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King Henry VIII 3-19 School
April 2026/ Ebrill 2026



Value of the Month
Determination / Penderfyniad

Never giving up.
Putting in 100% all the time.

Year 11 Rugby Success

Congratulations to our Year 11 rugby team on winning the Newport Plate Competition, defeating Caldicot School in the final. This victory marks a fitting end to five years of hard work, determination, commitment, and teamwork from this group of players. Winning their final match together was a fantastic achievement and a moment to be proud of. Well done to all involved.



Year 8 Hockey Success

Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of hockey against Croesyceiliog, taking part in a highly competitive and enjoyable fixture. The team secured two excellent wins, featuring some outstanding goals and impressive saves throughout the matches. Most importantly, there was plenty of fun and great teamwork on display. Players of the Match were Rueben and Fergus – well done to both!

Key dates for May

- 8th – Year 5/6 Trip to Caerphilly Castle
- 14th and 21st – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 14th – Years 3-6 author visit
- 15th - Non-Uniform day
- 15th – Years 5-6 visit to New Theatre, Cardiff
- 19th – Reception visit to Abergavenny Library
- 22nd - 30th Canada Tour
- 25th - 29th Half Term

Merits awarded:

7097

Sparx Maths:

402,736 questions answered correctly, and
7916 hours of personalised learning
completed

Accelerated Reader:

Pupils have read a total of 3,713,210 words
For 31 minutes per day (pupil average) in April.

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Stay and Play

Our Reception class pupils wrote their very own letters to invite parents and carers to a special Stay & Play afternoon. The children were delighted to welcome their visitors and proudly showed off their classroom, the mud kitchen and examples of their fantastic learning. The afternoon also included a lovely performance of *Sosban Fach*, followed by a cosy story time together. It was a wonderful opportunity to share their learning and enjoy a relaxed, happy afternoon together.



Mini Marathon

Specialist Resource Base pupils demonstrated incredible determination, positivity, and courage as they proudly took part in the 2.6km mini marathon ahead of the London Marathon. An amazing achievement—well done to everyone involved!

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Blaenavon Ironworks and Big Pit



Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Blaenavon Ironworks and Big Pit this term. At the Ironworks, pupils learned how iron was extracted from the ground, processed from iron ore and shaped into usable materials. They explored the remains of the foundry, cast house and water balance tower, before visiting the authentically furnished workers' houses from different time periods. The visit continued at Big Pit, where pupils met their guide and were equipped with helmets, torches and gas masks before travelling underground. Although some pupils were nervous at first, the lift journey quickly became exciting. Underground, pupils experienced the working conditions miners faced, exploring the tunnels, machinery and learning about life in the mine. Overall, it was an enjoyable and informative day that brought learning about mining and industrial history to life.

Maths Photography Competition



Dosbarth Eliffant have been finding shapes and numbers in their environment for our Maths Photography Competition! Amazing work!

Healthy Eating



It was fantastic to see Year 11 pupils teaching our Year 6 pupils about healthy eating as part of their Health and Social Care coursework.

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Air Experience Flight for Year 9 Pupil

Year 9 pupil Theo was selected to take part in an Air Experience Flight at MOD St Athan – a fantastic opportunity, particularly given that flying opportunities within the Air Cadets have become increasingly rare. The day involved ground training followed by a flight in a Grob Tutor aircraft alongside an experienced Royal Air Force pilot. Theo was chosen for this experience in recognition of his excellent commitment and dedication to the squadron. It was a truly memorable and rewarding experience.



After School Athletics Club



Army Medics Careers Talk



We are delighted to offer a lively after-school Athletics Club for our secondary phase pupils. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in running, relay races, and throwing events in a fun and supportive environment. The club runs every Tuesday after school and is a great way to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy sport with friends.

Pupils enjoyed the army medic careers talk at school. It was informative and engaging, giving pupils an insight into the training and responsibilities of army medics. The speakers shared real-life experiences and explained how medical skills are used both on deployment and in everyday work, inspiring interest in medical careers.

Rising Star

Congratulations to Roy Year 9 on being nominated for Outstanding Youth Performance and Rising star for his performance in *Annie* at Abergavenny Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society (AAODS). Roy is up against all drama groups in Monmouthshire. Good Luck!



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Throughout April, staff and pupils from Reception to Year 10 proudly joined over half a million children and young people across the country in taking part in the Mini London Marathon in Schools. Pupils walked, jogged, or wheeled their way around a 2km course on the school site, showing fantastic enthusiasm and commitment throughout the event. This exciting experience brought the spirit of the world-famous London Marathon to our school and provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate determination, perseverance, and a love of physical activity as everyone rose to the challenge and crossed the finish line.

