

Llswerry High



School

CHRISTMAS 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again our newsletter has lots of information about events that have taken place this term, alongside our normal teaching and learning activities. As always, the learners who took part in the various trips and visits represented our school brilliantly and made us all very proud of them.

In my last newsletter I mentioned that we were heading into the summer break in great anticipation of the exam results that were to be awarded in August. I'm extremely pleased to say that our performance at GCSE was very pleasing. We showed further improvement yet again in almost every comparative performance indicator and our learners' results demonstrated progress beyond that which would normally be expected during the time that they were with us.

Similarly, at A Level our results were excellent and we achieved our best overall results (known as the Level 3 Threshold). I would like to take this opportunity to give huge credit and congratulations to our learners and to the staff who have supported them to achieve these results – well done! Similarly, I would like to thank all parents and carers who have supported their children throughout their time in school and helped them through their exams – not an easy task!

As I write this, it is Christmas jumper day in school and this follows on from the Cluster Christmas Concert which took place last night. This is one of my favourite events of the year and, for me, it signals that the countdown to Christmas Day has really started! To see the learners from our cluster primary schools and our own learners performing so well and enjoying themselves whilst doing so is an absolute privilege.

Of course, this Christmas is a little different for me as I will be stepping down as Headteacher at the end of this year. It has been an honour to be able to serve our school and our wider community as Headteacher and a pleasure to have met so many wonderful learners, parents, carers and staff during this time. I'm sure that I will miss the daily interaction with our learners and staff very much, but all good things come to an end and it is time for me to hand over the reins to my successor.

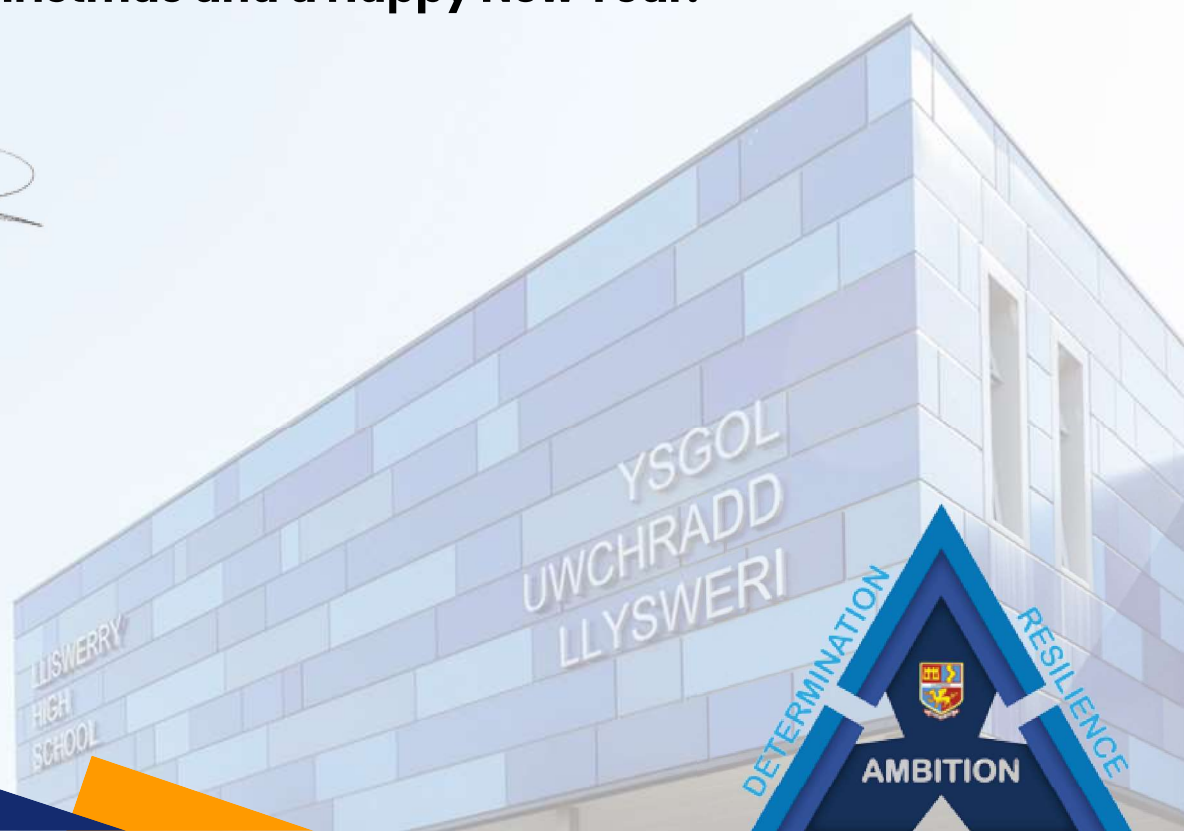
As I informed you recently, the fantastic news is that Miss Fitzgerald will start as Headteacher in January, meaning that we will have a seamless transition from my tenure to hers. Miss Fitzgerald has played a massive part in the progress we have made and I have absolute confidence that our school will continue to go from strength to strength under her leadership and guidance.

So, for one last time as Headteacher of Lliswerry High School, I would like to thank you all for your support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,



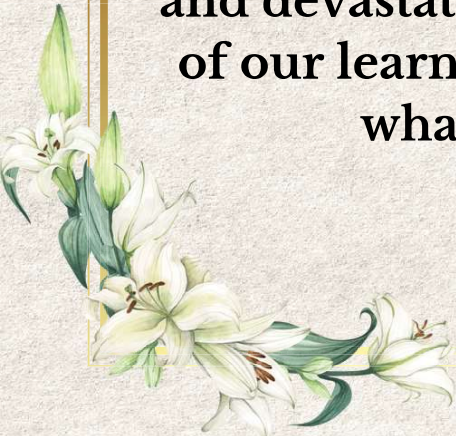
**N Davies
Headteacher**



Miss Reynolds

We would like to take time to remember Miss Reynolds who sadly passed away in November. Miss Reynolds was a highly valued member of our Maths team and also our Deputy Director of Sixth Form.

Miss Reynolds was an outstanding colleague and friend and, as I'm sure you can imagine, we are all shocked and devastated by her loss. She cared deeply about all of our learners and always went the extra mile to do whatever she could to support them.



John Griffiths MS & Jessica Morden MP Visit

We were very pleased to welcome Jessica Morden MP and John Griffiths MS to our school at the beginning of the term.

Our learners proudly shared their views and concerns regarding local and national issues.

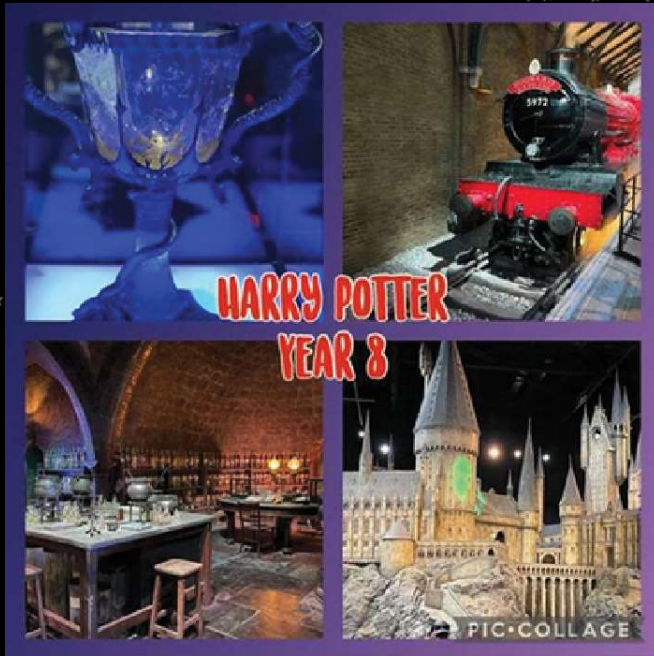
We were also delighted to see that John Griffiths mentioned Lliswerry High School at the Senedd, praising our work of bringing communities of all backgrounds and cultures together.

Many thanks to Jessica and John for giving



Harry Potter Studios Trip

Year 8 learners had the exciting opportunity to visit the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios in September.



It was a wonderful experience for both staff and learners to find out more about how the films were made, an insight into how the books were written, as well as seeing props used in the films. It was a pleasure to have the learners represent our school community.

HOUSE EVENT - SPELLING BEE

In October, we held one of our House Events which was a Spelling Bee. Learners from all year groups participated in the competition, and we held our finals in the hall.

The winner of the Spelling Bee was Stephanie in 11L2!

This was a great achievement and a great success for Llewellyn! A big well done to all learners who participated in the

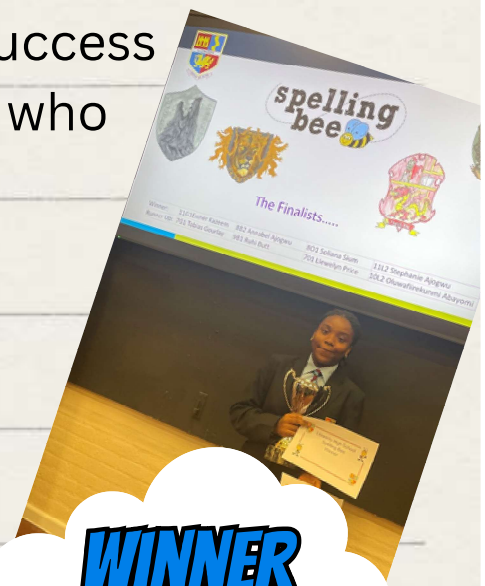
Spelling Bee!



FINALISTS



GREAT JOB!



WINNER

House Event for Children in Need!



In November, we held our House Event for **Children in Need**.

Newport Live kindly loaned the school four exercise bikes and staff and learners took to the bikes to cycle as many kilometers for charity as they could (as well as wracking up points for their House!)

We also streamed the all day cycle event in school so that classes could tune in throughout various times of the day to check in on the progress.

All houses managed to cycle a total of 480km - the distance from Newport to Paris! But the winning House for the cycle event was Llywelyn with 128.3KM! It was a very successful day full of motivation and fun.

At lunchtime, learners could take to the Sports Hall to Pie a Teacher! Many staff took part and there certainly were satisfied learners after the event! It was great fun for such a great cause, thank you to all of the staff who took part and who helped organise the events.

Our live stream of the event!

House Name	Distance Travelled
Owain Glyndwr	119.9 KM
Llywelyn	128.3 KM
Branwen	112.8 KM
Gwenllian	119.6 KM



BBC

Children in Need



BBC Children in Need



Investing in the future

Year 9 learners had a fantastic trip to the ICC in Newport to learn about the renewable energy education and skills event. There were many companies who showed the learners what renewable energy they specialized in and how it worked. The learners also left having learned about the sector, and were excited by the opportunities for future careers!



As always, the Lliswerry learners engaged well and represented the school beautifully.



House of Commons Visit

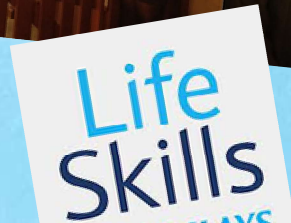
We were privileged to be invited by Barclays to represent Wales at a House of Commons event celebrating Barclays Life Skills.

Barclays have carried out lessons in our school for numerous years covering skills including CV writing, budgeting, banking basics and interview preparation. These valuable lessons have greatly benefited our pupils as they move on to new opportunities.

At the event, Mrs Jones, Chanel and her parent had the opportunity to speak to numerous MPs, the CEO of Barclays and RT Hon Baroness Karren Brady; with whom they shared how Barclays Life Skills lessons have helped our pupils. They also met a few mice as they scurried across the event floor.

Chanel in Year 11 represented the school extremely well and then we enjoyed a few hours visiting some of London's famous sights before travelling home.

We would like to thank Barclays for this special opportunity and look forward to continuing to work with them.



Business talks!

We welcomed Seth Oliver, managing director of FIZZI Events to come to Lliswerry and talk to our Business Studies learners.

Seth gave his perspective on building a multi-million business from scratch. He has provided valuable insights into how business can help learners in their future.

Thank you Seth for coming in!



Movember



Congratulations to our school 'Movember Team' who have raised over £700 for charity throughout the month of November.



Thank you to those who have donated towards this great cause!

Thank you!

Our new Food Pod



Our new outdoor Food Pod was opened this term. Learners can now access a range of break and lunch time snacks from the pod as well as a daily special!



Christmas Fayre

Our first ever Christmas Fayre was a great success! We had lots of different stalls selling items from cakes and sweet treats, to arts and craft items.

It was lovely to hear Christmas songs being sang by our talented learners and staff. A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Fayre!



Liswerry's Christmas Cluster Concert



What a wonderful Christmas Cluster Concert we held this December! A night full of songs and Christmas cheer filled our school hall.

We would like to thank everyone who came to watch not only our Liswerry learners, but learners from our Cluster schools; Liswerry Primary, St. Andrews Primary, Glan Llyn Primary and Maindee Primary.

Thank you to staff who stayed to help out behind the scenes to ensure the concert ran as smoothly as possible, it was a great event for our community!



School Website

Our school website can now be translated into several languages

including:

**Welsh,
Bengali**

Czech

Punjabi

Romanian

Slovak

Urdu



<http://lliswerryhigh.org/>

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Years of service!

In November, Miss Evans celebrated 40 years of service working at Lliswerry High School.

Miss Evans works at Lliswerry as a Science Technician and was awarded a bouquet of flowers from Mr Davies at a staff briefing to say thank you and congratulations.

It is an amazing achievement and dedication and we all thank you at Lliswerry High



Congratulations

PE Updates



Girls Football

Girls football is ever growing with several girls now attending after school sessions on Wednesdays and break time sessions on a Thursdays. The 7/8 football team have had recent fixtures against Croesyceiliog and Gwent-Is-Coed as well as a tournament in the Utilita Cup. The 9/10 team have also had recent fixtures against Gwent Is Coed and Gwynlliw.



Boys Football

It's been a mixed bag of results and successes with boys football this term.

Y7 got through to the second round of the Newport Cup and have played fixtures against St Julians, St Josephs and St Albans. Goals have been scored by Alfie Dare, Osian Williams, Afeez Kazeem.

Y8 have played home and away fixtures against Cwmbran High as well as St Julians.

Y9 have played Gwent Is Coed and Caldicot.

Y10 got through to the second round of the Welsh Cup after winning their opening match 5-0 with goals from E Godsall x3, K. Edwards, and O. Abayomi. They have also played fixtures against Ebbw Fawr, St Albans and John Frost.

Y11 drew their opening match of the year 2-2 in a local derby with Llanwern with goals from Kiyan Bidgood and Chase Alfred, and have also had Welsh Cup fixtures against Maesteg (3-2 loss, with both goals from Mihai Sorin) and Idris Davies as well as Newport Cup against St Josephs.



Mr Palmer and Mr J Coughlin have also started to run rugby training for Y9-11 after school on Wednesdays with a lot showing interest which has been good to see. Get yourselves along and fixtures will be arranged.



LLISWERRY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**

FEBRUARY 29TH 2024

MARCH 1ST 2024

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH PARENTPAY OR THE

FINANCE OFFICE

SONGS BY

MATTHEW GERRARD & ROBBIE NEVIL

BASED ON A DISNEY

MUSIC ADAPTED, ARRANGED
AND PRODUCED BY BRYAN

£3

£3



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 open!

In recognition of the current financial situation that everyone is facing with the cost of living crisis, Liswerry 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 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@lliswerryhigh.org.



KEY INFORMATION

SPRING

Term Begins
Half Term
Term Ends

8th January 2024
12th February 2024
22nd March 2024

SUMMER

Term Begins
Half Term
Term Ends

8th April 2024
27th May 2024
19th July 2024



INSET Days (school closed to pupils):

Monday 11th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Exams

During May and June we have GCSE examinations taking place. It is extremely important that learners are in school during this period in order not to miss any exams that they are entered in. We politely ask that holidays are not booked during this time.

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.

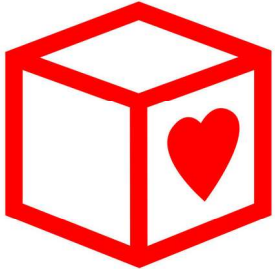
If you wish to register your son/daughter for this system, forms are available from the school reception. Once we have received the completed form learners will be registered the same day. This is a more efficient way for them to get their lunch instead of them remembering a 4 digit code. Alternatively you can contact us at admin@lliswerryhigh.org 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 contact us through the school comms app or telephone the school on 01633 277867 and press 1



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.

KEY INFORMATION

2023/2024 Free School Meal & Pupil Development (PDG) Application for Newport Schools Important Information for Parents / Carers

Universal Primary Free School Meals

The Welsh Government are working with Local Authorities in Wales to deliver Universal Primary Free School Meals to all primary aged pupils by 2024 on a rollout basis.

In Newport, we are able offer ALL primary aged pupils a Free School Meal from September 2023.

Families of children attending Primary School in September 2023 do not need to apply for the school meal offer as they will be automatically able to claim this at their school. However, families on low incomes may be eligible to claim the School Essentials grant (formerly known as Pupil Development Grant or PDG), please see below.

Free School Meals for Low Income Families

If you are on a low income and your child/children are not already receiving Free School Meals, you will need to make an application. You can only claim the School Essentials Grant if your child/children are in receipt of Free School Meals. This is subject to eligibility.

You **MUST** complete all sections on the application form and sign the declaration. Incomplete forms will result in a delay of any Free School Meals or School Essentials Grant payment whilst we contact you to gain the missing information.

ELIGIBILITY – Pupils will be eligible for a Free School Meal and a School Essentials Grant if parents/carers are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (the annual income must be less than £16,190 for the household)
NOTE: if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit, you will NOT be eligible to receive Free School Meals nor a School Essentials Grant
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, provided the household has an annualised net earned income of no more than £7400.

When you make your claim for Free School Meals, your Local Authority will check your eligibility using the eligibility checking system. This process works by looking at a claimant's earnings for up to three of the most recent assessment periods, starting with the most recent and working back. If we need further information, we will contact you.

Renewal claims

If your children are currently entitled to Free School Meals and attending a Newport School, your Free School Meals award will continue into the next academic year and we will be able to check your on-going eligibility for the School Essentials Grant without the need for you to complete a new form (unless we contact you under separate cover).

Transitional Protection

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals on or after 01 April 2019 will have their eligibility protected and this will apply to the end of the rollout of Universal Credit (currently scheduled for December 2023), regardless of whether their circumstances change.

Once the rollout of Universal Credit has completed, transitional protection will continue until the child comes to the end of their current phase of education i.e. primary/secondary school.

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