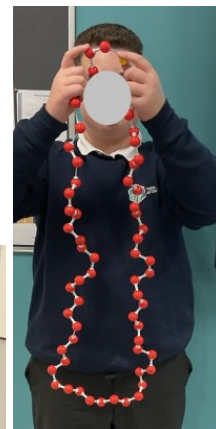


Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see the pupils working with no pens today. This morning, year 7 were discovering atoms and compounds ahead of their new topic, through the use of Molymods. The pupils made some very impressive models!

Year 5 were testing out aerodynamics during their science lessons. They were trialling out different shapes and styles of paper aeroplanes to discover which design would travel the furthest.



## Dates for your diary

Date	What's happening?
Thursday 13th February	Year 9 Core subjects Parents' Evening
Friday 21st February	Eisteddfod
Monday 24th February	Half term
Wednesday 26th February	Ski trip departs
Monday 3rd March	All pupils return to school after half term
Wednesday 5th March	Ski trip returns
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	Year 9 Option Evening
Tuesday 18th March	Nursing service on site for vaccinations (Yr9)

## Llangrannog Visit

Next week from 12<sup>th</sup> February until 14<sup>th</sup> February children from Year 6 will be going on a residential to Llangrannog. Our staff are very excited to share this experience. The staff accompanying the trip are Mr G Mead, Mr G Couldrick, Mrs K Jones, Miss A Watkins and Miss E Davey. This experience is aimed at improving bilingualism, Geography, History, Literature and art skills.



## Free Swimming Sessions in Hawthorn Community Pool

Every Friday from 3pm-4pm is a free swim funded by the BSA. The sessions are for families that could help make swimming more accessible and inclusive for everyone. Access to swimming is not just about safety but also about providing an opportunity for fun, fitness, and overall wellbeing.

Free swim is also available for families on a Sunday from 11am. Please contact the Hawthorn Swimming Pool for more information.





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## Attendance

Nursery	80%	Year 4	92%	Year 9	82%
Reception	86%	Year 5	93%	Year 10	83%
Year 1	93%	Year 6	91%	Year 11	83%
Year 2	93%	Year 7	90%		
Year 3	90%	Year 8	90%		

Congratulations to **Year 1, Year 2 and 5** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 90% attendance to school. A high level of attendance to school supports high levels of attainment and well-

## Celebration of Success



Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended by their Progress leader or teachers. Well done!

<b>Nursery</b>	Lucas Hickey Huxley Hazel	<b>Year 4</b>	Shelby Williams Oaklee Harris	<b>Year 9</b>	Logan Diamond-Davey Hanna Kudelka
<b>Reception</b>	Raya Davies Elijah Kuras	<b>Year 5</b>	Gracie Rowe Pako Malebe	<b>Year 10</b>	Lola Knowles Daniel Agbo
<b>Year 1</b>	Lucas Granelli Morgan Jenkins	<b>Year 6</b>	Emmanuel, Obioma Jubril Olatunbi Elaina Loveridge	<b>Year 11</b>	Kharlie Western Mason Howard
<b>Year 2</b>	Kingsley Lacey	<b>Year 7</b>	Adam Kyrychenko		
<b>Year 3</b>	Greyson McCall Isabella Connelly.	<b>Year 8</b>	Bria Collins William Davies		



### Numeracy pupils of the month

Congratulations to these pupils who have achieved numeracy pupil of the month





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## Eisteddfod: Friday 21st February 2025

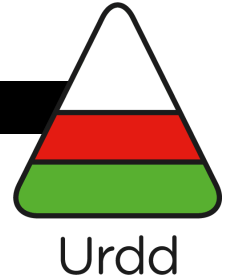
We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding our annual Eisteddfod on Friday 21st February 2025.

Our four houses are:

Rhondda (Green), Cynon (Yellow), Taf (Blue)  
& Elia (Red)

As part of the Eisteddfod celebrations, we are excited to announce a special homework project for our pupils. Each year group has been assigned a craft activity that reflects the spirit and culture of Wales. All entries will contribute points to their respective house, so we encourage everyone to participate!

Nursery to Year 9 will be completing assignments in different subjects across the school to earn points for their house. More information to follow from class teachers and/or Google Classroom.



### Phase/Subject with task

Cymraeg - Design your own version of the Welsh flag

English - Write a persuasive piece about making a change in our local area

Maths - Celtic Designs

Science - Year 7 Journey of a perfume particle. Particles

Year 8 Evolution design a new Welsh dragon

Year 9 Sustainable Wales How could Wales become a Carbon Neutral country.

Art - Design and colour a hybrid portrait. Inspired by our hybrid dragon.

Drama - Come up with a series of freeze frames to portray Welsh life throughout the ages

Cooking - Design a menu offering popular Welsh foods

French - Design a lovespoon that incorporates elements of French culture

Music - Classroom keyboard performances

Humanities - To write a narrative about Gelert for the Eisteddfod.

Advance (Year 4 to Year 6)

Take a picture of themselves by a Welsh landmark and write a short fact file on it

Achieve (Nursery to Year 3)

Nursery - Love Spoon, Reception - Daffodil, Year 1 - Welsh Lady. Year 2 – Dragon, Year 3 - Rugby/  
Football Shirt

On the day Year 4 to Year 9 will be asked to wear a top of their house colour and appropriate PE bottoms and trainers as there will be some active events.

Nursery to Year 3 are welcome to do the same or dress in Welsh costumes or rugby shirts.

Form teachers and class teachers will confirm the houses for individual pupils and the colour.



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## Numeracy Across the Curriculum



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Achieve

A class of students takes a survey on their favourite subjects. 60% prefer Maths, 25% prefer Science, and the rest prefer English. If there are 40 students in the class, how many students prefer each subject?



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Advance

A recipe requires 250 grams of flour for every 200 grams of sugar. If a baker wants to make a batch using 1 kilogram of sugar, how much flour will they need?



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Activate

A farmer has 72 apples. He puts them into bags, with each bag holding 9 apples. How many bags does he fill?



## Faculty of LiFE – Newsletter

Pupil shout outs! Da iawn!

### PUPIL SHOUT OUTS

Year/ Subject	Name
Welsh Bacculaureate	Year 10 - Lily Jones, Lucas Parson, Ruby Spear, Roughan Jones, Daniel Agbo, Emilie Rees, Xavier Warner  Year 11- Nife Lapade, Tom Davies, Jay Cummings, Freddy Brock, Ruby Ford, Brooke Harvey, Leon Jackson, Carter Darch, Kharlie Weston, Deme Williams
Geography	Year 10 - Caitlin Perry Year 11 - Lexie Walsh
History	Year 10 - Emma Phillips and Sophie Shankland Year 11 - Abi Jones and Daniel Betty
Humanities	Year 4 - Peyton Powderhill, Thea Bennett Year 5 - Hattie Thomas, Faith Wilson Year 6 - Frankie McFadden, Sharon Matthews, Tyler Hughes, Thom Richards Year 7 - Sukhmanjot Kaur, Jessika Cuff, Frankie Jonathan Year 8 - Ben Jones, Phoebe Grant & Hayden Booker Year 9 - Elan Harvey, Brogan Gill, Evie Hopkins & Ellis Griffiths
PE	Y4- Harley Tyrie, Bradley Davies, Ella Dunn, Isabelle Harris Y5 - Pako Malebye / Georgie King Y7 - Indy-Mae Watton / Kayla Jones / Poppy Ley / Emily Ackford Y8 - Lilly-Mae Mountjoy / Lacey Marriott
Health and Social Care	Y10 - Jessica Myant Y11 - Brooke Harvey
Ethics	Y10 - Emilie Rees, Xavier Warner, Deegan Dragon-Shmylo & Keeli Fletcher-Slocombe Y11 - Codie Patterson, Farrah Williams & Caleb Allen





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## Welsh Bacallaureate Reminder



Year 10 - Community Challenge  
( with 25% of overall grade)  
**Monday 31st March 2025**

Year 11 - Individual Project  
( worth 50% of overall grade)  
**Friday 28th March 2025**

## Year 10 Welsh Bacallaureate

This week, year 10 have been busy preparing for their Community challenge where they will teach younger pupils in our school about a social issue.

Year 10 will further develop important skills such as planning, organisation, communication and teamwork.



## Y11 Ethics Reminder

Equality and Diversity booklets are due in by Easter half term. This is pupil work and purple pen improvements.





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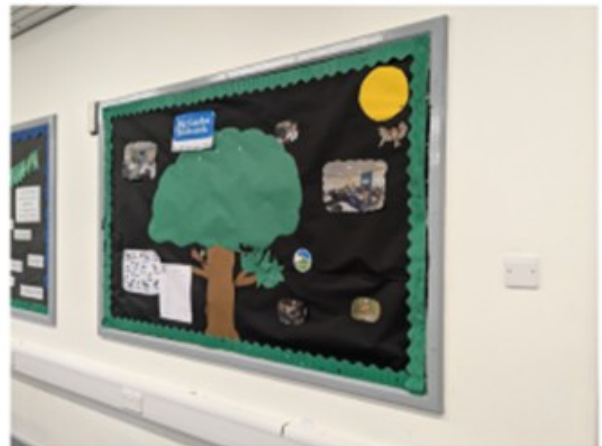
## WOW school challenge!

Last month, pupils from Reception-Y6 started their WOW Living Streets challenge, where they chose to travel to school in more active ways. This Friday the WOW ambassadors will be awarding badges to 180 pupils- da iawn, chi!



## LiFE/Eco Committee - Big Garden Birdwatch

The Upper Advance and Achieve Phase delivered a Big Garden Birdwatch workshop to the year 5s on Friday afternoon - this was the very first time YAW have undertake cross-phase teaching. Learners logged the results with RSPB and then made a display.





## More extracurricular success!

Our fantastic year 9 girls competed in a netball fixture against Cardinal Newman and came out victorious 14-09.

Brilliant netball was displayed and the PE department love seeing how much the students are progressing and enjoying each week.

Da lawn Merched!



Y7 netball team



Y8 netball team



U13's Girls Cricket



U13s Girls Football



First Cricket tournament at Sophia gardens, Cardiff on 10th February. Pwb lwc merched!

