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February 2026/Chwefror 2026

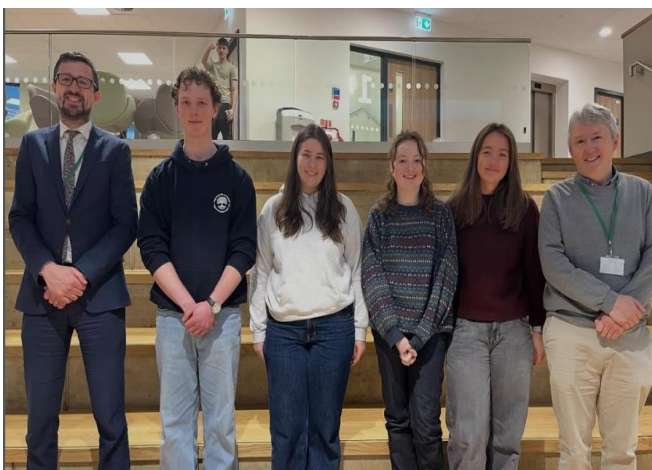
Author Visit

We had a wonderful visit from author Nat Harrison who talked to Years 4-6 pupils about her new book, *The Girl who Raced the World*. This was arranged by Bookish in Abergavenny. Nat Harrison shared that our pupils were "absolutely terrific - the children were so inspirational with such great creative ideas and questions."



Congratulations on your university offers

Congratulations to our Sixth Form pupils Ioan, Elsie, Penny and Amber on their offers for Cambridge and medicine.



Value of the Month Curiosity – Chwilyfrydedd

Having a strong desire to know or learn something

Merits awarded:

9159

Sparx Maths:

329,602 questions answered correctly, and
6,491 hours of personalised learning completed

Accelerated Reader:

Pupils have read a total of 3,081,032 words
For 43 minutes per day (pupil average) in
February.

Key dates for March

- 4th – 6th - GCSE Trip RS London
- 6th - World Book Day
- 6th – Cardiff Dragons Netball Trip
- 9th – Years 2 and 3 trip to Caerphilly Castle
- 19th and 26th Nursery-Year 6 Parents' Evening
- 20th – Red Nose Day-Non uniform day
- 24th – SRB Bake-off
- 24th – Year 12 Geography Field Trip Brecon
- 24th - Years 12 and 13 Finance talk 5pm
- 26th – Year 4 Easter Assembly 9.30am
- 26th – Nursery Stay and Play with families
10.15am
- 26th - SLT Open Door Session 4-6pm
- 26th –Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 27th March – Nursery Easter Bonnet parade
- 30th March to 10th April - Easter Break

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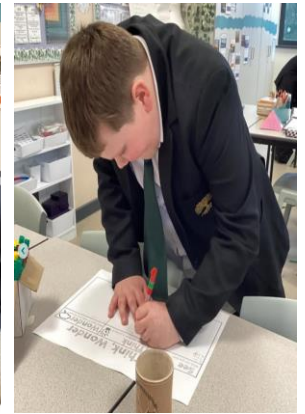


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Year 1 had a wonderful morning with a visit from the firefighters. The pupils asked questions to find out more about their job, and especially loved seeing the fire engine and all of the equipment and testing out the hose. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



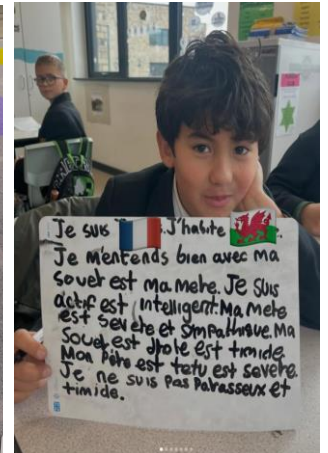
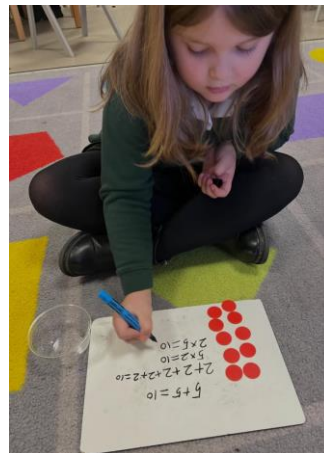
Our new value for February is curiosity. In Year 6 we have been designing a curiosity museum.



It has been lovely to see so many pupils attending our Years 2/3 football after school club. They have embraced the freedom to have a kick around with friends.



Year 6 have been working extremely hard to describe themselves in French. Bravo Année 6.



Art

Year 9 have been working on mixed media drawings as part of their Protest and Conflict project. They have produced some wonderful art work-well done!



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National Storytelling Week



Some lucky Y9 pupils from Mrs Maybank's English class enjoyed a wonderful, interactive session full of laughter with local storyteller Daniel Morden. We look forward to seeing him again soon!



Geography Fieldtrip to Liverpool

Year 12 recently embarked on their fieldtrip to Liverpool. We explored three different areas of the city centre, as pupils collected data to determine whether the media representations of Liverpool are accurate. They were able to place their learning from their 'changing places' module into this real-world context. After collecting their data, pupils had some time to independently explore areas of the city centre as well as meeting four famous faces.

6th Form

Sixth Form pupils have been learning about the role of the Senedd and the importance of their votes in the upcoming election in May.



UKMT Maths Challenge

Well done to Ella, Keiran and Nate who achieved a bronze certificate in the UKMT maths challenge.



Sixth Form PALS

Sixth Form PALS have been in Years 7 and 8 form classes discussing how to use the internet safely.



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Sporting Success

- ✓ Congratulations to Miss Stockley on Winning the Female Double Hyrox competition in Phoenix.
- ✓ Jack and Josh both represented Dragon's U16 last term.
- ✓ Congratulations to Ruby and Georgia in their recent Taekwondo achievements. The girls both competed in the TAGB Welsh closed championships. Ruby came away with a silver and a bronze medal, and Georgia came away with a bronze medal.
- ✓ Year 8 Netball team won their league. Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball team that are unbeaten in all of their league games this season. Emmeline, Evie, Jonah, Aeron represented Gwent County at the Wales County Championships on the 19th February in Swansea, all players were a credit to their club, school and county.
- ✓ Congratulations to Dylan Y12 and Joseph Y13 who competed in the senior national track championships in Manchester, both delivering fantastic performances and putting themselves in the mix for commonwealth games selection. Congratulations to our South East Wales Netball players, representing the school in the Wales inter-counties Netball Championships. Well done to the under 18's winning their tournament and Beti on being awarded the most valuable player in her tournament.
- ✓ Congratulations and goodluck to Alicia in Year 11 on her re-selection to represent Wales Golf U16 Girls in the upcoming Quadrangular tournament against Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands.

