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Mrs Williams receives Prestigious Teaching Award

We are very proud to announce that Mrs Williams has received an award for her outstanding contribution to hybrid teaching for her work delivering Economics to pupils across Monmouthshire. Da iawn Mrs Williams!



Key dates for November

5/11 Primary Phase open Morning 9–10.30am
5/11 6th Form open Evening 4–6pm
9/11 Year 7 check in event day 1
9/11 Year 10 & 12 Cardiff field work Geography
10/11 Year 7 check in event day 2
11/11 Year 6 Remembrance Service
11/11 Flu Vaccinations
11/11 Year 12 Auschwitz trip
12/11 Year 7 Check in event day 3
12/11 Flu Vaccinations
16–20/11 Secondary phase Scholastic Book fair

Value of the Month

Ambition – Uchelgais

Having a strong desire to achieve highly.

Merits awarded this month:

18,874

Sparx Maths:

137,000 questions answered correctly, and 1400 hours of personalised learning completed.

Accelerated Reader:

Pupils have read a total of 1,066,528 words in October.

GCSE & A Level Trip to Bristol Museum



Our GCSE and A Level pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to Bristol Museum, where they immersed themselves in the museum's collections, and explored a wealth of artistic inspiration. Throughout the visit, pupils dedicated their time to drawing, observing, and developing their artistic skills, enhancing their creativity and building confidence in their practice.

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Library Bookmark Competition

What a fantastic response to our Library Bookmark Competition! We received so many creative and beautifully designed entries, making it very difficult to choose our winners. A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part and shared their wonderful ideas. The winners will be announced after half term, so keep an eye on the library noticeboard for the results.



Wear Yellow Day

King Henry VIII 3-19 pupils proudly wore yellow in support of the charity Young Minds. This year marks ten years of standing out, starting important conversations, and raising funds to ensure that no young person feels alone when facing mental health challenges. The day was a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of mental health and show our support for young people across the country. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success.

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Nursery Stay and Play

Our Stay & Play session was a great success, with parents welcoming the opportunity to become involved in their children's learning, and children enjoying the chance to show their families around their learning environment.

It was wonderful to see so many families engaging in activities together and sharing in the children's achievements. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such an enjoyable and memorable experience.





Years 4 and 5 visit to the Library

Pupils had a fantastic time visiting the library! They enjoyed exploring the wide range of books, discovering new authors, and sharing their love of reading. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to develop their enthusiasm for reading and it encouraged them to discover new stories and adventures.



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Years 2 and 3 Harvest Festival

Our Years 2 and 3 classes worked incredibly hard in preparation for their Harvest Festival assembly. As part of their learning, they explored the fascinating world of beekeeping and discovered how honey is made. They also wrote creative riddles about a range of fruits and vegetables and learned about the journey of bread making from grain to loaf. The children were absolutely phenomenal when performing their Harvest songs and presenting their assembly to the school. We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork they demonstrated while celebrating the importance of harvest. A special thank you goes to all the parents and carers for the fantastic turnout. We were delighted to share this celebration with so many families and truly appreciate your support in making the event such a memorable occasion.





Halloween Disco

It was lovely to see so many of our primary phase pupils at our Halloween Disco. There were lots of fantastic and spooky costumes on display, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and showing off their great dancing skills! A big thank you to our PTA for organising this amazing event.







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Sporting Success - Team Sports

- ✓ Well done to our Year 7 rugby team on a great win against Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed.
- ✓ A huge congratulations to our five Year 9 Netball players that have been selected to represent South East Wales in Netball for the season. A group of great players starting their County Netball journey.
- ✓ A big thank you to all our Sport Leaders who helped out at the Primary Cluster Cross Country event at Bailey Park
- ✓ Year 9 won their first Netball game of the season v Abersychan. Some fantastic Netball played. Player of the match: Bella.
- ✓ Year 8 Netball won their first league game of the season v Abersychan. Another great team effort. Player of the Match: Darcie.
- ✓ Well done to our Year 7s on their win against Abertillery in the Gwent Cup. A real team effort.
- ✓ Great win for our Year 9 rugby team against Ebbw Fawr.















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Individual Sporting Success

- ✓ Huge congratulations to Alicia for coming 1st for the girls and 3rd overall in the Gareth Bale Championship competition at the Celtic Manor over three rounds. Well done Alicia.
- ✓ Well done to Year 7 pupil Hattie on her selection to train with Glamorgan Cricket this winter.
- ✓ Congratulations to Year 13 pupil Sam who competed in the Mumbles Multi Sport Festival on Saturday 26th September 2026. Sam entered the 1.5K Swim and came 3rd place overall.
- ✓ Congratulations to our pupils Naomi and Tomos on representing our school at the Welsh Schools Dry Slope Ski racing championships .
- ✓ Years 3 and 4 pupils have made a fantastic start to Cross Country Club, showing great determination and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see them challenging themselves, building their stamina and encouraging each other each week. Well done to everyone for their excellent effort!
- ✓ Congratulations to Ella for winning the Working Hunter Class at Horse Show of the Year 2026.
- ✓ Pupils took part in hands-on CPR training, learning the essential skills needed to respond confidently in an emergency. The session provided valuable practical experience and helped students develop their lifesaving knowledge.













