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King Henry VIII 3-19 School
September 2023 Edition



Value of the month:-



Ambition

Having a strong desire to achieve highly

Key Dates for October:-

5 th	Year 13 Parents' Evening
12 th	Awards Evening
13 th	Non Uniform Day (Young Minds)
19 th	Year 8 Parents' Evening
20 th	Primary Harvest Assembly
22 nd - 25 th	Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening



Welcome to our Monthly Newsletter. It has been a fantastic start to the term. It has been lovely to see the pupils learn lots, make great progress, and take advantage of all the opportunities we provide. Thank you to our families for your positivity and support.

Abergavenny Food Festival

Year 9 pupils Ruby and Daniel took part in the Abergavenny Food Festival. Each prepared a two-course meal in just forty minutes, as part of the Rotary Young Chef competition. A huge "well done" to both. Congratulations to Ruby who won and will go on to the next round, competing against other schools in the area.



Baking skills in Nursery

The nursery children spotted apples growing on the tree and asked if they could pick them. Therefore we decided to make an apple crumble. It was delicious!

Years 5 and 6 Science

Years 5 and 6 have started their Science lessons on the secondary site in the Science laboratories. They were really excited and showed huge interest in being in a new learning environment. This is a great learning experience for them. They learnt about what can be seen in the Science lab and talked about some of the equipment they would use. They also identified potential risks in a Science classroom and created their own safety rules. They are really looking forward to the lessons ahead.

Year Design Technology class



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Sporting achievements this September

- Pupils embarked on their first cross country race against all schools in South East Wales with excellent performances by all pupils involved.
- The Year 8 Football team progress to round 2 of the Welsh Cup.
- Huge well done to Joseph in Year 11 on his selection to represent Wales in the inter region track cycling championships in Glasgow;
- Well done to Cerys, Abi, Seren, Ayla, Lydia and Ava who have been selected to represent their district, and a big well done to Seren and Ayla that have now been selected to represent South East Wales in Netball.
- Well done to Maisie on her selection into the Under 14 District Netball team
- Erin in Year 12 won 1st Junior Female in the Severn Bridge half Marathon
- Alicia in Year 9 has been crowned Welsh Under 16 Female Golf Champion
- Congratulations to the sixth formers who completed their level 1 Referees course
- Year 3-6 pupils took part in a Cluster Cross Country event and gave 100% of their effort and represented the school as a team. They fully embraced the Growth Mindset and our value of Ambition during their time at Bailey Park. Our Sports Leaders also attended the event and were excellent role models.

Open Evening/Morning

We were delighted to welcome prospective Year 7 parents and carers to our Open Evening. It was lovely to showcase our school and all our learning opportunities. Thank you to all the pupils who helped show families around and who ran activities in all the departments. We received lots of positive comments.



School Chamber Choir

The King Henry VIII 3-19 School Chamber Choir gave amazing performances at Libanus Church to help raise money for our Performing Arts department. Well done all.



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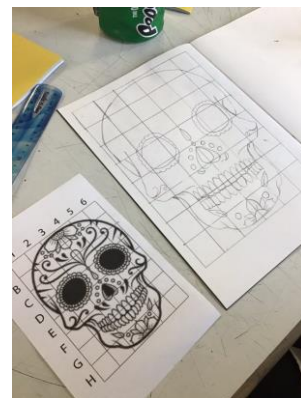
Swimming

Dosbarth Jagwar (Years 5/6 Mrs Taylor and Mrs Martin) are attending weekly swimming lessons at Abergavenny Leisure Centre.

Each lesson takes place on a Wednesday morning for ½ hour over this half term. During these lessons the Year 6 pupils are working towards achieving their WAG Certificate whilst the Year 5 pupils are working towards achieving their Confidence in water without a swimming aid, 5m and 25m certificates. Water safety sessions are also included during the 6 week block of lessons. The pupils are making excellent progress.

Reception Class/Dosbarth Eliffant

Dosbarth Eliffant have become a great team in the first four weeks of Reception. We have played games to help us take turns, listen to each other and cooperate. We have begun to learn our sounds during our daily phonics sessions and are working on recognising and ordering numerals to ten. We have read lots of stories. The pupils loved "Owl Babies" and so we completed some drawing and mark making relating to that story. We love to Seize The Season and went to pick apples and made a delicious apple sauce in the slow cooker. We are looking forward to reading "We're Going On A Bear Hunt" next!



Art

The art department has been extremely busy this last month. Year 11 have been continuing with their coursework creating a large scale final piece using a wide range of media. Year 7 have made an incredible start, developing their drawing skills exploring the visual elements of art. Year 9 have been using the grid method to draw candy skulls.

Geography

Year 11 Geographers visited the Afon Caerfanell near Talybont-on-Usk.

We visited two different locations along the river and pupils measured the width, depth and speed of the river in these areas. Using their data, pupils will be able to determine whether the Afon Caerfanell changes as it travels downstream.

Apart from getting their feet slightly wet, pupils enjoyed placing their classroom learning into the outdoor environment. The day was also helped by the lovely weather!



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