



Ysgol Gymunedol Llangatwg Llangatwg Community School

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Friday, 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to share some highlights from the past week at Llangatwg and to celebrate the achievements, attitudes and opportunities our pupils have recently been involved in.

Year 10 Business Studies Trip – McArthurGlen Designer Outlet

This week, our Year 10 Business Studies pupils took part in an educational visit to McArthurGlen Designer Outlet, where they had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of business and marketing in a real-world context.

The pupils attended a presentation delivered by McArthurGlen's Marketing Manager, followed by a guided tour with the Guest Services Manager. They were then set a practical task to complete a customer service audit of three retailers of their own choice. This allowed pupils to apply classroom learning to real business practices and consider how organisations engage with and support their customers.

It was a highly informative and enjoyable morning, with pupils gaining a great deal from the experience — and even managing a well-earned (and very popular!) stop at McDonald's while we were there. We are hopeful that the other half of the class will be able to attend a similar visit in the summer term.

Mrs. Collins said that the pupils were excellent company throughout the trip and represented the school extremely well. We are very proud of them.



National Recognition for Reggie – Childnet & Safer Internet Day 2026

We are delighted to share some exceptional news regarding year 10's Reggie Dovener, who has been selected by Childnet to attend a prestigious event at the Houses of Parliament in recognition of Safer Internet Day 2026, taking place on Tuesday 10th February.

Reggie is one of only three young people nationally chosen for this opportunity — and notably, the only pupil from Wales to be selected. This is a tremendous achievement.

As part of the visit, Reggie will:

- Attend a parliamentary event alongside members of the Childnet Youth Advisory Board
- Lead discussions with MPs, Lords and advisors around key questions related to artificial intelligence, including its impact on education, creativity, mental health, employment and the environment
- Take part in a guided tour of Parliament, kindly organised by a member of Steve Race MP's team

In addition, Reggie will attend a separate event at the BT Tower with the Childnet Youth Advisory Board, where he will help run activities alongside other Digital Champions and youth representatives.

This opportunity recognises Reggie's commitment, insight and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of him for representing both himself and the school on such a national platform.

Year 8 TYFU Project – Holocaust Memorial Day

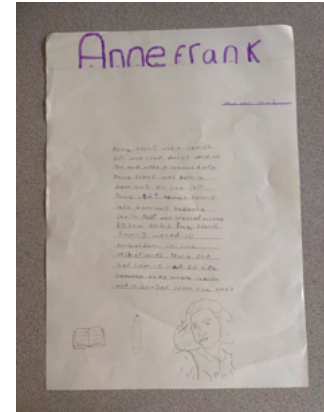
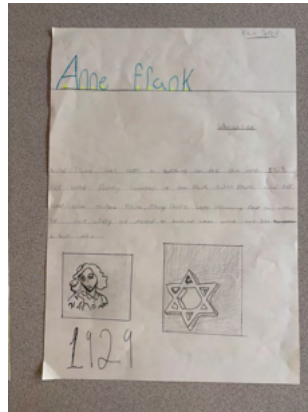
I also wanted to take this opportunity to share the excellent work recently completed by our Year 8 TYFU pupils as part of their project study on Anne Frank, marking Holocaust Memorial Day last week.

Pupils engaged thoughtfully and sensitively with Anne Frank's story, focusing on themes such as prejudice, discrimination, courage and the importance of remembrance. The quality of their project work was particularly strong, with many pupils demonstrating maturity, empathy and a clear understanding of why remembering the Holocaust remains so important today.

It was especially encouraging to see pupils making meaningful connections between historical events and contemporary issues, as well as reflecting on

their own values and responsibilities. The project led to some very mature and respectful discussions and provided a powerful opportunity for pupils to pause, reflect and learn.

We are proud, as it strongly reflects both our pupils' attitudes to learning and the wider values we aim to promote as a school.



Year 9 Regional Debate Competition

Finally, congratulations go to four of our Year 9 pupils who took part in the Seren NPT and Powys Regional Debate Competition on Friday 30th January.

They represented themselves and Llangatwg brilliantly, debating at a highly sophisticated level in challenging contexts. Throughout the competition, pupils demonstrated:

- Excellent critical thinking
- Growing confidence
- Polite, respectful and sportsmanlike conduct

We are extremely proud of how they conducted themselves and the way they represented our school.



Fire Safety Year 8

This week, all Year 8 pupils took part in a fire safety session delivered by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. The session focused on helping pupils understand potential fire risks, how to stay safe at home and in the community, and the importance of making responsible choices. Pupils engaged well throughout and gained valuable knowledge that will support their personal safety.



Sporting Success for Luke

We would like to congratulate year 11's Luke Harris on making his debut for Ospreys East on Wednesday, in their match against Cardiff South in Cardiff. It is an incredible achievement to be selected and he played brilliantly. Well done Luke – we look forward to seeing what the future holds for you!

ClassCharts Superstars

Once again, we're incredibly proud of all our pupils this week, with a fantastic number of positive ClassCharts points awarded across every year group. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils recognised for their hard work, positive attitude, and contributions to school life. A special congratulations goes to our **ClassCharts Superstars**—who this week are the pupils who have all received over 400 positive points! They will be rewarded with a hot chocolate and a cookie on Wednesday during registration. Here are our 400+ ClassCharts Superstars:

Oliver Docherty
Zac Coope
Roman Williams
Lexi Williams
Judah Wapshott
Freya Davies
Finley Maguire

Jake Say
Zac Sedgmore
Colton Thomas
Sophie Leonard
Lillie Morris
Olivia Holden
Emelia Herring
Georgia Wild
Riley Mahoney
Sophie Owen
Dexter Protheroe
Jonathan Potts
Alyssa Thomas
Jessica Aldridge
Noah Davies
Dougje Watkins
Cayden Edmunds-Whitney
Ava B Jones
Gracie Thomas
Caerwyn Jenkins
Maizy Pedrick
Holly Challinor
Lexie Burton
Georgina Holden
Jay Havard
Michael Neagu
Jakob Wright
Georgia Bayliss
Jacob Kelly
Jac Jeffreys
Milly O'Sullivan
Cameron Pedrick

Notices:

1. **Friday, 13th February:** Break up for half term.
2. **Monday, 23rd February:** Return to school after half term.
3. **Monday, 9th March:** Year 10 parent/carer evening
4. **Uniform Reminder:** All pupils are expected to arrive at school in full and correct school uniform. If this is not the case, you will be contacted and asked to bring the appropriate uniform to school. Uniform expectations are as follows:
 - Plain white polo shirt (with or without the school badge).

- Green V-neck or round-neck jumper with the school badge.
- Plain black trousers, long length plain black shorts or thick black leggings (no motifs). Skirts may also be worn.
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers.
- Coats of any colour can be worn around the school site but must be removed in class.
- *Note:* Hoodies are not permitted.

Uniform Supplier: Branded uniform can be purchased from Sportec (opposite Dŵr-y-Felin School) or online via:

👉 <https://www.sportec.co.uk/products/school-uniform-shop/secondary-schools>

5. **Facebook page:** If you haven't already done so, please follow us on Facebook by searching for Llangatwg Community School:



We'll be using this page to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and outside of school. If your son or daughter has accomplished something special outside of school—whether in sports, the arts, volunteering, or any other area—we'd love to hear about it! Please feel free to get in touch and share their story. We always enjoy celebrating the successes of our pupils and showcasing their talents.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a pleasure to be able to share so many positive examples of our pupils engaging, achieving and representing Llangatwg so well.

Best wishes,

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