



Lliswerry News

Easter Edition 2017

Dear Lliswerry Parents, Carers and Learners

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I am able to report a number of news items to you about our school community.

New Headteacher

Neil Davies has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Lliswerry High School from September 2017. Mr Davies is currently a Deputy Headteacher at The John Frost School, Newport and is looking forward to his new challenges. During the next term I will work closely with Mr Davies to ensure the handover is smooth and the school continues to move from strength to strength.

Maths Results

Following the examinations in November, the Maths results were published in January. Our Year 11 learners celebrated their results following their hard work during the autumn term.



Well done to you all and also to Mr Maunder and the Maths Team

Year 9 Options



The important option selecting process has been under way this term with teachers explaining to learners the different courses on offer at Key Stage 4. Making these decisions is not always easy and it is our aim to help each learner with this process.



Year 7 Birthday Breakfasts

Each month we invite year 7 learners for a Birthday Breakfast. This is a very enjoyable way for us to meet each individual and celebrate their birthday together.

Chartwells, our catering firm, provide us with a drink and toast or a bacon roll and it is a great start to the day.

Visit from Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Member for Education 23 March 2017



The welcome party for Mrs Williams involved learners from year 7 to year 13 and every ethnicity we are proud to serve at Lliswerry High School. The Cabinet Member was keen to ask our learners lots of questions and she visited a number of lessons. She commented on how engaged learners were in their classes, how smart they looked in their uniform and how well our school is maintained.

School Council welcomed Mrs Williams into the Learning Zone for refreshments and discussed their future career aspirations.



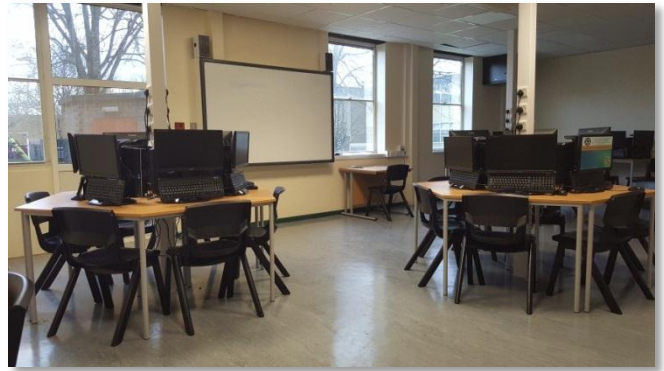
Finally, I would like to wish the Lliswerry Community a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. I would like to say thank you for all the kind messages I have received as I move into my final term.

Alyson Mills - Headteacher



Fantastic New IT Facilities

We have transformed an old Science lab into a new impressive I.T. facility. It now features fantastic new furniture and students have access to 36 new high-spec desktop PCs, an interactive whiteboard, projector and printing facilities. This means that the school has increased its computer suites from 7 to 8.



The room has been specially designed to enable staff to interact easily with all students. The facilities have been specifically developed to support the Welsh Baccalaureate but the facility will also be open to all areas of the curriculum.

This new IT learning resource compliments the existing high quality IT rooms around the school and offers our students an extra IT suite featuring state of the art resources housed in a generous sized classroom.



The learners deserve these fantastic new facilities to support their incredible academic achievements and we are looking forward to working with all of our students to continue to achieve outstanding results.

Year 10 Welsh Baccalaureate - Community Challenge

As part of their Welsh Baccalaureate qualification, which is compulsory for all learners in Wales, learners in 10GMK, 10GR and 10RHM will be starting their Community Challenge next week. This challenge is worth 15% of the whole qualification and involves planning the transformation of a part of the school grounds into a garden area to develop native plants and flowers and attract indigenous insects, birds and animals.

The learners will start with a full day on the project and continue over the coming weeks during their Welsh Baccalaureate lessons. Here is the plot of land they will be working on. Look out for an update in the next newsletter to see its transformation.

We would like to thank Tesco's Groundwork for funding this project.



Skiing in Folgaria, Italy



Both of us have been on more than one ski trip. We have some unforgettable experiences, crashing into trees, sliding into ski instructors and let's not forget the tears. The 2017 skiing trip 100% beat the 2015 and 2016 trips, without a doubt!

The ski trips allows a variety of age groups to come together as one. Besides, skiing we also have a quiz and numerous chill nights, we attend a local disco and even go bowling, which was honestly, outstanding.

The tears, laughs and extraordinary memories would not have happened without the support, encouragement and determination from Mrs Cooper, Mr Parry, Mr Coughlin and Miss Daniels; especially Mrs Cooper who organised the trip.

We'd like to thank the teachers for giving us new memories and new experiences that will stick with us forever. Also, our moaning, giggling and humorous jokes. Have an amazing trip in 2018! And yes, we will be joining you once again on the ski trip 2018.

Hannah Ford & Madison Woodhouse - Year 11.



Year 7 London Trip



We really enjoyed the London trip and we enjoyed every minute of it! The first adventure we went on was Madame Tussauds and we took a picture with almost every wax figure! The wax figures were so realistic and the 4D experience was amazing. The characters came out of the screen. We went to see Thriller and we were singing along to every song! The actors and dancers were very talented. The London eye was a great way to see the view and also Big Ben. You could also see all of London's tourist attractions.



The hotel we stayed in was comfortable and welcoming. We think that the best bit of the London trip was definately the London Dungeons and the stories were so fun and scary! We learnt some new facts and things about the history of London. The mirror maze was so confusing and we kept bumping into ourselves. The ride at the London Dungeons was so fun and everyone enjoyed looking at their photographs at the end! Wembley Stadium was a great way to end the trip as we had a VIP tour around the stadium.

We really had a great time and I think that it will be an excellent highlight of our time in Lliswerry.



Former LHS Learner Inspiring Sixth Form Art Learners

On Friday February 10th Suzanne Hunt, a former learner at Lliswerry High school visited the AS Art lesson to show her work that she has been producing at the University of South Wales. In 2016 Suzanne achieved an A grade in A Level Art.

Since then she has been undertaking a degree course on Art Practise at Treforest campus of University of South Wales. Suzanne explained how the course was structured and presented the work that she had produced to date of life drawing and sketchbook research. She talked to the current AS Art students about university and deadlines, about social life and transport.

“The observational life drawing sketches that Suzanne produced were very detailed, experimental and gave me motivation to practise quick sketching to create artworks” said Megan Edwards, a Year 12 learner.

“Talking to Suzanne and seeing her work has really helped me to decide a pathway for me to follow in the future” said Amy Mood, a Year 12 learner.



World Book Day 2017

World Book Day took place on March 2. This year, we celebrated this event with a series of exciting assemblies focused on the joys of reading. However, the main focus of World Book Day was the staff fancy dress! Our learners were delighted to see over 30 staff members dressed up as characters from their favourite books. This made lesson even more engaging and allowed teachers to role model their love of

reading. In addition, book prizes were awarded to students who could correctly name all the characters that staff members were dressed as. Plans are already underway to make World Book Day, 2018 an even greater celebration of reading and life long learning. I can't wait!



Talented Women in Wales.... and Lliswerry High School

On Monday 13th March 2017, we were invited to the Talented Women in Wales Cardiff event, organised by WISE. We started our day off in Techniquest. Along with 5 others school, we were able to experiment with all the exhibits! Our favourite activity was trying to open the treasure chest as we had to use lots of investigating and elimination skills to open the box. We also liked the planetarium experience, as we were able to look at all the constellations. We had fun trying to figure out what shapes the stars created and the history of their names.

After lunch we went to the Senedd building to meet successful women in the STEM industry. HRH The Princess Royal gave an inspiring speech and we were able to meet her afterwards. We told HRH our aspirations and enjoyed talking about our futures with her. We participated in a work shop called 'People like me'. The workshop aimed to change the way girls think about their abilities and research jobs in the STEM industry that suit their attributes. We were joined by women (role models) that worked in many different areas. They discussed their career paths with us. We found out that it is never too late to think about a career in Science. We felt inspired by the role models because all of them were successful women and didn't let people get in their way.

The best part of the day was being interviewed by BBC Wales as we got to express our feelings on equality. We think a career in the STEM industry is very exciting because we learnt that the industry is lacking women scientists. We think this is because girls are being stereotyped in certain careers. After our motivating day, we want to encourage girls to think about choosing science as an option at GCSE, A Level and beyond. We want to explain to girls that sometimes, people categorise women as the less intelligent or weaker gender in science. However, if you have a passion for something, we want you to follow your dream. There are so many opportunities for women in the industry and we need to be the generation to make the most of it. Anything boys can do, we can do too!

Rachael Huddleston-Smith and Chardonnay Hughes Year 7

(STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)



Maths Bridging Unit



During this term, Mr Maunder and Mr Bohana from our Maths and Numeracy Team have been working with a team of Year 6 teachers and Maths coordinators from Lliswerry Primary School, St Andrews Primary School, Maindee Primary School and Somerton Primary School to consider how the learners in all our school are taught Mathematics.

We have focused in on the skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Teachers from all schools have been to other schools to observe lessons and look at how the classrooms are organised for teaching and learning in Maths with the aim of developing a consistent approach to teaching and learning in Maths from Year 5 to Year 8.

To develop this consistent approach, we have started by writing a resourcing a new and engaging Maths bridging task for learners to begin in Year 6 and complete when they arrive at Lliswerry High in September of Year 7. We can't give too much away at the moment, as we want it to be a surprise for the Year 6 learners, but we will launch the project at the Velodrome in June. Look out for an update at the end of the summer term!

Trash the Teacher

On 17th March the Work Skills group organised an event called Trash the Teacher. The group had to organise an event for their course, and the money was raised to help the charity called 'Malaria No More'.

The teachers had to agree to be covered in a mixture of cold custard and beans. Learners paid £1 so they could buy a raffle ticket to do the pouring. A very successful event was held. This event was also held in conjunction with a guess the sweets in the jar competition. The total amount raised by the whole event was over £118.00.

The Work Skills group wish to thank everybody who supported the event and hope it can also run next year.



Mr Grimes (Deputy Headteacher) being trashed!

Lliswerry Cluster Work – Tin Shed Theatre



Tin Shed Theatre Company came to Lliswerry High School on Tuesday March 14th to do a drama presentation on Transition for all the Year 6 learners from our Primary Cluster Schools.

In the morning, St Andrews and Maindee learners enjoyed the performance, whilst Lliswerry and Somerton watched in the afternoon.

This will be the second year running that we have invited Georgina, Justin and Peter to showcase their skills on a very important topic for Year 6 learners who will be making the next step of their educational journey in a few months time.

There is always excitement and a few nerves about moving to High School and Georgina and her team try to answer all of these in a very fun, informative and

interactive way. Audience participation is encouraged and as you can see from the pictures, the learners were keen to get involved.

Everyone enjoyed the show and we look forward to seeing Tin Shed Theatre again next year.

Malaria No More UK!

Year 9 Biology lessons took a new turn in February when, after studying the devastating effects of Malaria in sub Saharan Africa learners from 9ER & 9DH expressed a wish to 'do something'! They wanted to raise awareness of this dreadful disease so decided to raise funds for Malaria No More UK, a national charity.

The first event, a coin trail, took place and involved the charity committee members visiting all classes, offices and other areas of school in an effort to collect as much loose change as possible. Through the generosity of the Lliswerry population this raised a fantastic £280!



The next event 'Pestaurant' will be taking place during April and will involve several willing staff volunteering to sample edible insects as part of workshops on entomophagy (the official name for insect eating). To add to the excitement Mr Thompson & Mr Spear will take each other on in a timed eating challenge! Learners wishing to witness this lunchtime spectacle will be asked for a donation to the charity fund and all monies raised will go to Malaria No More UK. Watch this space for further news!

Talk Tidy Project

The Lead Creative School's project is now underway and a selection of Year 9 learners have been busy working alongside scriptwriter, Nigel Crowle from the BBC and film maker Glen Biseker from 'The Winding Snake Film Productions' to create their own film about speaking properly. Learners have had a hands on experience in film making, editing and animation and the film is starting to take shape.



Mrs James-Williams who is helping coordinate the project has said, "This is a brilliant way for learners to learn about how to improve their oracy skills along with how to make a film. It is far more complicated than I ever realised and the learners have had the opportunity to act, direct and write their own scripts. All the children have been involved in the process in some way and it's great to see even the shyest of learners getting involved. I think the learners are really enjoying the experience of working with fantastic equipment and such experienced professionals"

The team are hoping to finish the film in summer term so watch this space.

Excellent Attendance



Congratulations to all the pupils in Key Stage 4 with 100% attendance, this is outstanding. Particular congratulations to Ellis Quilford, 10RHM, on achieving 100% attendance this year.

Good attendance is key to ensuring pupils achieve the best possible outcomes at the end of Key Stage 4.

Good attendance will be of particular importance as we move into the final stages of the year, BTEC coursework deadlines and GCSE exams are just around the corner.

We encourage pupils to take advantage of the revision sessions that take place during lunchtime, after school and during the holidays. Pupils should also be revising at home on a regular basis.



Making Tracks



Techniquest came to Lliswerry High School on the 19th October to run a workshop for all Year 7 learners called Making Tracks. This workshop links key skills such as communication and Numeracy with problem solving in a real life context. In this workshop, learners took on the role of designers and engineers.

The Making Tracks workshop focused on the World Wide Aid distribution of food and medical supplies to areas hit by natural disasters. In the workshop learners were asked to design and engineer an all-terrain vehicle to transport important supplies to the

disaster region. The learners, working in groups, had to build the vehicle with only limited time and budget. Once built the groups tested their prototype to assess its performance and to see if it met the various safety requirements specified in the brief. The Year 7 learners thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was good to see the various groups working together so well to complete the task. One learner even commented "This was the best lesson he had ever had in his life, including Primary school.

Techniquest said they had been made to feel most welcome by Lliswerry and praised the behaviour of the learners.

Back Stage Challenge



Year 8 learners took part in 'Back Stage Challenge', a Maths workshop provided for schools by Techniquest, on the 26th January. The workshop allows learners to explore Maths through a practical challenge and encourages learners to develop teamwork and reasoning skills.

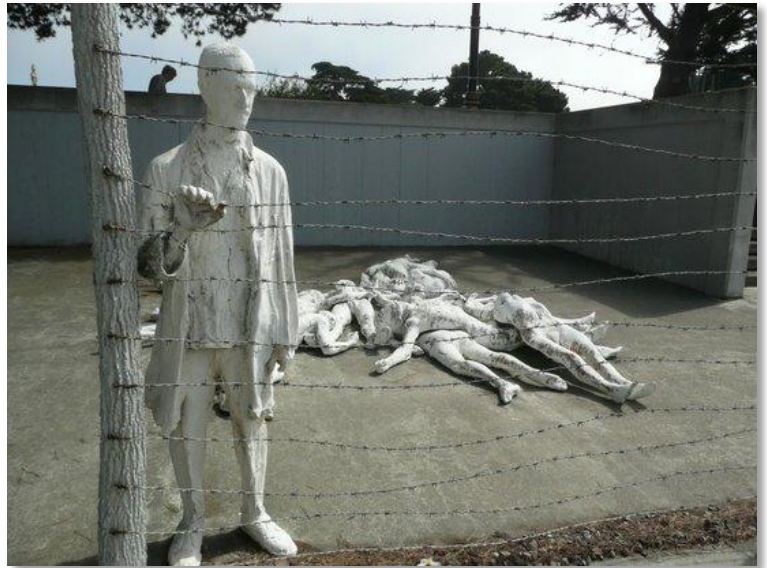
Learners, working in small groups, were set the challenge to organise a series of charity concerts in castles across Wales with the aim of making the greatest profit for their named charity.

They used their Mathematical knowledge including measuring, using a scale factor, calculating area & perimeter in addition to finding the audience capacity and venue overheads. The teams needed to choose their music acts from a selection including rock bands, pop acts and classical artists. They had to make sure that their acts were compatible, that they could afford them and whether any of the other groups had already booked them. Finally each group had to calculate their estimated profit before presenting their findings to the rest of the class.

The Year 8s really enjoyed the workshop and found it fun to see how much profit or loss they could make for charity compared to the other teams.

Holocaust Memorial Service

8 Learners from Years 8 and 10 attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at Newport Cathedral. The theme for the day was "How can life go on?" and it was focusing on the victims of genocide in the last 100 years. We listened to readings and prayers and joined in with some of the hymns, especially an old favourite from Junior School, "One More Step Along the World I go". There were contributions from the Gwent Brass ensemble and singing from Caerleon Comprehensive School choir. After the service we spent a while exploring the Cathedral and even lit some candles in remembrance of loved ones.



Google is Coming.....

We are looking forward to having a visit from Google who will be taking our Key Stage 3 Learners on virtual reality 'expeditions' to support their current studies. Year 9 learners will be experiencing life in the Trenches of WW1; Year 8 will be exploring how volcanoes work, whilst Year 7 learners will go for a trip around Paris. Look out for a full report in our next newsletter!



Year 7 Netball International Match

On 7th February 2017 we went on a trip to watch Wales V New Zealand. When we arrived at the Ice Arena Cardiff, we did some fun netball activities such as shooting and passing. Then we went inside to find our seats. The atmosphere was amazing! As the Wales team entered the arena, smoke filled the room. The crowd cheered and we sang the Welsh national anthem. The match began and they were really fast. It was non stop so our eyes were constantly all over the place. The players were role models to us. They showed us how to work as a team and spread out more. It was also helpful to see our positions so we could learn where to go and what to do when we play. Sadly, the Welsh girls didn't win but that was predicted since New Zealand are one of the best netball teams in the world. Overall, we really enjoyed our time at the netball match and hope to go to something like this again. Written by the Year 7 Netball Team.



International Science Week



To commemorate “International Science Week” Maindee Primary School invited Miss Dunlop and Miss Evans in to celebrate with a multitude of exhilarating and explosive experiments. The learners at Maindee were treated to a 30 minute presentation focussing on the concept of solids, liquids and gases. The dancing raisin; the exploding vitamin pill, and the elephant toothpaste experiments, as well as plenty of other experiment went down well with the Maindee learners.

Miss Dunlop and Miss Evans are looking forward to another invitation next year to unleash a greater array of bubbling experiment to celebrate learning science.

Hack your Home!

On Monday 13th March, 22 Year 7 learners were invited to attend the “How to Hack your Home” lecture run by the Royal Institute. Professor Daniella George inspired our learners to take control of everyday devices and adapt them to do extraordinary things. For example, the learners were able to make piano noises by just touching different fruits and vegetables. This is tinkering for the 21st century!



Eisteddfod 2017

This year's Eisteddfod took on a new look where instead of competing in forms, learners from Years 7, 8 and 9 joined forces in Houses. The four Houses turned up on Friday 3rd March to watch an array of competitions. Lots of learners had entered off stage competitions before the event such as 'Best Chef, Netball and Football' plus creating Welsh arts and crafts.

The morning was spent watching some excellent performances from acting to singing, reciting welsh poetry to dancing. The Sixth form Performing Arts team judged the competition and eventually Severn House took the title as the winning house.



Friends of LHS Association

Friends of Lliswerry High School are a recently-formed small group of parents, ex-students and teachers, working towards raising money to benefit the learners at LHS.

So far they have raised over £1,200 which helped to fund the school production back in February. This has been done in a variety of ways including: the school choir carol singing at Tesco's; selling refreshments at the production and at Newport Academy home football matches (played on school grounds) on Saturdays. They have also been successful in bidding for funding from Newport City Homes.



WE WANT YOU!

The Association's next target is for seating for the woodland area in the school grounds and new goalposts for the the school football team. BUT.....

YOU can help! They need YOU!

They are looking for parents of learners at the school to join their monthly meetings or volunteer to help on the fundraising events. Any new ideas are also welcome!

Perhaps you know of local companies which could sponsor or add funds to our projects?

If you would like to know more (and join us for coffee), send us your contact details either on the form or by email to f.o.lliswerryhigh@gmail.com



Just B Smoke Free

18 learners were taken to Peterstone Golf Course to complete a 2 day training event to provide them with the skills necessary to be Just B Smoke Free Ambassadors.

Over the course of the 2 days the students completed fact finding sessions on the health and financial impact of smoking on individuals and the environment and took part in team building games to increase their awareness of the tobacco industry.

They all learnt a great deal and were put off smoking for life!



Learners and Fizzy Drinks at School



Please be aware that due to regulations concerning a Healthy Diet produced by the Welsh Government, we are not allowed to sell fizzy drinks on school premises. Also, the school canteen, run by Chartwells need to comply with the Regulations. The “Appetite for Life” agenda also does not allowed to sell fizzy drinks.

As a school we have noticed that the ‘E’ values in energy drinks and fizzy drinks has a detrimental effect upon many learners.

For this reason we have decided to **ban fizzy drinks** being brought on to the premises. Learners will be permitted to drink water only on site.

Water will be available free of charge in the school canteens at breaks and a water fountain is available for learners use if they do not wish to use the canteen facility.

Please note the banned drinks will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Year 7 Welsh - Duolingo



A big DA IAWN to the following year 7 learners who are top of the leader board for Duolingo Welsh Home Learning. All learners can access Duolingo in their own time, anywhere with internet access. Learners have set up accounts during lessons using their school emails. e.g. 16MOOR1A@lliswerryhigh.org

If learners would like to reset passwords they can go to see Miss Price, A13 at lunch times.

Keep up the good work! Dal ati!

Sick Learners

Learners:

- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell in a lesson?
- A. Tell your teacher and he/she will give you a red exit slip to leave the classroom to go to the medical room in learner reception.
- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell at break time or lunchtime? (If the bell goes for the start of the lesson, you must go to your lesson and speak to your teacher.)
- A. Go to Pupil reception and the staff there will help you.
- Q. Should I contact my parents and ask to be collected?
- A. No, the staff on Pupil reception will contact home if you need to be sent home.
- Reminder: You should not use your mobile phone whilst in the school building**
- Q. Who can give me permission to go home if I am unwell?
- A. Your Head of Year or Head of Key Stage or a Senior Member of Staff



Parents:

We have recently had a number of parents called to school by their children without the staff having any knowledge of a learner feeling unwell.

Parents are asked for their support in the process above and to wait for the school to contact them to collect their child.

Lunch Cards

Please can all learners remember to bring their lunch cards to school **EVERY DAY**. If you have mislaid your card or broken your card, a replacement must be purchased at a cost of £2.50. Learners are asked to see Mrs Perkins **at breaktime** to pay and collect a new card. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking to recruit a new Parent Governor who will play an active part on the school's Governing Body. School Governors have an important part to play in ensuring that the requirements of the National Curriculum are met, establishing standards of behaviour, selection of staff, budget matters etc. Governors sub-committees meet once every half term

and the full Governing Body meet every term.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact Mrs Perkins, Headteacher's PA on 01633 277867.

GET INVOLVED!





Important Dates for your Diary

APRIL 2017

Friday 7th
Monday 10th – Friday 21st
Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st
Monday 24th
Friday 28th - Saturday 29th

INSET DAY – School closed to learners
Easter Holidays – School closed to learners
Easter revision – Year 10 & 11 learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 2)
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

MAY 2017

Monday 1st
Tuesday 3rd
Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th
Tuesday 9th
Monday 15th
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June

Bank Holiday – School closed to learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
Key Stage 3 exams
GCSE Exams begin
GCE Exams begin
School closed for Half Term

JUNE 2017

Wednesday 31st May– Friday 2nd
Monday 5th
Tuesday 20th
Friday 23rd
Friday 23rd
Tuesday 27th
Thursday 29th - Saturday 1st July

Revision for Year 11 learner
School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
Year 8 Parents' Evening
Year 11 Founders' Day Ceremony
Year 11 Prom
Year 7 Parents' Evening
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

JULY 2017

Monday 3rd
Thursday 6th – Friday 7th
Tuesday 11th
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th
Friday 21st
Friday 21st

INSET DAY – School closed to learners
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
Summer Showcase Event
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
Years 7 & 8 Founders' Day Ceremony
Years 9 & 10 Founders' Day Ceremony
Last day of the school year

SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday 4th September

First day of the new school year

