



Friday, 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week at Llangatwg Community School, I would like to take the opportunity to share some of the wonderful achievements and experiences our pupils have enjoyed.

🌟 Inclusion Award Ceremony

This afternoon we held our Inclusion Award Ceremony, a very special event that celebrated the achievements, perseverance and determination of a number of our pupils.

The ceremony recognised pupils for a wide range of accomplishments, from progress and commitment within literacy and numeracy intervention programmes, to Perseverance Awards and Shining Light Awards, which celebrate those pupils who consistently demonstrate positivity, resilience and kindness.

It was a genuinely uplifting afternoon and a powerful reminder that success comes in many forms. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who were recognised today and grateful to the staff who work so tirelessly to support our learners to flourish.



🟡 U12 and U14 Girls Urdd Rugby 7s

We are extremely proud of our Year 7 and Year 8/9 girls rugby teams, who represented the school at the Urdd Rugby 7s competitions earlier this term.

- The Year 8/9 team competed on Monday 20 April and showcased their skills against strong teams from across Wales. They finished third in their pool, progressed to the final 16 of the Plate, and reached the semi-final, where they drew 12–12 against Llanishen Comprehensive. The match went to a thrilling Golden Egg period, with Llanishen scoring next to progress. Despite the result, the performance was outstanding and a real credit to the school. Mya Richards, who captained the team, was deservedly selected as Player of the Competition for her leadership and exceptional ability.
- The Year 7 team competed on Friday 24 April in very warm conditions and showed tremendous resilience, work rate and teamwork. After progressing to the final 16 of the Plate, they were promoted to the Cup competition and reached the semi-final, losing narrowly to a team with exceptional pace. Poppy-Haf Williams, the team captain, was selected as Player of the Competition, scoring over 10 tries across the day and impressing with her tackling and determination.

Both teams were a pleasure to take to the competition, demonstrating excellent behaviour, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. We look forward to seeing them return next year.

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Working with PC Kent – Hangout Van Reward

After five months of working closely with PC Kent, a group of our pupils were rewarded this week with a visit from the Hangout Van.

Joe Evans, Joseph Rance, Cyran Church and Indy Whiteman have worked alongside PC Kent to develop new resources for Key Stage 3 Health and Wellbeing lessons. Their maturity, commitment and



positive attitude have been exemplary.

There was some friendly competition on the PS5 (with mixed results!), but most importantly, the boys have been a real credit to the school and have helped create learning materials that will benefit pupils in the future.

Year 7 Science – David Attenborough and Carbon Literacy

Year 7 pupils in Tyfu celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday in science this week. Pupils explored his impact on conservation, biodiversity and reducing plastic waste, and produced a fantastic display currently on show in reception.

In preparation for future science topics, Year 7 also took part in a carbon literacy session delivered by Morgan Sindall. Pupils learned about climate change, considered their own carbon footprints and explored practical ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It was a valuable and engaging session that supported our wider sustainability curriculum.



Year 9 Business Trip – KPMG Cardiff

A group of Year 9 pupils who have opted to study Business in Year 10 visited the KPMG offices in Cardiff yesterday.

The session, delivered through The Talent Foundry, gave pupils an insight into:

- the work of an international professional services company
- education, training and career pathways
- how numeracy and wider skills are used in real-world jobs

Pupils took part in an interactive challenge where they pitched themselves for different roles and presented to KPMG employees. They did so with confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism, making the visit a great success.



Maths Superstars – Years 7 and 8

Once again, we are celebrating some fantastic success in mathematics, with 35 pupils from Years 7 and 8 taking part in a recent competition.

Year 7

- Bronze: Brooke Smith, Finn Jones, Carli Rai, Lexi Williams
- Silver: Rudhi Bence, Henry Brown, Zac Coope, Michael Neagu, Judah Wapshott
- Silver (one mark from Gold): Oliver Docherty

Year 8

- Bronze: Oliver Evans
- Silver: Catalin Lazar

We are hugely proud of each of these pupils – da iawn!

Good Luck – Ynysygerwn AFC U12 Plate Final

We would also like to wish good luck to a group of our Year 7 pupils, who will be competing this Saturday in the Macron West Glamorgan U12 Plate Final for Ynysygerwn AFC.

The team has worked incredibly hard in their first season of competitive football and is aiming to finish second in the league. The pupils involved are:

Ashton Walker, Morgan John, Jonny Potts, Leon Jenkins, Jake Wright, James Greenslade, Caden Edmunds-Whitney and Jacob Kelly.

We wish them every success and look forward to hearing how they get on.



The Final Bow – The Stage That Raised Us

Our beloved school stage has been the heart of Llangatwg for decades — a place where stories came alive, confidence grew, and generations of pupils discovered the joy of performance. As we prepare to close our hall for the final time in May in preparation for the new school build, we invite you to join us for a special evening celebrating its legacy.

A Night of Music and Memories

Date: Tuesday 19th May 2026

Time: 7pm

Location: Llangatwg School Hall – *Our Beloved Stage, One Last Time*

What to Expect

- Performances from past and present pupils
- Songs from the musicals that have shaped our school's history
- A celebration of creativity, community and shared memories
- A final bow on a stage we will never forget

We hope many of you will join us for what promises to be a very special event.

To purchase a ticket, please scan the QR code or contact our school office:



ClassCharts Superstars

As always, we are extremely proud of our pupils' achievements this week. A special well-done goes to our **ClassCharts Superstars**, who achieved the highest points in their year groups across the week.

Year 7

Zac Coope, Ella Flood and Lexi Williams

Year 8

Ellie-May Scott, Nyle Potter and Kayla Mogford

Year 9

Amelia Barnes, Dylan Powell and Jenson Davies

Year 10

Marcus Mesropean, Liam Uzzell and Catrin Davies

Year 11

Jackson Morris, Luke Harris and Macsen Purnell

Notices:

1. Remaining Parent/Carer evenings:

Monday 18th May - Year 7 parent/carers evening: Year 7 parents/carers will have the opportunity to speak with your child's Year 7 teachers. The evening will take place in the Maths/canteen block. Please use the following link to book your appointments: <https://lcs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

2. Dates to be aware of:

- We break up for half term on **Friday, 22nd May** and return to school on **Monday, June 1st**.
- School will be closed to pupils on **Monday, 29th June** as it is a Professional Learning day for staff.

3. **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**
- **Note: Short Nike pro or equivalent shorts 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>

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



We use 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, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

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