# Enterprise & Employability at Llantwit Major School

In November, Llantwit Major School was transformed into a hive of entrepreneurial activity with Year 10 taking part in 'Dragon's Den', where they were given the task of developing a business proposal for an Innovative Idea as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate course.

Year 10 students were asked to create a visual display board on 'Wearable Technology' and then pitch their idea to a group of financial experts. The 'Dragons' were really impressed with the level of inventive ideas, the quality of the displays and the pitches made. However it did make judging extremely difficult!

During the day the students displayed a number of skills including leadership, management, presentation, team work and creativity; all which will prepare them for future employment.

In Year 10 three teams were awarded £50 worth of Amazon vouchers for the following categories:



Best product idea - 'Globe Speach' comprising Georgia Bingham, Freya Hardwicke-Merry, Nia Johnstone, Katie Taylor, Summer Mason and Nathan Morgan

Best visual display - 'Porta-net' comprising Dan Carini, Zak Williams, Josh Gray, James Vickers, Nathan Pownall and James Llewellyn



Best pitch - Meghan McDonald, Erin Middleton, Alex Zalar, Jo Godfrey, Ieuan Lewis

Our thanks and appreciation go to Mr D Mutlow, Chair of Governors and Mr J Clark, Governor for their assistance as 'Dragons' on the day.

# Rotary Young Chef Competition 2017

*Cystadleuaeth Cogydd Ifanc Rotary 2017*

The Rotary Young Chef competition took place on Thursday 12 January. Three Year 10 students participated, producing very tasty dishes of a high standard.



**Jess Bowen** took first place with her starter of garlic mushroom with wholemeal rolls, curry as the main course and chocolate cheesecake dessert.

**Bailee Potter** was in second place with pea soup, curry and berry cheesecake and **Leah Elliott** was very close behind with salmon tarts, white wine chicken and chocolate mousse.

They all did the school proud and Jess now goes onto the second round in Swansea.

The judge was the head chef from Atlantic College in St Donats and he remarked how impressed he was with such talent from young pupils.

## Training with the stars

George Snaith Yr 7 has been training with some of the most talented Javelin throwers this country has ever seen.

George who is ranked amongst the best Javelin throwers in Wales for his age group went to Loughborough recently to work on his technique and throw with the likes of Steve Backley, Goldie Sayers and Llantwit Major School's very own Richard Dangerfield. George took the opportunity to ask questions and get tips on how to improve his technique and we look forward to seeing his performances in the summer athletics competitions.



Congratulations to Elisha Plant 7ST who was chosen from 240 girls to represent South Wales girls football. Elisha also plays for Sully Pinks.



Sam Snaith Yr 12 has been selected to play football for Welsh Schools U18 against Australia Schools U18. This selection is a result of a lot of hard work from Sam over a period of many years and he truly deserves this recognition. Congratulations!

The Yr 7 Rugby team has had a very successful past few months. They have remained unbeaten with one game to play against Cowbridge. There have been some excellent performances from all the players. Keep up the good work boys!





## PE Department News Newyddion Yr Adran Addysg Gorfforol

Wesley Baker in year 8 has had a very productive summer on the cricket field. He was awarded his Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan County Cap after scoring two half centuries in this seasons matches.

Da Iawn Wesley!

“I gained this award by achieving two 50 run innings in the 2016 season playing for the Cardiff County and The Vale of Glamorgan U12 squad. To gain this award I had to work hard and persevere through tough times and difficult situations throughout the season. I am honoured to gain this award and will continue to work hard to possibly achieve more in the future.”

Wesley Baker 8WD



**Congratulations to the Yr 8 girls who have been selected for the Welsh Seren Daw Kayaking Team.**

This is a development squad that targets potential future Olympians.

The girls have been training hard since April 2016 and have only had a few opportunities to race to date but will compete regularly this summer aiming to improve their times and rankings.

We wish the girls every success and look forward to hearing their news.



Sam Hodgson, Tyanne Steele, Scarlett James, Megan Huggins, Jasmine Holland

# PE Department News

## Newyddion Yr Adran Addysg Gorfforol



### YR 7 Gymnastic Novice Competition

In November pupils competed in the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan gymnastic competition.

They each performed two floor sequences and two vaults and were judged on their performances.

The following pupils were awarded the Bronze Award - Honi Jones, Nicole Darrington, Kia Lawrence, Amelie Dent, Eve Addison, Ella Whiston.

The following pupils were awarded the Silver Award - Jessica Savage, Emily Trundle, Leah Lawrence, Niamh Hutchinson and Rowan Westcott.



### Sammi's hard work pays off!

Sammi Morgan, Year 7 has recently been awarded his Welsh Feathers by competing for Wales in the Celtic Cup, staged at the Isle of Man.

Sammi is a very dedicated young man who has worked very hard to be so successful at gymnastics. He trains 6 days a week to improve his skills to ensure he performs at the highest standard. Whilst competing in the Isle of Man his under 12 team won the Gold making Sammi one of the best gymnasts in the country for his age. Well done Sammi and keep up the hard work.



# Science enjoy Iceland experience



The Science department have recently returned from their latest excursion to Iceland. Whilst they were there they visited a vast number of different geological developments and discussed the science behind their formation.

The students were particularly taken with their visit to The Blue Lagoon which is a geothermally heated lake. They were then lucky enough to visit the power station that is situated next to this to observe how they harness the energy to provide Reykjavik and the surrounding towns with electricity and hot water which is totally renewable.



There were many spectacular waterfalls and volcanic craters to observe throughout the week and we were unfortunate to miss a small earthquake by 24 hours at a large glacier!

It was an absolute pleasure to take all 50 students once again and we look forward to our next adventure!!



# School supports 'Red, White & Blue Day'

The School supported the Armed Forces on Friday 14th October by encouraging all pupils to dress in red, white and blue and to bring in a donation of £1.

We collected a total of £709.95 which will be used to assist the work of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity, ABF The Soldiers' Charity and Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. Each of these three charities is responsible for the welfare of soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families.



# LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL PTA

invite you to a  
**PAMPER EVENING**

**with gift stalls**

**Friday 24 March 6.30-9.30 pm**

**Treatments from £4 include:**

**Nail painting  
Waxing  
Massage  
Indian head massage**

**Variety of gift and craft stalls to include:**

**Make up  
Jewellery  
Home décor  
Cakes**

**£5 per ticket**

*(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**

# 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, call 01446 793301 for your unique activation username and password.

## 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

Thank you for your support—the school earned **£68** last term. 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:

**Tuesday 13 June 2017**

## 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.**

# Key Dates Spring/Summer 2017

	17 Feb		All	Inset Day 3
	<b>20-24 Feb</b>		All	Half Term – MOVE IN TO NEW BUILD
<b>W/B 27 Feb - 2</b>	1 Mar	6-8.00 pm	Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening
	2 Mar		Year 7	World Book Day
<b>W/B 6 Mar - 1</b>	6-10 Mar			Estyn Inspection
	8-10 Mar		Yr 6	Llangranog Trip
	9 Mar	4-6.30 pm	Year 10	Year 10 Parents Evening
<b>W/B 20 Mar—1</b>	22-23 Mar		All	Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Days
	22 Mar		Year8	HPV Vaccines
	24 Mar	6.30-9.30 pm		Pamper Evening
	7 Apr	9-3.00 pm	Years 7-8	Eisteddfod
	10 Apr- 21Apr		All	Easter Holiday/Easter Revision Sessions
<b>W/B 24 Apr - 2</b>	24 Apr		Year 10	Year 10 exams (week 1)
	25 Apr		All	Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Day
	26 Apr		Yrs 7-9	Literacy & Numeracy national testing
<b>W/B 1 May - 1</b>	1 May		All	May Day Bank Holiday
	2 May		Year 10	Year 10 exams (week 2)
<b>W/B 8 May - 2</b>	9 May			GCE/GCSE examinations begin
<b>W/B 15 May - 1</b>	17 May	6.00 pm	PTA	PTA Meeting
	29May- 2June		All	Half Term
<b>W/B 12 June - 2</b>	12 June		Staff	Year 9 tests fortnight
	14 June	9-12.30	Year 6	'Transition Together' Parent & Child Day
	15 June		All	Sports Day
<b>W/B 19 June - 1</b>	19 June		Year 12	Commencement of Welsh Baccalaureate study period
<b>W/B 26 June - 2</b>	29 June	5.30-7.00 pm	All	Art/D&T/Textiles Exhibition
<b>W/B 3 July - 1</b>	3-5 July		All	Alternative timetable – Wider Curriculum Development Day
	3 July		Year 6	Year 6 Transition Day
	3 July	6.00 pm	Year 6	Year 6 Transition Day Concert
	4 July		Year 4	Year 4 Transition Day
	5 July		Year 5	Year 5 Transition Day
	6 July		All	Sports Presentation Evening
<b>W/B 17 July - 1</b>	18 July	8.30-5 pm	Years 7 & 8	End of year reward trip
	19 July	8.30-5 pm	Years 9 & 10	End of year reward trip
	19 July			Last day of term
	17 Aug			GCE Results
	24 Aug			GCSE Results

## ADVANCE NOTICE

As you are aware from previous correspondence the new school build is scheduled for completion in February 2017. In order to move from the old buildings to the new build the school will be closed on the following days:

*Thursday 16 February	-	Packing day (closed to all pupils)
Friday 17 February	-	Inset day (closed to all pupils)
20-24 February (half term)	-	Removal company to complete move (closed to all pupils)
Monday 27 February	-	Unpacking (closed to all pupils apart from Year 11)
Tuesday 28 February	-	Unpacking (closed to all pupils apart from Year 11)

\*Year 9 parents evening will still go ahead on Thursday 16 February between 4-6.30 pm.

**The school will re-open for all pupils on Wednesday 1 March.**

Sixth Form option evening will still go ahead on 1 March 6-8 pm; this will include access to the new building.

We wanted to give you as much warning as possible to enable you to make alternative childcare arrangements if necessary.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation at this time. However, I am sure you will agree that, although long overdue, a new school is extremely exciting for the community of Llantwit Major.