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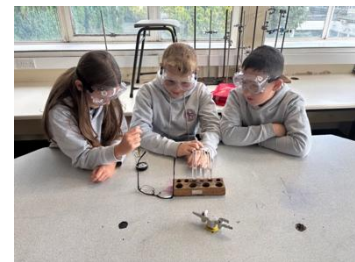
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Friday, 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

This week has been a vibrant and exciting one at Llangatwg Community School as we welcomed Year 6 pupils from our partner primary schools for their first transition visit. The pupils had a fantastic day exploring our Science and Technology departments, meeting new friends, and getting to know our staff. We are especially proud of our Year 11 pupils, who were outstanding in their support and guidance throughout the day. A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated staff for designing such engaging and inspiring lessons that made the experience so memorable.



Later that evening, we were delighted to welcome our Year 6 pupils, along with their parents and carers, to our annual Open Evening. It was a real pleasure to meet so many prospective families, and once again, our visitors thoroughly enjoyed exploring the wide range of learning areas and discovering all that Llangatwg has to offer.



Science Review

This week, we've also been reviewing our Science provision across the school. A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete

our survey—your feedback is incredibly valuable and will play a key role in shaping a clear and purposeful action plan to further strengthen our Science curriculum.

Throughout the week, we've had the pleasure of observing a number of Science lessons, and it has been fantastic to see our pupils fully engaged in their learning—especially during experiments and hands-on practical work:



School Council

Congratulations to all the pupils who have been elected to our School Council for this academic year. I'm really looking forward to working alongside them as we collaborate on meaningful initiatives to help make Llangatwg an even better place to learn and grow:

Llangatwg Community School Council 2025-2026

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jakob Wright	Alexis Jones	Lily Bentham	Jasmine Evans	Mia Phillips
Rosie Mansell	Avie Hitchings	Ella Rees	Catrin Davies	Luke Totterdale
Ellie Thomas	Faye Davis	Kian Thomas	Ffion Canfield	Emily Gee
Henry Brown	Elise James	Keira Jones	Reggie Dovener	Levi Wolfenden
Bailey Williams	Ellie-May Scott	Conner Robson	Tegan Phillips	Leyla James
Betsy Jones	Oliver Langstaff-Jones	Georgina Holden	Ava-grace Dyas	Alyssia Hopker
Jacob Kelly	Megan Poole		Mason Carpenter	Bethan Downey
			Riley Williams	

Year 10 Careers Talk

This week, we were pleased to welcome the Social Care Team from Neath Port Talbot, who delivered an informative and engaging assembly to our Year 10 pupils. The session was designed to support their upcoming work experience placements and offered valuable insight into the wide range of careers available within the social care sector. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn more about the vital roles that support individuals and communities, and to begin thinking about their own future pathways.



Kate Mosse Talk for Year 9

This week, year 9 pupils loved hearing Kate Mosse talk about her book *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year* today in the Waterfront Museum, Swansea. Our school was brilliantly represented - pupils listened, engaged, and asked thoughtful, sophisticated questions. It was a wonderful event celebrating women in history, from warrior queens to quiet revolutionaries.



European Day of Languages Activities

Congratulations to Zac Coope in Year 7, who was the winner of our European Day of Languages Flag Treasure Hunt! Well done also to all the Year 7 pupils who took part with such enthusiasm. We're also pleased to announce that

Jack Husband in Year 8 is our winner for his year group—he'll be receiving his prize shortly, and we hope to share a photo soon. Meanwhile, our Duolingo Challenge is now underway! The Week 1 league table will be published on Monday. Pupils and parents can check Class Charts announcements for the joining codes if they'd like to get involved.



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**—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 ★

Zac Coope, Finley Maguire and Jonathan Potts

Year 8 ★

Seren Lewis, Erin Osmond and Jack Husband

Year 9 ★

Savannah Davies, Dylan Powell and Lily Bentham

Year 10 ★

Dioseph Barbosa, Sebastian Benson and Lilly Tyrell

Year 11 ★

Amelia Church, Tillie Elkins and Hannah Perrott

Notices:

1. Respecting our local community

We've recently received a few reports concerning pupils being disrespectful to members of our local community while walking home from school. As a school, we place great importance on kindness, respect, and responsibility—values we hope to see reflected beyond the school gates. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these messages at home by speaking with your child about the importance of showing respect to others in our community.

2. Scholastic Book Fair – next week

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at school next week. Pupils will have the opportunity to browse and purchase books of their choice during **break and lunch times** throughout the week in our school library.

Payment Options:

- **Pre-paid vouchers:** Parents can purchase a voucher in advance and send it in with their child.
- **QR code:** Pupils can pay using a QR code available at the fair.
- **Cash:** Pupils may also pay with cash on the day.
- Please see the information below for further details. We look forward to seeing everyone there and celebrating a love of reading!



A vibrant purple and yellow poster for the Scholastic Book Fair. At the top left, a blue circle says 'FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!'. The Scholastic logo and 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' are at the top center. The main text reads 'Come to the BOOK FAIR!' with 'BOOK' in a red box and 'FAIR!' in a blue box. Below this, it states 'LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE'. At the bottom right, a purple cloud says 'A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FOR JUST £2.00'. The bottom section is divided into two columns: 'Payment at our Book Fair' and 'HELP EARN FREE BOOKS'. The footer contains small text: '*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fair for details. All books subject to availability. Stock ranges may vary.'

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Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop-down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in **£5, £10, £15, £20 and £25**. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via e-mail: please ask your school for details.

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Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

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3. Our **Year 11 parent/carer evening** will take place on **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.
4. **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 for your continued support. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

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