



Friday, 26th September 2025

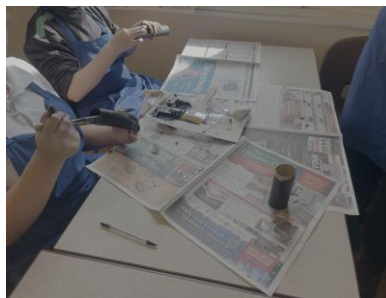
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and you've had a good week.

We've had another wonderful week at Llangatwg. The weather has meant pupils have been able to spend their lunch and break times outdoors, allowing them to recharge their batteries ready for the lessons ahead.

Humanities Project

This week, I'd like to give a special mention to our fantastic Year 9 Tyfu class, who have been working on an exciting Humanities project around the theme of '**change**'. Their focus has been on the Industrial Revolution, exploring how rapid population growth led to the rise of factories in towns and cities. Most recently, they stepped into the shoes of factory inspectors, writing powerful speeches demanding an end to child labour. To bring their learning to life, they even collaborated to build a model factory together! The class showed outstanding creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout—well done, everyone! We are incredibly proud of your efforts.



Welsh Review

This week, we've also been reviewing our Welsh language provision across the school—thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our survey. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us shape a clear and purposeful action plan to strengthen our Welsh provision moving forward.

As you may know, learning Welsh is a compulsory part of the curriculum in Wales up to the age of 16. Beyond meeting statutory requirements, learning Welsh offers our pupils a wide range of benefits. It deepens their understanding

of Welsh culture and heritage, enhances cognitive skills, and opens up future opportunities in education and employment—especially for those who plan to live and work in Wales. We're committed to ensuring our pupils not only learn the language but also appreciate its value in everyday life. It was wonderful to see some of our Year 8 pupils engaging in excellent group discussions in Welsh in their lessons this week – da iawn pawb!



ClassCharts Superstars

We're incredibly proud of all our pupils this week, with a fantastic number of positive ClassCharts points awarded across every year group. So many pupils have already achieved their Bronze award:



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**—the pupils who earned the highest number of points this week. Well done to each of you for setting such a brilliant example!

Year 7 ★

Noah Davies, Olivia Holden and Mason Rowntree

Year 8 ★

Lilah Burgin, Kye Elliston and Evie Hawkes

Year 9 ★

Sophie Millward, Conner Robson and Joshua Carsley

Year 10 ★

Joseph Langstaff-Hall, Mason Yates-Hand and Amelia Coslett

Year 11 ★

Seren Stokes-Jones, Tilly Howells and Samuel Jones

Year 7 rugby

Year 7 boys played their first rugby match at Ysgol Bae Baglan last week. They put in a very good performance, with every player contributing in producing an excellent match with lots of good play. Bae Baglan won the match, but the Llangatwg boys showed that they will have a promising 5 years representing the school.

Training takes place every Monday lunchtime on the astroturf or gym (no kit is required for this session), and every Thursday after school, on the astroturf or gym (kit is required for this session). The next match is on the **Thursday 2nd October v Bro Dur** at Llangatwg School.



Special Achievements

We're thrilled to announce that Rawan O'beid from year 8 has won the very first Llangatwg Library Champion Reader Award! Rawan read and borrowed more books than any other pupil during the 2024–25 academic year—all while she was still in Year 7. Her passion for reading continues to shine, as she's already borrowed even more books this term. Congratulations, Rawan, on this fantastic achievement and for inspiring others with your love of reading!



We're also delighted to share that year 7's Judah Wapshott recently took part in a special event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Neath Polar Bears Lifesaving Club, held on Wednesday evening. Judah was pictured alongside the Mayor and Mayoress of Neath Port Talbot, representing the club with pride. During the event, the team showcased a range of lifesaving skills in the pool, including towing techniques, rope throwing, and responding to a simulated rescue scenario. It was a fantastic evening, and we're proud of Judah for his involvement and commitment to such an important community initiative.

Notices:

1. Year 7-9 Learning Journeys

Following valuable feedback from parents and carers, we've created **Learning Journeys** for each subject for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 for the autumn term. These overviews are designed to give you a clear understanding of what your child is learning in school and how their progress will be assessed. We hope you find them helpful in supporting conversations at home about your child's learning and achievements.

You can access the Learning Journeys using the link below, and they are also available on our school website:

Year 7 Autumn Learning Journey

<https://heyzone.com/flip-book/year7LJ>

Year 8 Autumn Learning Journey

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/year8LJ>

Year 9 Autumn Learning Journey

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/year9LJ>

2. Years 10 and 11 Assessment information and Calendar

The links below will provide you with valuable information on GCSE courses, key dates and assessments for pupils in year 10 and year 11:

Year 10

[Year 10 Course Information, Assessments and Key Dates](#)

[Year 10 Assessments Autumn Term 2025](#)

Year 11

[Year 11 Course Information, Assessments and Key Dates](#)

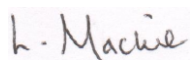
[Year 11 Assessments Autumn Term 2025](#)

If you require any further information regarding this, please contact Mr. Phil Sayce.

3. Our **Year 11 parent/carer evening** will take place **Monday 13th October** starting at 3:15pm. In addition to meeting your child's teachers, there will be a 'Year Ahead' presentation in the school hall at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. This presentation will outline key information around assessment, revision opportunities and examinations. Information on how to book appointments with your child's teachers will be sent out shortly.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,



Lauren Mackie
Headteacher
Llangatwg Community School

Mackie114@hwbcymru.net