

# Newsletter / Cylchlythyr

King Henry VIII 3-19 School  
May 2025/Mai 2025



## Rotary Club Writing Competition



Our pupils entered the annual Rotary Club writing competition again this year. One of our winners for the Abergavenny Rotary Club Round was Abigail in Year 7 who won first prize in the 'Intermediate Prose' category. Abigail's entry was also put forward into the Rotary District Round where Abigail came third.

Well done, Abigail! We are very proud of your efforts and what you have achieved.



## Value of the Month Respect / Parch

Being kind and polite.  
Considering the feelings of others.

## Key dates for June

9 <sup>th</sup>	Y10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 / Y9 Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y8 trip to the National Museum of History
19 <sup>th</sup>	'School and Community Together' Event
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y8 / Y10 Sports Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Phase Transition Morning
24 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 7 Transition Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 7 Transition Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 7 Information Evening
26 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Phase Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 / Y13 Leavers Assemblies
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Prom
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y9 Battlefields Tour
27 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Training Day (School closed)

## Sparx Maths:

506,684 questions answered correctly with  
9,602 hours of personalised learning completed.

## Merits awarded:

9796 merits

## Our School Network Reads!

In May 2025, students have read...

**23 Books**

**1,704,932 Words**

**for 31 minutes/day!**  
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE  
**Accelerated Reader**

## Year 6 fashion show

Llewpard Eira have creatively upcycled old clothing. They have redesigned garments with flair, expressed unique fashion ideas, all whilst learning about sustainability and teamwork.



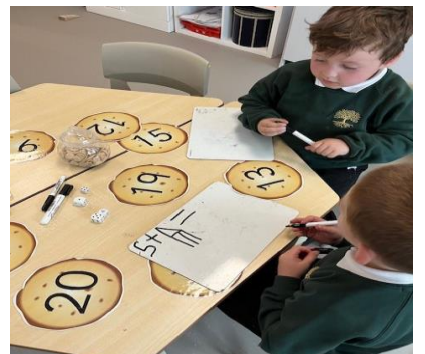
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## Dosbarth Eliffant

Our Reception class have thoroughly enjoyed using and exploring their brand new facilities. This half term they have particularly loved learning about bears.



## Dosbarth Starfish

Dosbarth Starfish have been really enjoying their new outside area, including the tickle tunnel! Recently they also had an amazing time meeting and holding different animals. Very brave!



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## Author visit for Years 5 and 6 pupils

Our school had an exciting visit by children's author Rachel Morrisroe. Our pupils were the first in the country to hear about her new book 'Felix and the Future Agency'. Rachel spoke about writing and the process of getting published, before giving the pupils the chance to ask all their questions.



## Communication with Confidence

Year 10 pupils had the pleasure of a visit from Seren Instructor, Richard Hall, on how to deliver confident communication. Richard imparted his wisdom and confidence in an entertaining and helpful manner, demonstrating how to 'fake confidence' when speaking in public. It really did work as all pupils got up and spoke in front of one another, overcoming their nerves and lack of preparation time! These skills will now be built upon in lessons as they prepare for their GCSE English Language Oracy exams in June.

## Sony Technology Workshop



Pupils learned about the history of technology and how the different parts of a global corporation like Sony come together to deliver products and add value to people around the world. They experienced a tour of the factory, seeing how different products are made in real-time. Finally, they had the opportunity to meet and speak to team members about what it takes to build a successful career. Luke: *"The trip was fun and engaging. We had a good time leaning about Cybersecurity and enjoyed the trip."*



Congratulations to Rosie Y9 who achieved 1st Prize for her age group in the Photography category 'The Park' in the recent Abergavenny Eisteddfod.

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## Sporting Success

- Seven teams represented our school in the Rugby 7's; Newport RFC's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations and URDD National 7s and Under 12s and 14s Girls. Years 7 and 8 won the Croesyceiliog 7s. Year 11 reached the Quarter Finals of URDD National 7s and were invited to a tournament to celebrate Newport RFC's 150<sup>th</sup> Year. Year 11 also reached the final of Blaenau Gwent Cup. Years 7-10 all reached the final of the Blaenau Gwent Cup. Well done to all who participated.



- Congratulations to Year 7 pupils, Emmy and Lewis. Emmy was selected to represent South Wales. She will compete with the South Wales Dragons in a number of up and coming fixtures and tournaments. Lewis was selected to represent Pontypool and District Schools Rugby
- Summer Tennis fixtures have had an exciting start with a competitive fixture against Caerleon. Well done to Year 8 girls on the team win and Year 10 boys on their draw. Wins for Liam, Albert, Ethan, Evan, Lily, Nina, and Megan.
- Cara in Year 9 has been collecting medals in Show jumping. She won the David Brooms 70cm Cricklands championship.
- Well done to Tomos in Year 8. He came first in the Pembrey open ski race in the U14 category and placed second in the West Wales club nationals.
- Year 7 pupils competed with Abergavenny Hockey Club for the South Wales Youth Hockey U12 Girls Plate in Swansea. The team won four matches to progress to play offs and finished as 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal winners! A massive well done to Evie, Eleanor, Abi, and Emmeline!
- Another successful start to the season sees Alicia in Year 10 representing Wales in Golf
- Congratulations to Joe in Year 11. Joe came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Abergavenny Three Peaks gold route with a time of 4:26
- All pupils are relishing the opportunity of using the school's brand new facilities during PE lessons.

