

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

AUTUMN TERM / TYMOR YR HYDREF	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 4 September 2023 / Dydd Llun Medi 4 2023
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 / Dydd Llun Hydref 30 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3 2023
End / Diwedd:	Friday 22 December 2023 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22 2023
Week Beginning – Monday 2 October 2023 / Dydd Llyn Hydref 2 2023	Week 5/ Wythnos 5

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the 5th Edition of the 2023/24 Major News Newsletter.

As you know we have been consulting regarding the school's communications policy and how you can better contact us.

In order to improve communication with parents, new inboxes have been created for you, so you are able to directly communicate with your child's Wellbeing Office and Progress Teams. This will ensure that your questions and issues are dealt with swiftly.

Therefore, moving forward can you please use the following emails addresses to contact the school for all issues relating to Wellbeing and Progress:

Year7ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

Year8ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

Year9ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

Year10ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

Year11ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

Year1213ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

All other enquires should continue to be sent to the main Llantwit school inbox.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and thank you as ever for your continued support.

Mrs C L Robins

Parent Forum Meeting

**LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL
PARENT FORUM
MEETING**

**Monday 16th October 2023
5:30pm**


An opportunity for the school to consult with parents on upcoming events, new initiatives and existing practices.


Provide a structured way to have your views and questions shared on big school topics.


Working together with the best interests of our students at the heart of every meeting.

Welcoming new & existing members

We would like to extend our invite to all Parents and Carers to attend our first Parent Forum of the academic year on **Monday 16th October 2023** at **5.30pm**.

Parent forum is open to all parents and it is an opportunity for the school to consult with parents on upcoming events, new initiatives and existing practices. For our parents it provides a structured way to have their views and questions shared and considered on big topics. We would be delighted to welcome new and existing members.

Following on from the previous meeting in July the agenda is set as follows:

- Homework Policies;
- Reporting home on behaviour for learning and attendance;
- Trips Calendar;
- Working with big fresh our canteen provider;
- Electing a parent chair and secretary; and
- Any other business.

If you plan to attend can you please let us know by emailing llantwitmajorrhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk so that we can provide a suitable space and some refreshments.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

If you are unable to attend but would like further information on any of the topics above we will ensure that all the resources used at the meeting, including the meeting minutes, are on the New Parent Forum section on our website.

Maths Department

Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the nine year 13 pupils that took part in the nationwide senior maths challenge this week. Pupils participated in an online quiz on Tuesday 3rd October 2023, racing against the clock against pupils from all over the UK. Fingers crossed for some great results, we will keep you posted!

Mathematics Department - Open Evening Winners

Congratulations to the two year 6 pupils who have won competitions held in the maths department during the year 6 open evening on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

Well done to Hollie Bradshaw from Wick primary for correctly estimating that there was 66 sweets in the jar, the sweet prize is on its way to you.

Well done to Phoebe D from Ysgol Dewi Sant for providing the closest guess of the weight of the melon, the melon has been dropped off at the school reception for you.

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 9 October 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Hydref 9 2023</i>		Week 6/ <i>Wythnos 6</i>
Monday 9 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 9</i>	Year 11 Food Practical Exam	
Tuesday 10 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 10</i>	Years 12/13 DT/Swalec Stadium Trip	
Wednesday 11 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 11</i>	Year 11 Skills Cymru Trip	
Thursday 12 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 12</i>	Years 12/13 Parents' Evening	
Friday 13 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 13</i>		
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 16 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 16</i>	Year 7 Settling In Evening	
Tuesday 17 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 17</i>		
Wednesday 18 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 18</i>	Year 10/11 MAT/Oxford Trip	
Thursday 19 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 19</i>	Year 7 DT/London Trip	
Friday 20 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 20</i>		

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Autumn 2023:

- **Half term:** Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023
- **End:** Friday 22 December 2023

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 3:** Monday 23 October 2023
- **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.