LIAIS LLANGATWG VOICE

Summer Term 2022

DylanED

In May, Year 11 pupils Amelia Llewellyn or Elizabeth Dorman were both among the winners of the DylanEd book review competition. This event asks young people to read and review new writing by Welsh authors, playwrights, and poets.

There were four winners on the night, so Llangatwg dominated with half the podium.

Amelia deserved an extra 'well done' for attending the ceremony and going on stage to collect her award. We are so proud of her.

Language Ambassador Team

We are so proud of our Year 8 team of language ambassadors who have been awarded the title of **Pupil Language Ambassador Team of the Year for 2022.**

They found out the exciting news at an online presentation ceremony where they were chosen from amongst several other teams in Wales as the team who have shown the most commitment to raising the profile of language learning in schools. They have lots more plans for next year including celebrating European Day of Languages and the national days of all of the cultures represented by pupils and staff at Llangatwg and the wider community.

Congratulations and well done to them!

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT:

It is a pleasure to present this term's newsletter to you. It has been refreshing to have a school year uninterrupted by covid closures. As such, the pupils and staff have all worked incredibly hard to catch up and progress.

Llangatwg Community School is one where we are committed to developing the whole child and you will see from the newsletter just some of the events and activities that have happened this year.

I am proud to announce two major awards; Llangatwg has been awarded British Council International Status for the work undertaken linking us with schools abroad. The other award being Pupil Language Ambassador School of the Year. Two incredible achievements!

Thank you all for your wonderful support this year! I hope you all have a lovely summer.

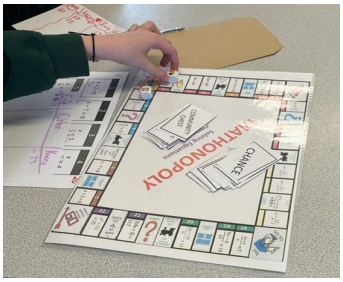
Alan L. Rowlands [Headteacher]

UKMT

For the first year, pupils from Llangatwg entered the United Kingdom Maths Challenge, in particular the UKMT junior challenge. The UKMT receive 700,000 entries every year from schools in the UK, making it one of the biggest maths competitions.

With the help of Mrs Hardway, our top mathematicians in year 7 and 8 completed the UKMT junior challenge with amazing results. We have had 2 Gold, 7 Silver, and 9 Bronze awards. As well as this, we had one pupil, Ben Pitts who did so well that he got through to the “Olympiad Challenge”. This Olympiad Challenge is an extension round given to the top 1000 performers in the country.

Earlier this month Ben completed the challenging 2-hour paper and we await the results - Fingers crossed.



This year, the maths department utilised a pilot scheme "maths club" delivered by the Further Maths Support Programme Wales (FMSPW). This was a huge success and as a result, Miss Nicholas has continued to deliver these sessions every Thursday after school with the aim to encourage and enthuse students in years 7 to 9, with the emphasis being on fun.

NPTC

Year 10 attended the NPTC taster day last month at the 4 main campuses – Neath, Llandarcy, Afan and Pontardawe. The feedback from the pupils was very positive and all had a great day. Many commented on how it had helped them think about possible courses for after Year 11.

Pastoral Wellbeing

As we close on another bust year, we can once again celebrate another busy yet successful term. Although academic success is key, pupil wellbeing is always and will remain is key priority for us here in Llangatwg.

Pastoral support officers

Our new Oasis room continues to support the pupil through the school day, with our support workers Hannah Jones and Deborah Harrison working tirelessly to break down any barriers to learning.

The Reward shop is a source of great interest and pride for us, with pupils being rewarded for their class and school efforts, with pupils cashing in thousands of points for prizes. Since its inception, nearly 40,000 points have been redeemed in the shop!!!

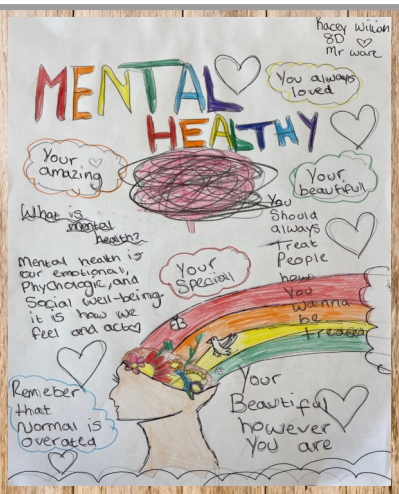
ClassCharts Reward Shop

Cynnydd

This year we welcomed our new Cynnydd worker, Claire Millar. Claire has made a massive impact on our pupils already and has been busy running various groups, workshops and 1:1 sessions to support our learners.

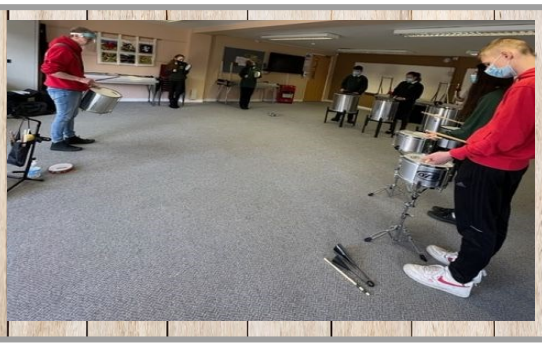
In February, Claire ran various activities for Mental Health Awareness week. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health week was "Growing Together". Claire's aim was to help the young people grow emotionally and to find new ways to help each other grow, adapt, build resilience and try new activities to help build confidence and self esteem. This theme was explored through a week of fun games & varied arts and learning workshops: designing a wellbeing & memorial garden, making slime and stress-balls, promoting positivity and wellbeing through making mood jars and art colour work.

Claire also ran a mental health awareness poster competition. 18 pupils entered and enjoyed creating a poster to raise awareness of how we can stay mentally healthy and support each other. The top 3 pupils won vouchers and all participants were awarded a goody bag and certificate of excellence.



Wellbeing Week

Mrs Brown organised a wellbeing week in March where pupils were given the opportunity to take part in art therapy, bushcraft in Craig Gwladys, photography in Neath Abbey Ruins and samba drumming at the Dove Workshop. A big thank you to Lianne in the Dove Workshop who funded the drumming and the art therapy and Coed Lleol and Cadw for funding the other activities - the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Anti-bullying Ambassador Training

In June this year, Hannah Jones and Deborah Harrison and a group of 20pupils participated in anti-bullying ambassador training. The training enabled our young people to look at how they can support their peers with any issues they may be facing and promote the school's anti-bullying ethos. Our Ambassadors are now looking forward to working towards earning additional badges for the school by running various campaigns and activities within the school and the local community. These badges include community action, well-being, respect and online safety. The group have chosen to work towards community action to begin with and are currently in the process of planning how they want to achieve this.

Art

Year 11's coursework moderation went well this year with the moderator being complimentary about the standard of work produced in difficult circumstances.

Coding Club

A massive congratulations
to our Technoclub team who worked extremely hard after school and in their own time to win the Technocamps Climate competition held at Cardiff University. In doing so they beat a host of other teams from around Wales in what was a very high standard. They were able to utilise each other's individual skill sets and work independently towards achieving a goal.

E-sports UWTSD

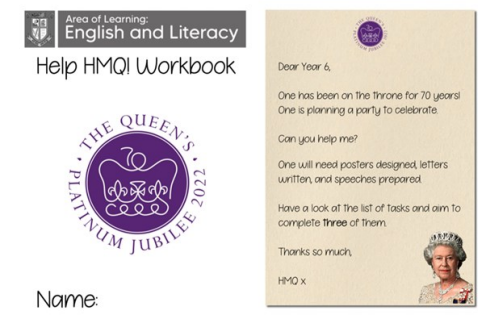
Pupils in Year 9 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an introduction to E-Sports workshop. They were able to gain valuable skills in team building, communication, critical thinking, multi tasking and resilience.

They took part in a mini gaming tournament as teams of three and played for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies with a view to forming a school team(s) and playing other schools in the years to come.

E-Sports will also open lots of doors for our pupils and highlight an ever growing industry sector where new jobs are created year upon year to a point where every job upon leaving school will be likely to have an element of ICT.

Hopefully the link we have between our Llangatwg Community School and The University of Wales Trinity St. David will continue to grow in strength and provide more opportunities in the future.

Year 6 Transition Day: Maths , English and Literacy Challenges


Area of Learning:
English and Literacy
Help HMQ! Workbook
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022
Name:

Dear Year 6,

One has been on The Throne for 70 years!
One is planning a party to celebrate.

Can you help me?

One will need posters designed, letters written, and speeches prepared.

Have a look at The list of Tasks and aim to complete **Three** of them.

Thanks so much,

HMQ x

Languages

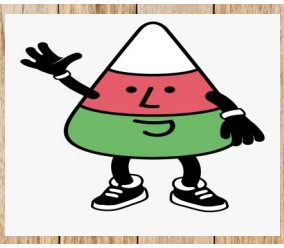
Llangatwg has achieved the full British Council International School Award for 2021-2024. This is in recognition of the work that has been done to promote internationalism across the school where we now have links with schools in France, Germany and Zambia. We have also made a bid for Taith Cymru funding to support a project on bilingualism in the curriculum with schools in Quebec, Canada. This will be in collaboration with Dwr yf Flin and Cefn Saeson.

The Welsh department organised some fantastic football trips

Pupils from Llangatwg participated in singing "penblwydd hapus" to Mr Urdd to mark 100 years.

Llangatwg Bilingualism @llangatwgwelsh · 25 Jan

Wow we've done it! We are all @GWR holders! Diolch i @LlangatwgSchool @LlangatwgPE @gatwgenglish @llangatwgart for making us World record breakers. Llongyfarchiadau @Urdd



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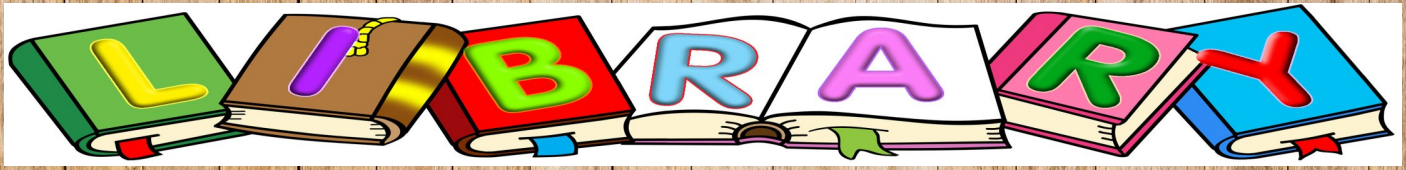
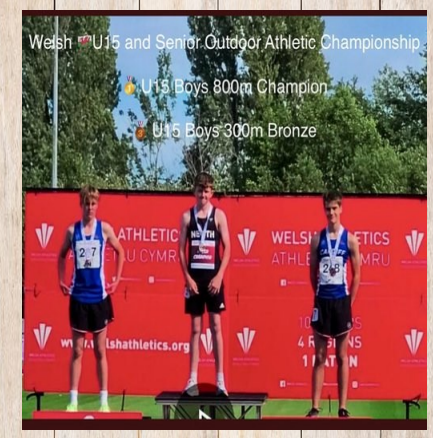
The school Library has reopened their door this year for the first time since the pandemic. The Library will continue to remain open next year to welcome all pupils.

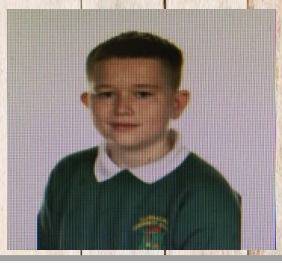


PE Department

Ceris Morgan, Dance

Tom Loynes, County Cross Country





Luke Totterdale

County Cross Country

Brandon Jones, Charlie Thomas, Cosmo Collins, West Wales Rugby League

Jacob Haddad, Zayn Vermaark, Morgan Carter, Afan Nedd District U14's

Pupils V Staff Netball Game in Aid of The Ukraine Crisis

Year 7, 8 & 9 Athletics Competition V Dwr Y Felin

WRU Girls Taster Day with WRU Apprentices

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1922 - 2022
Urdd
Urdd WRU 7 2022
Llangatwg
Bechgyn Bl.9 - Enillwyr y Bowlen

With their exams all completed it was time to celebrate!!

Year 11 students recently brought their school days to a close with style and elegance at their prom held at the Swansea.com stadium. It was an impressive turnout with the young people dressed to impress. The pupils were impeccably behaved and were a credit to their School, their families but most of all themselves. The staff of Llangatwg wish them the very best of luck for the future. Prom King was Chey Davies with Prom Queen, Cerys Williams. Congratulations both.

Swans Project

Students from years 7 and 8 participated in the Swans project again this year and were lucky enough to attend the Swansea.com stadium for a celebration event for all their hard work.

Year 7

Year 8

Duke Of Edinburgh

Year 9 and 10 Pupils have worked hard towards achieving their Bronze DofE Award. Both year groups completed their practice expedition together at Margam Park.

Year 9 Completed their official expedition last month down the Gower, while Year 10 are due to complete their expedition at the end of term.

Well done all, a great achievement.