

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SPRING TERM / TYMOR Y GWANWYN	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 8 January 2024 / Dydd Llun Ionawr 8 2024
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024 / Dydd Llun Chwefror 12 – Dydd Llun Chwefror 16 2024
End / Diwedd:	Friday 22 March 2024 / Dydd Gwener Mawrth 22 2024
Week Beginning – Monday 8 January 2024 / Dydd Llun Ionawr 8 2024	Week 16 / Wythnos 16

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first Major News edition of 2024! I trust you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

In response to parent and pupil feedback, the canteen will be open at breaktime from Monday onwards. The menu has already been shared with you and is included later in the newsletter. Please be reminded that if your child purchases food at breaktime and wishes to also purchase food at lunchtime sufficient funds will need to be added to their account using ParentPay.

Unfortunately, we continue to experience issues on the school buses and pupils and parents have been frustrated this week that there have not been enough seats on the S36/38. I have spoken with the Local Authority about this and they have assured me that an additional bus will be provided from today. Representatives from school transport are also attending school when the buses depart today to monitor the situation. My priority, of course, remains ensuring all pupils get to and from school safely. There are still many young people presenting to buses without their passes, which slows bus departure down as they have to be checked and issued with a temporary pass. It would be much appreciated if you could remind your child that they need to have their bus pass with them every day. If they have lost it, please contact the Local Authority for a replacement.

We have had an increasing number of requests from parents/carers for pupils to be allowed to leave school early to catch the train home. I'm afraid that from a Health and Safety perspective we are unable to accommodate these requests and pupils need to remain in school until 3pm. Similarly, pupils will be recorded as late if they arrive to school after 8.30am due to catching the train.

I very much hope you have a relaxing weekend and thank you as ever for your continued support.

Mrs C L Robins

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

As a school we have been using a system called My Concern to record and report all our safeguarding and bullying concerns which helps bring all the information together in one place and makes managing and investigating issues much easier. We are now in a position to share and trial the parent aspect of this system with you with the intention of improving the communication and response to concerns you report.

Moving forward we request that if you have a safeguarding or bullying concern about a child in our school you report it via My Voice. The link and QR code below will take you to a form to complete:

<https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/5d3ec66a-3d3e-4e19-bbc8-325564c90cd8>



The form will go directly to the relevant progress teams and safeguarding leads. The more detail you can provide the better. This can also be used if you are aware of a potential issue, such as a disagreement between learners that may cause trouble in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Wilson

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 15 January 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ionawr 15 2024</i>	Week 17/ Wythnos 17
Monday 15 January / <i>Dydd Llun Ionawr 15</i>	
Tuesday 16 January / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ionawr 16</i>	Year 8 DT Trip – Renishaw Pontyclun
Wednesday 17 January / <i>Dydd Mercher Ionawr 17</i>	
Thursday 18 January / <i>Dydd Iau Ionawr 18</i>	Year 10 Art & Design Trip – Cardiff
Friday 19 January / <i>Dydd Gwener Ionawr 19</i>	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 22 January / <i>Dydd Llun Ionawr 22</i>	
Tuesday 23 January / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ionawr 23</i>	
Wednesday 24 January / <i>Dydd Mercher Ionawr 24</i>	Start of Year 11 – Science practical written paper B
Thursday 25 January / <i>Dydd Iau Ionawr 25</i>	
Friday 26 January / <i>Dydd Gwener Ionawr 26</i>	

New Break time Menu, week commencing 15 January 2024

Our new break time canteen service starts next week. As a reminder the following options are available to all pupils during their morning break:

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Sausage wrap or baguette, hash-brown and omelette wrap or baguette, single large hash-brown, yoghurt, mixed fruit pots, bagels and tea-cakes.

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Bacon wrap or baguette, hash-brown and omelette wrap or baguette, single large hash-brown, yoghurt, mixed fruit pots, bagels and tea-cakes.

Fridays:

Continental breakfast, pancake with honey, granola fruit and yoghurt pot, bagels and tea-cakes.

This is a new service, therefore we may need to tweak the menu or the provision over time, as we see how things work in practice. We will keep you updated with any changes.

ParentPay - School Meal Account Limit

As explained in last term's newsletter, we have introduced an 'overdraft' limit threshold on your child's lunchtime meal account.

This means that as soon as they are overdrawn by £5 they will only be allowed to purchase a main meal option (no cookies, cakes, multiple pizza slices or flavoured water) until payment is made and their account returns to credit.

No child will ever be denied a main meal, this cost will continue to be added to your ParentPay account, but we would remind you that you are responsible for any monies due on this account.

Once an account reaches the £5 overdraft we will send you a statement so that you can see the due balance and would ask that you then make a payment to bring it into credit.

If you would like to set a maximum daily limit your child can spend on meals we are able to facilitate this. Please email the school inbox with your child's name and the daily limit you wish to introduce. This will allow your child to purchase any combination of food they choose, but only up to the daily limit you set.

Please note that we can only change this once each term and it has to be entered manually, so please bear with us whilst we make the change and ensure that you have advised your child that you are doing this to avoid any embarrassment at the till.

If you do elect to set a daily limit, please bear in mind that any food selected at break time under our new break time food provision will count towards that limit and may prevent your child from accessing certain food at dinnertime if they overspend.

School Nursing – Parent line



Nursio Ysgol | School Nursing
BIP Caerdydd a'r Fro | Cardiff & Vale UHB

parent line

If you're a parent or carer of a 5-16 Year Old
Text your school nurse on
07312 263178
For confidential advice and support

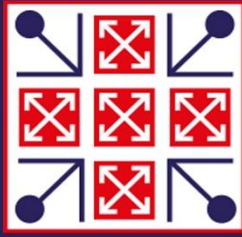
This will be a text in service for parent to access their school nurse to help with a wide range of health problems. This won't be a diagnostic service but we can give advice on....



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 substance misuse
 relationships
 behaviour bullying
 online safety puberty



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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If your first language is not English and you would like to learn or improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, then an ESOL course could be for you.

Adult Learning Wales will provide accredited ESOL classes within your local community in a friendly and supportive learning environment.

Language Skills

The ESOL course focuses on developing your language skills enabling you to access local services, participate in daily life in Britain and preparing you for employment or further education.



Reasons to Learn

- Boost your confidence
- Discover a new skill
- Open doors to new opportunities
- Reignite a passion
- Improve your wellbeing
- Make plenty of new friends
- Be a part of your local community
- Become more active and outgoing
- Learn new and different skills.

Sign up now
Email Tomsh@llantwitschool.org.uk

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 5PM-7PM
LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL



Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Spring 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 January 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- **End:** Friday 22 March 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)

INSET Days:

- **INSET Day 4:** Monday 19 February 2024
- **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 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.