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End of year family assemblies



It was amazing to see so many parents and carers at our family assemblies this week. Our pupils celebrated the fantastic achievements they have made this year through hard work and effort.

Llangrannog Residential Trip

Our Year 7 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Llangrannog, where they embraced a range of outdoor activities, challenged themselves with new experiences, and developed their teamwork and confidence.



Value of the Month



Appreciation
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Saying thank you and meaning it.

Important September dates

- 1st – Training Day - School closed to all pupils
- 2nd – Start of term: Reception A, SRB, Years 1-4, 7
2nd – Year 12 Enrolment day
- 3rd – Start of term: AM Nursery, Reception B, Years 5-6, 8-13
- 4th – Start of term: PM Nursery and Reception C.

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Pre-School Transition Lunches

A big thank you to everyone who organised lunches for our pre-school children. The first group thoroughly enjoyed their lunches this week and were so excited to stay. We have also received positive feedback from parents, making this a wonderful success.



Hats off to Year 1

As part of our topic 'Express Yourself' Year 1 have been busy designing and creating their very own hats to showcase their creativity and self-expression! There were some fabulous designs! We loved hosting a special catwalk and fashion show for our adults, giving everyone the chance to admire our fantastic creations. We are so proud of all the imagination and effort that went into each unique design. Ffantastig, Year 1!

Fun in the Sun

Our Year 2 children had a wonderful time at Bailey Park, enjoying a range of fun activities, exploring the outdoors, and making special memories with their friends. Dosbarth Pengwin also enjoyed a wonderful end of year picnic. What a lovely end to a fabulous year.



Nursery Summer Concert

Nursery performed their Summer Concert 'Summer In The Garden With The Mega Mighty Minibeasts'. The children, dressed as minibeasts, enthusiastically performed a selection of songs about minibeasts such as 'Hairy Scary Spider' and 'Joey is a Frog'. The children accompanied the songs with a range of dance moves, which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.



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Gwent Wildlife Trip

Year 1 won a wonderful free trip with Gwent Wildlife to Magor Marsh. The children had so much fun learning how to pond dip, catch minibeasts, and look for birds. We had a wonderful day learning about all the different wildlife we saw. Diolch yn fawr Gwent Wildlife!



Year 6 Festival Day



Year 6 celebrated their final week in our primary phase with a special Festival Day. Activities included a walk-up Deri Hill, a special lunch, bracelet making, temporary tattoos, hair tinsel, nail painting, and football card trading.

The day ended with a fun staff-versus-pupils water fight and a well-deserved ice cream treat.

A fantastic day was had by all, as the children enjoyed making memories together before moving on to their next adventure.

PTFA Primary Summer Event

We are delighted to share the success of our very first PTFA Summer Fayre, which brought together pupils, families, staff, for an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit. There was an amazing variety of stalls offering games, refreshments and activities for everyone to enjoy, including a bouncy castle and ice-cream van. A huge thank you goes to our PTFA members, who donated their time, resources, and enthusiasm to make the event possible. We are so pleased to share that they raised £720, which is an amazing achievement.



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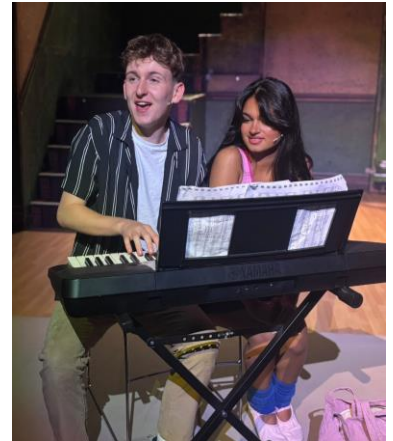
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Pupils Shine in Fantastic Fame Jr

Fame Jr. was a fantastic celebration of the creativity, talent, and dedication of our pupils. Across three evenings, audiences enjoyed energetic performances that showcased outstanding acting, singing and dancing, along with the hard work of those behind the scenes.

We would like to thank our staff, parents, carers, volunteers and technical teams for their invaluable support, as well as everyone who attended the performances. Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of every pupil involved. Their confidence, teamwork and commitment made Fame Jr. a production to remember, and we look forward to our next theatrical adventure.



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Specialist Resource Base Art Exhibition

We were delighted to welcome families to our SRB Art Exhibition. Our pupils from across the SRB have worked incredibly hard to create wonderful pieces of art, and we could not be prouder of their achievements.



Summer Art Exhibition and Printmaking Workshop with Bill Chambers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and members of our school community celebrating the creativity and efforts of our pupils. The exhibition showcased a fantastic range of artwork and was a wonderful celebration of pupil achievement. An inspiring evening for all!

Pupils enjoyed a fantastic printmaking workshop with professional printmaker Bill Chambers, learning how to create prints using recycled Tetrapaks. The creativity and enthusiasm on display led to some amazing results. Well done to everyone who took part!



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Swimming Gala

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part in the Cluster School Swimming Gala! You all showed fantastic team spirit and gave it their absolute all in every race. We couldn't be prouder of your determination, perseverance, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone who represented our school so brilliantly—you should all be swimming with pride!



The Schools and Community Together Event

The Schools and Community Together event saw all pupils from Years 5-13 have the opportunity to find out about services in the community that can offer advice, support and help. Pupils were able to ask questions and get involved with activities that helped explain the work of the different services. It was a lot of fun and very informative.



Year 8 Summer Fair

This half term, Year 8 used their PSE lessons to plan and organise our annual Summer Fair. They worked incredibly hard and had lots of fun on the big day, raising £1702 for Cancer Research Wales. It was a fantastic day of creativity, enterprise and community spirit. We would like to say a big thank you to parents and local businesses for their support and generous donations.



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Menstrual Ambassador Conference



Pupils from Monmouthshire's secondary schools recently gathered at King Henry VIII 3-19 School in Abergavenny for the county's first Menstrual Ambassador Conference, celebrating the success of a programme that empowers young people to promote menstrual health and challenge stigma.

The Menstrual Ambassadors had the opportunity to meet pupils from other schools, celebrate their achievements and learn more about the ongoing work being done to improve period dignity across Monmouthshire. Delivered through the Welsh Government's Period Dignity Fund, the programme helps pupils build confidence, support their peers and create more inclusive school communities.

At King Henry VIII 3-19 School, period products are available for pupils through dispensers as well as in the Hub and Wellbeing Offices, ensuring support is easily accessible to those who need it.

Year 10 Art Gallery Visit

Year 10 pupils enjoyed a visit to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery to support their GCSE Art studies. The trip provided the opportunity to experience art, craft and design firsthand in authentic gallery settings, inspiring their creative development and supporting their coursework.



Houses of Parliament



Sixth Form pupils studying Politics and Government, Law, and History visited the Houses of Parliament. They had a tour, watched debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and met with our Member of Parliament, Catherine Fookes.

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Year 11 and 13 Leavers events

Our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils celebrated the end of an important chapter at their proms; enjoying an unforgettable evening. Pupils arrived looking fantastic, dressed in elegant gowns, smart suits, and impressive outfits that reflected the significance of the occasion. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and wish you every success in the future.



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School Sports Awards 2026

A huge thank you to the guests of our 2026 School Sports Awards. It was a pleasure to have Gerald Davies, Sam Cross, Tom Norton, Mike Logan, Kieran Gethin, Hugh Jenkins and Rachel Draper join us in presenting the awards to our very hardworking and ambitious pupils.



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Sporting Successes

- ✓ A huge well done to Cerys & Annabel representing Southeast Wales regional Netball academy in the Under 18 age group. A huge achievement and we are so proud of you, you are fantastic role models to our younger players.
- ✓ Ava, Bella, Isabel, Robyn and Beti represented South-East Wales Regional Academy Netball teams in Cardiff. They were a credit to the School, their clubs and their region.
- ✓ A great win for our Y8 cricket team against St Julian's.
- ✓ Congratulations to Dylan on achieving a Silver medal in the junior Team Sprint whilst representing Team GB in Germany at the 2026 UEC Track Juniors and Under-23 European Championships. Dylan also finished 6th in the junior Kilometre .
- ✓ Inter-House Tennis concluded for another year with a win for Parr and Lucy in the Years 10 and 11 competition. Well done to all players that took part.
- ✓ Congratulations to the year 7 Athletes that competed at Brynmawr. They were excellent, taking on each discipline with confidence, determination and resilience. Athlete of the day goes to Finn on an incredible 800m run, to take the win in a competitive race.
- ✓ Congratulations to Emmy Y8 and Joe Y9 on competing at Aberdare in the Welsh Schools Athletics Championships.
- ✓ Congratulations to Evie, Emmy and Eleanor who represented the South Wales Dragons in Hockey

