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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your support today with the non uniform day to raise money for Kyle. All monies collected will help to support Kyle and his family moving forward. The school raised approximately £1000.

The pupils have been extremely busy this week in school. We have had the first in our series of community engagement sessions led by Barefoot & Beyond, an organisation who encourage enjoyment and enrichment through outdoor education. A group of Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils and their parents/carers participated in the construction of planters for the school's polytunnel.

We also invited members of the governing body into school to judge the Easter bonnet competition. They saw all of the Activate children and their amazing bonnets. Plus the children had a visit from the Easter bunny! There are superb photographs of the parade later in the newsletter and we thank everyone for their support and dedication.

During the INSET day on Monday, the teaching staff attending training on the new GCSE qualifications and the Read, Write, Inc program which supports phonics learning.

Further in the newsletter, there is information on the summer uniform for Ysgol Afon Wen as the weather improves. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all pupils that the points on Class Charts will reset for the Summer term, outlined in the newsletter last week. The new terms points will be rewarded with the end of term trips.

We wish all of our community a lovely Easter break and look forward to the pupils returning to school on Monday 28th April (Week 1).

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 28th April 2025	Pupils return to school for the Summer term (Week 1)
Thursday 1st May 2025	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 8th May 2025	GCSE examinations start
Monday 5th May 2025	May bank holiday. School closed to pupils.
Thursday 8th May 2025	Year 7 Progress Evening
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of May half term.
Monday 2nd June 2025	Pupils return to school



Summer Uniform

As the weather improves, pupils/parents may wish to move to a summer uniform. The school uniform information is below. Please note that pupils are not allowed to wear cycling shorts and their school T-shirt, the uniform is a tailored skirt, shorts or trousers or a yellow summer dress. Pupils are not allowed to wear flip flops/crocs, etc as this would not be safe to run around in the playground.



During the summer term, pupils in the Activate and Advance phase (up to Year 6) may wear a yellow gingham summer dress. The dress can be of any style. Pupils may choose to wear a school cardigan with this.



All pupils must wear a charcoal grey base. They may wear a skirt (of any style), tailored trousers/shorts or a pinafore (of any style). Nursery children may wear jogging bottoms.



Footwear must be of a leather/leather look/patent material. Most importantly, the shoe must be waterproof. The style can be a classic school shoe, boot or trainer. Shoes must not feature coloured or white trims, coloured laces or coloured logos. Footwear must be all black.





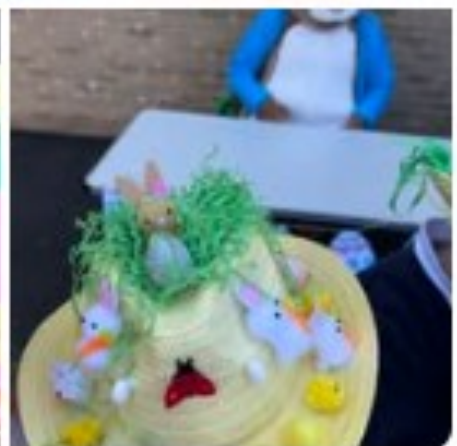
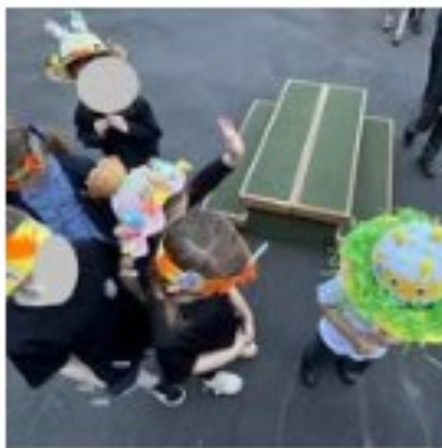
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Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you very much to all the pupils (and parents) who worked extremely hard to make some amazing Easter bonnets. The children looked very colourful and ready for Easter parading past our three governors. They found it very challenging to pick first, second and third from each year group. Well done everyone.





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Easter Bonnet Parade

The winners were:

Nursery - Arlo Birkenshaw, Lucian Williams and Harrison Quarman Chandler

Reception - Maise-Rae Lott, EVan Wilson and Poppy Perry

Year 1 - Evan Jones, Rhodri Jones, Noah Bennet

Year 2 - Harley Harrop, Brooke Bouldin and Harrison Davies

Year 3 - Elliott Williams, Jayden Lee and Phenyio Malebye

Thank you to everyone who participated as it was very difficult to judge.



Charity Committee

Congratulations to the charity committee who have worked tirelessly to raise money for our school community today. Thank you to pupils, parents and members of staff for your support. The winners announced today were very happy with their prizes.



Pri	Winner
1st	Noah James
2n	Logan Wintfield
3rd	Aura-Jane Francis
4th	Austin Parker
5th	Miss Warburton
6th	Miss Hassell
7th	Amber Crockett
8th	Charlie Baldwin
9th	Miss Burnett
10t	Seren-Jorgie Phillips
11t	Izzabella Reardon
12t	Mr Cambell
13	Miss Holland
14t	Oliver Powell
15t	Layla Parsons
16t	Alethea Coomber
17t	Abigail Parton
18t	Amber Crockett
19t	Miss T Price
20t	Miss B Jones
21	Mrs Crossen
22	Crystal Mai Phillips





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Easter Chicks



Nursery have been lucky to have eggs hatch into chicks in the classroom this half term. They have watched them grow into beautiful little chickens who will go back to the farm after Easter. Pupils have learnt all about chicks and being careful with them. The pupils have also shared the experience with some of the older pupils in the Activate phase. Nursery have been lucky to have eggs hatch into chicks in the classroom this half term. They have watched them grow into beautiful little chickens who will go back to the farm after Easter. Pupils have learnt all about chicks and being careful with them. The pupils have also shared the experience with some of the older pupils in the Activate phase.



Year 11 Exam information

Art and Photography examinations start on Monday 28th April. Pupils will know which day(s) their examination takes place. The GCSE exams start on Thursday 8th May 2025.

Summer Examination Timetable 2025: Please refer to WJEC timetable for confirmation of these dates and times															
Date	Time	Year	Examination	Length of exam	Venue	N ^o .	AA No.	Time	Year	Examination	Length of exam	Venue	N ^o .	AA No.	
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Art – Day 1	All Day					11	Art – Day 1	All Day				
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Art – Day 2	All Day					11	Art – Day 2	All Day				
Thursday 1 st May 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Photography – Day 1	All Day					11	Photography – Day 1	All Day				
Friday 2 nd May 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Photography – Day 2	All Day					11	Photography – Day 2	All Day				
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11							11						
Thursday 8 th May 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Mathematics - Numeracy - Unit 1	1hr 30m - 1hr 45m					11						
Friday 9 th May 2025	AM	10						PM	10						
		11	Drama - Unit 3	1hr 30m					11						

Revision sessions taking place in the Easter holidays are outlined below:

Subject	Date	Time	Room	Staff Member
Mathematics (Intermediate Tier)	Thursday 17th April 2025	10—1pm	C3	C Morgan
Health and Social Care	Thursday 12-3pm	12—3pm	C8	A Watkins
Art and Photography	Wednesday 16th April 2025	10-3pm	A35/36	M Jenkins/J Cox
Geography	TBC via Google classroom	TBC	B8	B Warburton

Year 11 English Language Revision sessions

Clwb Saesneg:
2.45-3.45 on the English Corridor

Tuesday 29th April
Thursday 1st May
Tuesday 6th May
Tuesday 13th May
Thursday 15th May
Monday 19th May
Tuesday 20th May
Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 22nd May
Tuesday 3rd June
Wednesday 4th June
Thursday 5th June

Revision Afternoons:
Thursday 22nd May
Thursday 5th June



2 teaching weeks remaining
10 school days
50 lessons



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Exam Stress information for parents



CAMHS SHINE TEAM

JOIN US FOR A FREE RECORDED WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS ON SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH EXAM STRESS

Our short workshop sharing tips, ideas and strategies to help with Exam Stress.





Where: Online recording
Available now via the QRcode above

Useful websites/apps

SAMARITANS 



 


YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health 

student minds 

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111 

BBC Bitesize 

The Student Room 



CHILL PANDA
Helps children to better understand their stress and shows them ways to feel better using breathing techniques, yoga, exercises, and games.



Calm
Meditation techniques and sleep stories to aid with stress and sleep.



HEADSPACE
A meditation app that acts as a personal guide to health and happiness.



WORRY TREE
The app aims to help you take control of worry, wherever you are.



Year 10 Work Experience – Week Commencing 23rd June

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already secured a work experience placement for their child for the week beginning 23rd June. For those who have not yet finalised a placement, there is still time, and we are continuing to accept completed forms. Please ensure that any submission includes a copy of the business's liability insurance document.

It is important to note that all pupils without a confirmed placement are expected to attend school during that week—failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence. If your child has not returned their completed form by the week following the Easter break, or there is a missing liability insurance document, a member of our team will contact you to discuss the work experience with you further.

Year 10 GCSE examinations

GCSE Examinations Summer 2025				
Please refer to WJEC timetable for confirmation of these dates and times https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/e0dhpypd/summer-2025-wales-and-eduqas-gcse-final-exam-timetable-14-04-24.pdf				
Date	Time	Examination	Time	Examination
Monday 12 th May 2025	09:0	English Literature Unit 1 (2hrs)	13.00	
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	09:0	English Literature Unit 2 (2hrs)	13.00	
Half term week: Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025				
Monday 2 nd June 2025	09:0		13.00	Health and Social Care & Childcare Unit 1 (1hr 30m)
Monday 9 th June 2025	09:0	Biology Unit 1 (1hr 45m)	13.00	
Tuesday 10 th June 2025	09:0		13.00	History Unit 3 (1hr 15m)
Friday 13 th June 2025	09:0	Chemistry Unit 1 (1hr 45m)	13.00	
Monday 16 th June 2025	09:0	Physic Unit 1 (1hr 45m)	13.00	


Your child will have mock examinations scheduled **Tuesday 29th April and Thursday 1st May 2025** in preparation for the Summer examination series. These examinations will be held in the Sports Hall and access arrangements will be in the gym.

DATE	TIME	MOCK SUBJECT / PAPER
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	8.30am – 10.30am*	English Literature Unit 2 (2hrs)
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	11.15am – 1.00pm*	Biology Unit 1 (1hr 45m)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	8.30am – 10.15am*	Chemistry Unit 1 (1hr 45m)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	11.15am – 1.10pm*	History Unit 3 (1hr 15m)
Thursday 1 st May 2025	8.30am – 10.00am*	Health and Social Care and Childcare Unit 1 (1hr 30m)

(*) pupils with additional time will have the required allocation

NB: Physics have completed a mock examination in the classroom

Please reassure your child that this is an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt and understood throughout the year and will give the teaching staff an opportunity to feedback to them about how to improve for the Summer.



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Extra Curricular Activities

A new timetable for extra curricular clubs will be created for pupils in Reception – Year 6 for the Summer term. Clubs will not run during the first week back to be able to communicate all information to parents/carers. Clubs will start again on the week commencing 6th May.

Below are the extra curricular activities for Year 7 –11 for PE

Summer Term PE Enrichment Activities

Tuesday	Athletics	Astro
Wednesday	Rugby 7s Tennis / Pickleball Girls Rugby	Astro Sports hall / MUGA Astro
Thursday	Football Cricket / Rounders	Astro MUGA
Autumn Term		
Tuesday	Athletics	Astro
Wednesday	Rugby 7s Tennis / Pickleball Girls rugby	Astro Sports Hall / MUGA Astro
Thursday	Football Cricket / Rounders	Astro MUGA

Numeracy pupil of the month





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Celebration of Year 11



We are delighted to announce our recent Year 11 awards ceremony, celebrating the incredible achievements and efforts of our students! It was a moment of pride as we recognised those who have excelled in various categories. Our Bronze, Silver, and Gold Class-charts point awards highlighted outstanding contributions to classroom engagement and behaviour.

Special accolades include our Progress Lead Award, honouring students who have shown commendable growth, and the Most Improved Award, recognising those who have truly transformed their academic journey. Additionally, we celebrated punctuality with our Punctuality Award, and acknowledged exemplary involvement with the Contribution Award.

A round of applause for those achieving 95% to 100% attendance, as you are the driving force behind our vibrant school community! As a token of appreciation, students received attendance vouchers for Nandos, bowling, and cinema outings, along with delicious breakfasts and bacon rolls. [Congratulations](#) to all our talented Year 11 students for their exemplary efforts!





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Celebration Breakfast

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended for their improved attendance by their Progress leader today. They enjoyed a free breakfast reward. Well done!



Rewards Assemblies

Rewards assemblies took place today for all year groups. Rewards given were donated by Do Digital Agency, Tesco and the Cardiff City FC Foundation. Pupils were given Cardiff City tickets for tomorrow's match, cinema tickets, bowling, Nando's and Tesco vouchers.

The awards were given for attendance, improvement, kindness, resilience Award, outstanding Contribution, positivity, politeness and punctuality.

We also gave out Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for Class Chart Points.





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Celebration of Success



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

Nursery	Aliyah-Rose Mohammed Aurora-Jane Francis	Year 4	Scarlett Palmer Oliver Cunningham	Year 9	Layla Ford-Searl Evan Parker
Reception	Caleb Bartlett Noah Boffy	Year 5	Miya Rees Armani-Mai Jones	Year 10	Imogen Roberts Finnley Williams
Year 1	Bobby Kizmus Osian Hammond	Year 6	Harley Davies Taylor Wood Frankie McFadden	Year 11	Jake Day Autumn Phillips
Year 2	Samuel Preece Freddie Morgan	Year 7	Lacie Evans Evan Horton		
Year 3	Axel Bevan Joseph Phillips	Year 8	Lily-Mae Mountjoy Oliver Martin		

Attendance

Nursery	85%	Year 4	90%	Year 9	80%
Reception	89%	Year 5	94%	Year 10	80%
Year 1	95%	Year 6	91%	Year 11	84%
Year 2	95%	Year 7	91%		
Year 3	91%	Year 8	92%		

Congratulations to **Year 1 and 2** 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 wellbeing.

