



Ysgol Gymunedol Llangatwg Llangatwg Community School

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Friday, 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

With just five weeks left in the term, the countdown to Christmas is well underway! There's plenty to look forward to – festive events, celebrations, and a well-earned break – but this is also a crucial period for pupils in examination classes.

Now is the time to strike the right balance: pupils should enjoy the coming weeks while staying focused. Our Year 11 mock examinations will take place from Monday, 1 December through to Friday, 12 December. Teachers will be providing revision materials, and it's essential that pupils begin building strong study habits now. Effective preparation for these mocks will ease pressure later in the year and set pupils up for success.

We are proud of the commitment our pupils continue to show, and please remember, we're here to support them every step of the way.

Although the weather hasn't been on our side this week, it hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of our pupils. They've continued to seize every opportunity with energy and determination. We want to see this same ambitious, hardworking attitude carry through the rest of the term.

Rotary Club Young Musician Competition

On Monday evening, a group of our talented pupils proudly represented the school at the Rotary Club Young Musician competition, held at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School. Congratulations to the following performers:

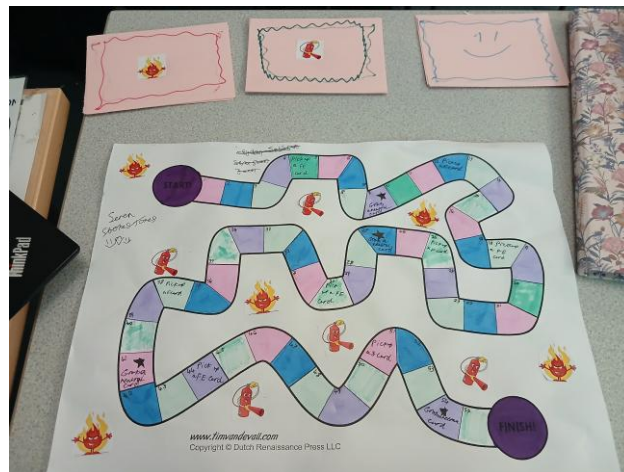
Ashton Jarvis
Joe Evans
Thomas Bentham
Thomas Griffiths
Maisy Miles
Lily Edwards
Emily Gee
Alex Lazar

Each pupil delivered an outstanding performance and truly did themselves and the school proud. We are delighted to share that Thomas Bentham achieved second place in the vocal category – an incredible achievement! Well done, Tom, and well done to all of our performers for their hard work and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of you!



Year 11 Agored Cymru

We are ever so proud of our year 11 Agored Cymru class who have worked incredibly hard on the unit of fire safety this week. They are in the process of producing games incorporating fire escape / safety plans. Da iawn pawb!



Llangatwg Learning Community Combined School Council

On Thursday, our Head Boy, Luke Totterdale, and Head Girl, Mia Phillips, proudly led the first-ever combined School Council meeting as part of the Llangatwg Learning Community. The meeting took place at Ynysfach Primary School and brought together council members from all of our partner primary schools. Pupils discussed several important topics, including Year 6/7 transition and ways to reward achievement in school. It was a highly productive session, and everyone is looking forward to the next meeting.



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 ★

Olivia Evans, Lexi Jarvis and Maisie Thomas

Year 8 ★

Avie Hitchings, Tia Cooze and Seren Griffiths

Year 9 ★

Sam Johnson, Finley Phillips and William Cole

Year 10 ★

Shaldon Morgan, Summer Brewer and William Mortimer

Year 11 ★

Lewis McGinley, Bailey Carslake and Gallagher

Languages news

Next week, we are delighted to be welcoming 14 pupils and 2 staff from College Saint Charles Garnier in Québec City. They will be here to continue our project on bilingualism. The project is funded by Taith, a Welsh Government initiative to provide students in Wales opportunities to connect and collaborate with organisations across the world. 15 pupils in Year 10 and 11 visited Québec in February and now it is our turn to host our partners. The group will be at school on Monday working with their partners in Year 11 and learning about Wales and the Welsh language. During the week, they will visit Big Pit, The Gower and Swansea and they will have a reception with the Mayor and Mayoress of Neath Port Talbot. Next weekend, they will go to watch Wales play against New Zealand at the Principality Stadium. I am sure that our pupils and staff will give them a warm Llangatwg welcome!

Notices:

1. Year 10 work experience will be taking place during the week beginning November 24th. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and if you require any further support, please contact Mrs. Aldridge.
2. I have had to change the date of my next 'Open Meeting with the Headteacher' to **Monday, 1st December at 4pm**. This is a completely open agenda, led by you as parents and carers. It will give you an opportunity to chat with me as headteacher and other parents/carers over a cup of tea and a cake. The last meeting was really successful and resulted in some really positive outcomes for us. If you would like to attend, please complete the google form in the link below to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.gle/wGBzrm7STzrVy5kPA>
3. **Facebook page:** If you haven't already done so, please follow us on Facebook by searching for Llangatwg Community School:

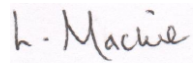


We'll be using this page to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and outside of school. If your son or daughter has accomplished something special outside of school—whether in sports, the arts, volunteering, or any other area—

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Mackie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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