



# Llswerry High School

Christmas 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Learners,

When I read this term's newsletter I realised what a fantastic reminder it was of all of the amazing things that have taken place in school, alongside our normal teaching and learning activities. In the hustle and bustle of a busy school term it can be easy to forget some of these things and it's important that we don't, because they highlight so many positive aspects of our school community. These are the things that give an insight into the overall ethos and culture of our school: the kindness and generosity; the citizenship; the talent and the general willingness by staff and learners to go 'above and beyond'. Alongside our academic achievements, these are some of the additional elements that make us so proud of our school and of our learners.

What isn't quite as obvious in this newsletter perhaps, is the continuing developments we are making in the standards of teaching and learning which ultimately translate into progress and outcomes for our learners. All schools in South East Wales have a School Improvement Partner (SIP) allocated to them. Last week our SIP came in to review learners' books with members of our Senior Leadership Team. She was very impressed with the quality of knowledge and skills on display and the overall progress demonstrated in books. This is down to a lot of hard work and dedication from our learners and our staff. All Our key personal qualities of ambition, belief, determination and resilience were evident in abundance in the books reviewed and this was also very pleasing indeed. It also validated how well we are doing with the implementation of the new Curriculum for Wales. In relation to this we have also continued our exciting journey of collaboration with our cluster primary colleagues to develop continuity of learning for all learners from Year 3 to Year 13. This is a vital aspect of the new curriculum for all schools.

As we head further into winter and particularly in the current period of cold weather, I am very aware of how the current financial situation could be affecting many families in our school community. The cost of living crisis is something that affects us all and we will continue to do everything we can to support our learners and their families. This is why I am especially pleased that we are able to include a report on our new pre-loved uniform shop and food bank in this newsletter, which we were delighted to have recently launched. Take a look on p14 and do arrange to come and visit us if you think we might be able to support you in any way.

As always, the year is flying by. My daughter started in Year 7 in her school in September and primary school already feels like a distant memory! I hope that over the Christmas and New Year period you are able to slow down, rest and take time to enjoy the company of family and friends. I hope that you and your family have a great Christmas break and a healthy and happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming our learners back to school on the 9th of January and please remember to contact us if there is any way we might be able to further support you or your child.

Merry Christmas/Nadolig Llawen,



N Davies  
Headteacher



# LLISWERRY'S LATEST NEWS

## Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

At the beginning of the school year, the whole of the UK and the World was saddened to hear that Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. As a school, we held a two minute silence to reflect on the Queen's lifetime of service and dedication for our country and the commonwealth.



A book of condolences was left in reception for staff and learners to sign and pay their respects. They were very heartfelt and lovely to read, it really showed how thoughtful our learners are.







# MORE NEWS...

## OPEN EVENING



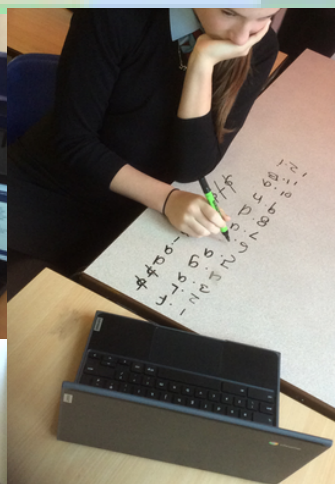
We held our Open Evening for Year 6 learners and parents to come and see what Llisswerry has to offer, and what a fantastic evening it was!

From learning about Welsh Love Spoons, French vocabulary, ghoulish descriptive writing, to having your palm read, there was plenty on offer for the parents and learners to have fun learning about!

A special thanks to the staff who took part in the Open Evening and showed the parents and learners just how amazing our school is.

## GCHQ National Languages Competition

Congratulations to all learners who took part in the GCHQ languages competition throughout November. Learners showed dedication and incredible resilience to crack codes and capture flags by using their language skills. Learners cracked codes of puzzles using English, Spanish, Hungarian, French, Japanese, to list a few! A special congratulations to our winning team; Boluwatife, Shyamraj and Logan! Well done all.



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# MORE NEWS...

## Christmas Card Competition!



Our annual Christmas card competition took place this term. We received a huge amount of entrants which made it so much harder for staff to choose one winner. Thank you to all who entered the competition. Congratulations to this year's winners Sarah Curticean in 11WH & Jessica Thomas in 9RHM.



Well done!

## Year 11 Interview sessions

In November, Lliswerry High School in partnership with Careers Wales, welcomed a number of local employers to the school to hold mock interviews with 50 of our Year 11 learners. The range available was designed to represent the different career paths our learners may be interested in exploring. It was a superb opportunity for our learners to learn about what preparation and practice is required to perform well in a job interview.

All employers who came in were really impressed by the students who they mock interviewed. They stayed and chatted to some at the end of the day. Some comments from Newport Live and University of South Wales were that they have interviewed thousands of learners over the years and the learners in this school impressed more than most. Well done Year 11!





# EVEN MORE NEWS!



**Llswerry learners & staff raised over £370 for Children in Need!**

We had many activities take place during the day, one of them being our Pudsey Challenge! Staff and learners took part in cycling and rowing on machines which were located in reception all day. We also had a live stream for classes to watch during the day. A big thank you to all those who took part!

Many of our learners couldn't resist taking part in 'Pie a Teacher' during lunch!



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**More photos from  
'Pie a Teacher'  
event!**



**How many sweets in  
the jar? Zoe in Year 10  
guessed correctly -  
enjoy Zoe!**

**Our Ping pong  
competition winner  
Euan & runner up  
Moeez, Year 12.  
Well done both!**



**our Children In Need Penalty Shoot Out!**



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# ACCELERATED READER

The form with the highest word count so far this year is:



Learners with the most words read:  
Lyla - 2,599,279



Soetan - 1,253,398

Savannah - 1,007,300

## stationery shop

Every lunchtime our

Stationery Shop is open!

From pens to pencil

cases we have it in our

shop! Find us in B13.





# Christmas Cluster Concert



This December we held our first Christmas Cluster Concert in three years!

It was a great success with brilliant performances from our learners as well as pupils from St Andrew's Primary, Lliswerry Primary and Maindee Primary. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the concert.

It was lovely welcoming our community, Governors, parents and carers in school.





# SCIENCE SUCCESS!

## WALES YOUTH COP CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT

In November 2022, nine of our environmentally aware Year 10 learners were able to attend the Wales Youth COP Climate Change event at The Temple of Peace in Cardiff. This was the first such event to be held in Wales and was designed to attract young people with a keen interest in environmental issues. There were opportunities for our learners to ask questions and to speak to a range of organisations and groups from across Wales about their work on climate change and their efforts to reduce emissions. Some also had opportunities for their voices to be heard when they were interviewed by the media. The event was organised by Size of Wales, a Welsh charity with a focus on climate and tropical forests and the Youth Climate Ambassadors for Wales. It was sponsored and funded by the Welsh Government. Having attended the event our learners hope to build upon links made with the Welsh Government and plan to set up an environmental group in school.



Morgan Andrew, Raif Sadler, Charlie Sweet, Dylan Gabica, Lloyd Thomas Gough, Eva Clarke Jones, Chloe Newcombe, Keira King & Kaitlin Nasey attended the trip, conducted themselves very well throughout the day and were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school.

## CHAOS SCIENCE DAY



UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE

In the Summer, all Year 7 & 8 learners were able to benefit from an hour's 'hands on' science session with students from Cambridge University. The sessions took place in the school sports hall and consisted of between twelve and fifteen science demonstrations each manned by a Cambridge student. These demonstrations varied greatly from the biology of blood and x rays, the chemistry of a reaction to the physics of a vortex! It was marvellous to see our learners both curious and fascinated by the demonstrations they saw and many were able to ask and answer scientific questions. The students from Cambridge were very complementary of the attitude and behaviour of our learners and we look forward to welcoming them again in the future.



PHYSICS  
MENTORING PROJECT

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Earlier in 2022 ten of our Year 10 learners took part in the Physics Mentoring programme run by Cardiff University. Following the programme, our learners were invited to an award ceremony at the University of South Wales campus at Treforest where they received certificates and a goodie bag.

The following learners attended the trip, conducted themselves very well throughout the day and were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. Sarah Curticean, Ethan Davies, Layla Gabica, Sybil Gill, Seren Griffiths, Rhys Howells, Seren Jones, Hope Ntsimane, Daniel-Peter Odia & Trinity Noden



# PE Updates

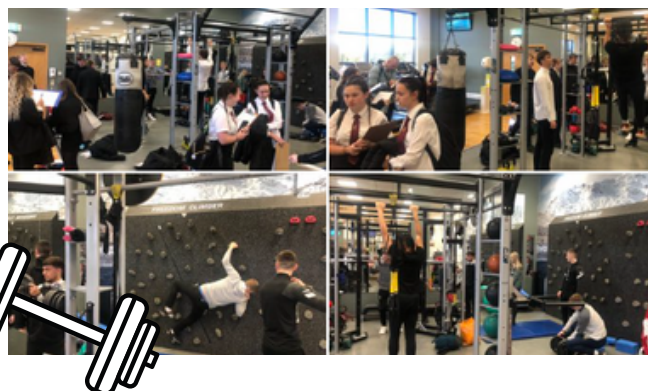
## Year 7 and 8 Girls Football

Well done to the 12 Y7 and Y8 girls who formed two teams to enter the Newport County in the Community 6-a-side football tournament this half term. Some very pleasing performances and attitudes on display, despite the weather.



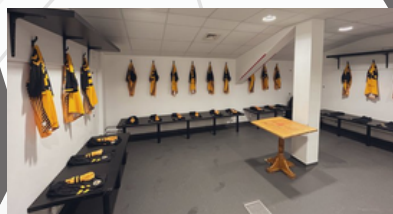
We also had Welsh Cycling come to Lliswerry to deliver two fantastic presentations to our Year 9 & 10 learners and watt bike challenges as part of their Talent ID. Thank you to Welsh Cycling for taking the time to visit our school!

Our Sixth form sports students had the chance to visit Wales Velodrome for the morning to experience a tour, discussion and use some of the facilities with manager Bryony from Newport Live.



It was great to have Newport Shotokan Karate Club in to deliver some taster sessions to some of our Year 7 and 8 learners. The learners really enjoyed it and it was great to give them a different learning experience. Thanks to Jonathan, Lauren, Dan & Tony

Well done to the 23 Year 12 and 13 Sports Students who have been working with Newport Live to complete their Level 2 Sports Leaders UK Award. Some excellent feedback from the facilitators about some very promising coaches of the future.



Well done to Year 11 Riley Lonergan making the Newport County Academy Squad! A fantastic achievement Riley, enjoy the experience!

A huge thank you to our Sixth Form Sports volunteers Cerys Shipley, Paige Needham, Maddison Osario, Sydney Smith, Sophie Seymour, and Angel Hawkins who have been giving up their time twice a week after school to support the PE department delivering Netball and girls Football sessions to our learners. It's been very much appreciated girls. Thank you and Well done!!



# STAYING SAFE ONLINE

THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT THINGS ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA, APPS AND GAMES, LIFE WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT THEM FOR MOST OF US. BUT SOMETIMES THINGS CAN GO WRONG AND YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN AN UNSAFE OR UPSETTING SITUATION.



## Specific online safety issues

Jump straight to advice and information on a specific topic if you know what you are looking for.

## Online safety advice and information

Browse through our resources written for you on a range of online safety issues.

WE ALL WANT TO KEEP OUR ONLINE EXPERIENCE POSITIVE. [HWB.GOV.WALES/KEEPINGSAFEONLINE](http://HWB.GOV.WALES/KEEPINGSAFEONLINE) HAS BEEN CREATED TO HELP YOU MAKE SENSE OF SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THE INFORMATION PAGES ALSO INCLUDE ADVICE ON WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING ONLINE.

## Social media, gaming and app guides

Find out everything you need to know about the most popular apps children and young people are using today.

## Advice for children and young people

Information on what to do and where to turn for help if they are worried about something online.



ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU HAVE RIGHTS AND THESE RIGHTS ALSO APPLY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [HWB.GOV.WALES/KEEPINGSAFEONLINE](http://HWB.GOV.WALES/KEEPINGSAFEONLINE)





Thursday 2nd February &  
Friday 3rd February 2023 at 7pm

**Llswerry High  
School proudly  
presents...**

**TICKETS  
ON SALE**

**JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOP  
DREAMCOAT**  
LYRICS BY  
TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Tickets can be bought from the  
finance office

(If you would like to attend but the cost of tickets is an  
issue, please contact the school)

**Tickets**  
**£2.50**  
each

# School Uniform



## Years 7 to 11

- Black skirt of an appropriate length for the work-place (i.e. not more than 7cm above the knee) or Black trousers (not skin tight and/or jeans or leggings)
- Blue blouse/shirt
- School velcro tie
- Plain black v-neck long sleeved jumper or cardigan
- Plain black or white ankle socks or thick plain black tights
- Completely Black footwear (no boots)
- Black Blazer



## Years 12 and 13

- Black skirt of an appropriate length for the work-place (i.e. not more than 7cm above the knee) or Black trousers (not skin tight and/or jeans or leggings)
- White blouse/shirt
- School velcro tie
- Plain black v-neck long sleeved jumper or cardigan
- Completely Black footwear (no boots)
- Black Blazer



## Our Preloved Uniform Shop is now open!

In recognition of the current financial situation that everyone is facing with the Cost of living crisis, Llisswerry High School is committed to supporting all of our families with the introduction of a preloved uniform shop and food bank. Items are a combination of preloved and new clothes which are accessible at a reduced cost. We now have connections with Kings Church who are providing food donations such as tinned items and dry food.

If you need any further information or would like to make an appointment to come into the shop, please email

[preloveduniform@llisswerryhigh.org](mailto:preloveduniform@llisswerryhigh.org)





# School Calendar 2022/23

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July 2023							
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School closed/ holidays



No school for learners/  
Teacher INSET day

\*dates may be subject to change

# KEY INFORMATION

*Spring*

**Term Begins**

**Half Term**

**Term Ends**

Monday 9th January 2023

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Friday 31st March

*SUMMER*

**Term Begins**

**Half Term**

**Term Ends**

Monday 17th April

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Friday 21st July

## **INSET Days (school closed to pupils):**

Friday 23rd December

Friday 3rd February

Monday 13th March

Friday 30th June TBC



## **Biometrics**

The school is using a Biometric payment system for catering, which is a quicker and easier way for learners to purchase food/drinks from the school canteen.

If you wish to register your son/daughter for this system, forms are available from the school reception. Once we have received the completed form learners will be registered the same day. This is a more efficient way for them to get their lunch instead of them remembering a 4 digit code. Alternatively you can contact us at [admin@lliswerryhigh.org](mailto:admin@lliswerryhigh.org) given authorisation for your child to have biometrics set up.

## **Contact Details**

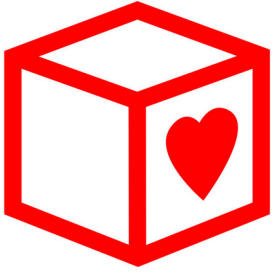
Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details, also that you don't have the school number blocked. During this academic year we struggled to make contact with a few parents when making calls home. Please also note that if we call, it may show on your phone as 'number withheld'.

## **Attendance**

If your child is unwell you need to report the absence daily, you can either email the school at [admin@lliswerryhigh.org](mailto:admin@lliswerryhigh.org) contact us through the school comms app, or telephone the school on 01633 277867 and press 1.



# KEY INFORMATION



## The Red Box Project

As a school we are proud to be part of The Red Box Project.

### What is it?

The Red Box Project is a community-based, charity, which aims to support young people throughout their periods by providing red boxes filled with free period products to local schools. The Red Box Project is committed to continuing the fight and campaign to ensure that all young people from all nations of the United Kingdom have access to free period products in school when they need them.

### Where can I access this?

Learners can access the red box project by going to student reception, where a free pack will be given to them.

*Got your period?  
We've got your back!*

**The Red Box Project will continue to strive to ensure that no young person misses out on their education because they have their period.**

## Schoolgateway

### **Communicate Easier, Faster and More Effectively**

**Using School Gateway means that we can communicate with parents quickly and cost effectively via email, text or smartphone. It will also allow us to send electronic reports in future.**



**If you have a smartphone, you can help us save money by downloading the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone).**

**By doing this we can send you app messages (avoiding the cost of texts) and you can send messages back for FREE. It's quick and easy to do.**

**All you need is your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you. If you have trouble logging in, please contact the school. All communication will be sent via Schoolgateway.**

## Learner Support

At Lliswerry High we want to create an outstanding climate for learning. It is important that our learners feel happy and supported in order to achieve their best in the classroom.

Our Pastoral team consists of both teaching and non-teaching staff who are available to offer support and guidance to learners in an effective and timely manner. As such we would ask that you emphasise with your child that they should approach a member of staff in the first instance should a problem or issue arise, rather than contacting home. By giving staff an opportunity to resolve any concerns, we will be able to reduce any unnecessary worry for both you and your son / daughter.

## Medical Room



We have a small medical room which is managed by a first aid officer.

Learners visiting the medical room will be assessed and a decision on the next course of action will be made by the first aid officer, i.e. learner receives treatment, a phone call home is made or returns to class.

Learners should familiarise themselves with the protocol below before visiting the medical room:

### **Learners:**

**Q.** What should I do if I feel unwell in a lesson?

**A.** Tell your teacher and he/she will give you a yellow 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 learner reception and the staff there will help you.

**Q.** Should I contact my parents/carers and ask to be collected?

**A.** No, the staff on learner reception will contact home if you need to be sent home.

*Reminder: You should not use your mobile phone whilst in the school building unless you are in one of the designated areas during lunch or break time.*

**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 and carers:**

We have recently had a number of parents/carers called to school by their children without the staff having any knowledge of a learner feeling unwell. Parents/carers are asked for their support in the process above and to wait for the school to contact them to collect their child.



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WESOYCH ŚWIĄT  
BUON NATALE

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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Veselé Váhace

FELIZ NAVIDAD

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Happy Christmas  
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