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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### Llangrannog!

Year 7 had a fantastic few days at Llangrannog last week. All students were impeccably behaved and fully engaged in all activities. It was wonderful to hear that the children were enjoying themselves while using the Welsh language, and they also took the opportunity to make new friends from other primary schools, as well as from Year 12. We extend our thanks to all the staff for their hard work during what were a very tiring few days!



*Breakfast at Llangrannog*

### Reading campaign



*Ystafell Roger Boore*

This year the school will focus on improving reading across all age groups. This will involve reading for understanding, developing higher-level skills through reading, but most importantly, reading for enjoyment. As such our training for teachers, this year will focus on developing reading strategies and opportunities within lessons to concentrate on these critical skills. We encourage all families to read with their children in both Welsh and English. Reading together with your children, even as they get older, can also be particularly effective.

### Miri Melyn / Hello Yellow

On the 10th of October, we supported the charity Young Minds by raising funds and raising awareness of children and young people's mental health. Students were encouraged to accessorise their school uniforms with yellow and to buy cakes from our cake stand. The purpose of the campaign was to remind young people that they are not alone, and to raise awareness of the support available for those struggling with mental health challenges.



*Selling cakes to raise money for Miri Melyn*

### Primary Cluster Orchestra

On the 9th of October, we welcomed pupils from all our cluster primary schools to take part in a cluster orchestra performance. The pupils worked hard throughout the day to prepare a performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and families alike. Well done everyone!



*Cluster Orchestra*

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

During last week, we launched our Duke of Edinburgh scheme for Year 9 (Bronze Award) and Yr 10 (Silver Award) students. This is a fantastic opportunity to participate in a variety of character-building activities and to earn a valuable qualification at the end. Students have been challenged to start their three tasks: volunteering, sports and skill challenges and more details are available on their year Classrooms sites. We encourage all our students to consider applying to take part!



*Pupils on a DofE expedition*

### Job opportunity in our canteen!

Our brilliant catering team are recruiting new staff members. If you, or someone you know, is interested in a position working in our canteen, please get in touch!



### Global Girl Conference - London

It was great to see some of our Key Stage 4 students attend the Global Girl Conference in London on the 11th of October. The conference was a fantastic opportunity to explore the challenges and opportunities facing girls around the world, including discussions on leadership, girls' rights, and educational achievement. Our students had an inspiring experience, hearing from global leaders and participating in interactive workshops that will help them develop as future leaders.

### Trip to Millfield

It was lovely to see pupils travel over to Millfield School in Street, Somerset to play netball. The pupils received a very warm welcome and had some very competitive matches – da iawn ferched!



Year 11 students competing at Millfield

### Chromebooks for year 8

We will start distributing laptops to Year 8 students next week (14-18 October). Thanks to everyone for their support with this new parental contribution project. We kindly ask parents to assist by ensuring that the device is packed and charged ready to come to school daily.

### Parent Wellbeing Café: Caffi Lles

On Wednesday, 16 October 2-3pm, you are welcome to attend our Wellbeing Café which this month will introduce our wellbeing and pastoral support teams.

### Important dates

October 14- 18 – Year 8 receive their Chromebooks

October 16 – Parents Wellbeing Café at 2pm an introduction to wellbeing support for your child

October 17/18 – 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshops (Yr.7)

October 17: Estyn thematic inspection on positive behaviour

October 18: Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card and donate £1 (on ParentPay)

October 23 – GCSE Performing Exam yr.11

October 24/25 – GCSE Drama Exam yr.11

October 24 – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening for Yr 11 pupils and parents: 5pm – 7pm

### October 28 – Half term

November 6+8 – South Wales Welsh Medium Schools United Orchestra

**Finally** our sincere thanks to Mrs Elinor Patchell for her extended time and contribution as Chair of the Governing Body at Glantaf. We thank her for her leadership and wise counsel over a number of years as a parent and true friend of all at Glantaf. We extend our best wishes to Mrs Iona Edwards who has been elected Chair in her place. *Diolch didwyll i chi Mrs Patchell!*

Yn gywir,



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