

# Newsletter / Cylchlythyr



King Henry VIII 3-19 School  
May 2026/ Mai 2026

## Rotary Club Writing Competition



Year 8 pupil Seth achieved an outstanding result in this year's Rotary Club writing competition, securing second place in the District Round. Congratulations to Seth on this fantastic accomplishment!

## Fame tickets on sale

Our cast and crew have been working incredibly hard this month, and the show is shaping up to be a fantastic celebration of talent, energy and creativity. Performances take place on Tuesday 7th July - Thursday 9th July in the Main Hall and starts at 7pm. Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased instantly online via

<https://www.ticketsource.com/king-henry-viii-3-19-school/e-olpazb>.

KING HENRY VIII 3-19 SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

**FAME JR.**

CONCEIVED AND DEVELOPED BY DAVID DE SILVA

BOOK BY JOSE FERNANDEZ      MUSIC BY STEVE MARGOSHES      LYRICS BY JACQUES LEVY

TITLE SONG "FAME" WRITTEN BY DEAN PITCHFORD AND MICHAEL GORE

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM, CURTAIN UP AT 7PM

**KING HENRY VIII 3-19 SCHOOL MAIN HALL**

**TICKETS £10**

BOOK NOW VIA THIS LINK:  
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## Value of the Month Respect / Parch

Being kind and polite

## Merits awarded: 5533

### Sparx Maths:

437,064 questions answered correctly, and  
8,571 hours of personalised learning completed

### Accelerated Reader:

Pupils have read a total of 2,120,012 words  
For 48 minutes per day (pupil average) in May.

## Key dates for June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Author visit Cathy Farr Year 4-6
- 10<sup>th</sup> Greenmeadows Farm Trip Reception/Y1
- 12<sup>th</sup> Secondary Phase Sports Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Geography Field trip Year 10
- 18<sup>th</sup> A-Level Art Exhibition 5-7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Primary Phase Sports Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Battlefields Trip Year 9
- 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Transition Days
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Primary Phase Moving-up day
- 24<sup>th</sup> New Year 7 Induction Evening 6pm
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Year 11 & Year 13 Leavers Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> Training Day - school closed
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Swimming Gala
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Parliament Trip

## Toronto 2026 Sports Tour

Over May half term, the PE department took 44 pupils to Canada on an incredible sports trip. The tour provided pupils with the opportunity to compete in a variety of fixtures, including rugby, netball, football, and lacrosse. It was wonderful to see them represent the school with enthusiasm, determination, and excellent sportsmanship, whilst experiencing a different culture and making new connections with Canadian pupils. Away from the sporting fixtures, pupils enjoyed a packed itinerary of exciting activities. Highlights included visits to the CN Tower, the Hockey Hall of Fame, Canada's Wonderland, and Toronto Island. The group also attended a Toronto Blue Jays baseball game at the Rogers Centre, giving pupils a taste of one of North America's most popular sports.

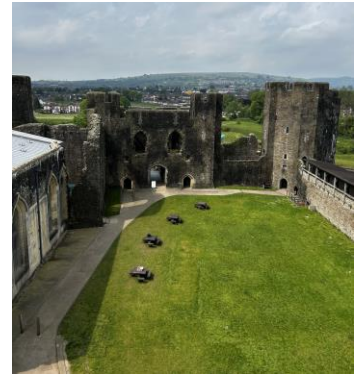


The final part of the tour took the group to Niagara Falls, where they stayed in a hotel with an indoor water park. A memorable trip on the Hornblower boat provided spectacular views of the Falls and proved to be a fitting finale to an outstanding week. The tour was a fantastic success, providing pupils with unforgettable sporting, cultural, and social experiences. We are extremely proud of the way they represented the school throughout the trip and are confident that the memories made will stay with them for many years to come.



### Year 5/6 Caerphilly Castle Trip

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Caerphilly Castle, where the children had the opportunity to step back in time and learn more about Wales' rich and fascinating history. Throughout the day, the pupils explored the impressive castle grounds, discovered how castles were used for defence, and learned about life in medieval Wales. The children were especially excited to see the famous leaning tower, walk through the grand halls, and imagine what life would have been like hundreds of years ago. The trip brought our classroom learning to life and gave the pupils a deeper understanding of the Welsh past. The children asked thoughtful questions, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.



### Cardiff New theatre Trip

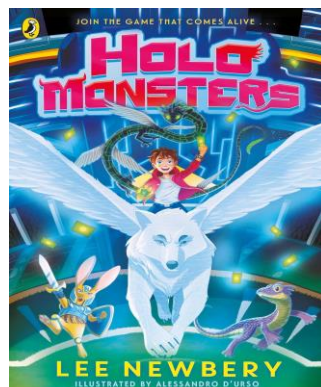


Year 5 and 6 pupils were captivated by *The Boy at the Back of the Class* at The New Theatre, Cardiff. The powerful performance brought Ahmet's story to life, helping children understand the experiences of a young refugee.

It inspired empathy, kindness and compassion, while highlighting the importance of friendship, standing up for others, and understanding different perspectives.

### Author Visit

Pupils in Years 3–6 enjoyed an inspiring visit from Lee Newbury, who spoke about discovering his love of reading, the influences behind his imagination, and how his debut novel *The Last Firefox* launched his writing career. Lee introduced his new book *Holo Monsters*, sharing how its ideas grew from his interest in Pokémon—especially Psyduck, whose evolution into Golduck reminded him of gaining confidence, a theme reflected in the story's main character, Newt. Pupils helped design new monsters and created their own character cards, exploring their abilities and weaknesses before ending the session with a thoughtful Q&A that left them motivated and eager to continue developing their ideas.



### Year 6 Fast Fashion Assembly

Our Year 6 pupils delivered a brilliant assembly exploring the impact of fast fashion on our planet, inspired by Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday and his dedication to protecting the natural world. Through a fun and engaging role-play about over-consumption, the children highlighted how quickly clothes are bought and thrown away, and how this affects wildlife, oceans, and climate change. Their confident and creative performance encouraged everyone to think about making more sustainable choices, and we are incredibly proud of their leadership and environmental awareness.



### Explore the World



Dosbarth Llew enjoyed flying around the world to learn about different countries. We packed our suitcases, prepared for take off and flew to Ukraine, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The children loved learning about the different cultures, enjoying food from the countries and building their own landmarks.

### Reception visit to Abergavenny Library

Dosbarth Eliffant had a wonderful visit to Abergavenny Library. The pupils were welcomed by Edith. Afterwards, the pupils made their own bookmarks to take home. After receiving their very own library card they then had the opportunity to explore the shelves and choose a book to borrow, encouraging a love of reading beyond the classroom.



### World Bee Day

Nursery celebrated "World Bee Day" on Wednesday 20th May and were very 'Busy Bees' for the morning'. The children made a large bee using a range of loose parts and materials, had great fun making bees and honeycomb using honey playdough, and finished the session off by eating pancakes and honey for their snack.



### Art Department

Year 8 pupils have been working hard creating their Equality paintings.



Pupils also spent a wonderfully enjoyable day with the talented @andy\_orourke, creating a series of fantastic light paintings – combining creativity, movement, and light to produce truly striking visual work.



### The Football Association of Wales

The Football Association of Wales delivered a brilliant leadership session for our Sports Leaders—Diolch.



### “Mood Food” Tasting Event

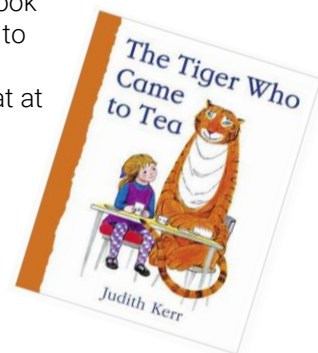


Pupils recently enjoyed a “Mood Food” tasting event in the Dining Room, sampling a range of nutritious dishes and drinks designed to support wellbeing. Thanks to the team for a great initiative.

### Nursery Tea party



Nursery had their very own 'Tea Party' with a tiger! The children enjoyed reading the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and making their own sandwiches to eat at the Tea Party.



### Sporting Success

- ✓ Congratulations to our pupils Tomos Year 9 and Naomi Year 8 who represented our school in the South-east Wales Ski Championships: They placed 1st in the mixed team category while Tomos placed 1st overall male. The next race is in October in Llangrannog and they would love to have more pupils join the team. See Mrs Beynon for more information.
- ✓ Congratulations to the Abergavenny Junior Tug of War team. They won every end at the Gwent young farmers competition. Well done to all our pupils representing their clubs at the event. Abergavenny YFC juniors will represent Gwent at Royal Welsh. Good luck
- ✓ Congratulations to Ruby and Georgia Year 8 who competed in the TAGB Welsh Open Championships. In a very tough competition, Ruby won a Gold and a Bronze medal, and Georgia won a Bronze medal.
- ✓ Congratulations to Roxanne Year 9, who competed in a National Dressage competition in Glan Grwyney and achieved an impressive 4th place. Well done, Roxanne!
- ✓ Another fantastic experience, this time for the Year 10 Rugby team getting to play at Rodney Parade in the final of the Newport Schools Cup. Well done to our Year 9 boys reaching the final of the Newport Cup.
- ✓ Congratulations to our Athletes representing the district in the South-east Wales Athletics meet. Two of our pupils won their events and have now been selected to represent Southeast Wales in the Welsh Schools Athletics finals.
- ✓ Congratulations and good luck to Year 8 pupils, Eleanor, Evie and Emmeline on their selection into the South Wales Dragons Hockey squad for the 2026 season.

