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News for the week ending 1st December 2023

Newyddion yr wythnos 1 Rhagfyr 2023

KEY DATES

1-3 Dec	Yr 8 Llangrannog Visit
5 Dec	Christmas Concert
12 Dec	Lower School Christmas Concert
14 Dec	Yr 12 Parents Evening
18-20 Dec	School Production—Seussical the Musical

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we enter December, many of us will begin to think about Christmas and the different ways in which it is celebrated. As a school, we will spend some time talking with students about various traditions but also thinking about those less fortunate. On page 2 of this newsletter, you will see a poster advertising the Vale of Glamorgan's "Santa's Cause". Last year Santa's Cause distributed over 1,000 Christmas gifts to children in the Vale who otherwise would have had little or nothing to open on Christmas day. This year, they need your support more than ever. If you wish to donate, you can do so here: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/santascause

[Here](#) you will find this week's newsletter from Cowbridge Lower School.

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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We are working with the Vale of Glamorgan's Social Services to provide a gift for every child and young person in the Vale who may otherwise go without this Christmas.

If you wish to donate, you can do so here:



★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ★



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Rydym yn gweithio gyda Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Bro Morgannwg i gynnig arheg i bob plentyn a pherson ifanc yn y Fro a allai fel arall fynd heb arheg y Nadolig hwn.

Os ydych yn dymuno cyfrannu, gallwch wneud hynny yma:



DIOLCH AM EICH CEFNOGAETH!



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Students from Cowbridge School present:

Christmas Concert



**Tuesday
5th December 2023
18:00**

All your favourite christmas
music, performed by students
from Cowbridge School

**Tickets £5
Available on
Parentmail**



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Cowbridge School Presents



Seussical

THE MUSICAL

18th, 19th, 20th December 2023
7pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL

MUSIC BY
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

LYRICS BY
LYNN AHRENS

BOOK BY
**LYNN AHRENS AND
STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

CO-CONCEIVED BY LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY AND ERIC IDLE

BASED ON THE WORKS OF DR. SEUSS

*THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
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- ✓ Gellir ei yrru ar dir preifat gyda chaniatâd tirfeddiannwr.
- ✓ Mae'n gyfreithiol iddynt gael eu gwerthu am y rheswm hwn.
- ✗ Ni ellir eu defnyddio ar unrhyw ffyrdd cyhoeddus yng Nghymru (nac unrhyw fannau cyhoeddus eraill fel llwybrau troed, palmentydd neu barciau).
- ✗ Rydych mewn perygl o gael eich erlyn a chael y sgwter wedi'i atafaelu trwy reidio ar ffyrdd cyhoeddus.

- ✓ Can be ridden on private land with land-owner's permission.
- ✓ It is legal for them to be sold for this reason.
- ✗ They cannot be ridden on any public roads in Wales (or any other public places such as footpaths, pavements, or parks).
- ✗ Those riding on public roads risk prosecution and having the scooter seized.



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En Cymru
Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau
Police and Crime Commissioner
South Wales

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E-BIKES: KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, KNOW THE LAW

- ✓ There are different types of e-bikes.
 - ✓ Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) can be legally ridden by anyone aged 14+, and do not require road tax, insurance, or a licence – the same as a normal pedal bike.
 - ✓ To be classified as an EAPC, a bike must be fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling it, have a maximum continuous power rating via the electric motor not exceeding 250 watts, and all electrical assistance must cut off when the vehicle reaches a speed of 15.5mph.
 - ✓ Any other electric bike that doesn't meet the EAPC rules is classed as a motorcycle or moped.
 - ✓ Non-EAPCs can only be ridden on public roads if the bike is registered with the DVLA, taxed, insured and used by a rider who holds the appropriate class of licence.
- ✗ Unless the above criteria are met, e-bikes cannot legally be ridden on public roads.
 - ✗ Those riding on public roads risk prosecution and having the vehicle seized.



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E-FEICIAU: GWYBOD Y GWAHANIAETH, GWYBOD Y GYFRAITH

- ✓ Mae yna wahanol fathau o e-feiciau
 - ✓ Gall Beiciau Pedal a Gynorthwyr yn Drydanol (EAPCs) gael eu defnyddio'n gyfreithiol gan unrhyw un 14+ oed. Nid oes angen treth ffordd, yswiriant, na thrwydded arnynt- yr un fath â beic pedal arferol.
 - ✓ I fod yn EAPC, rhaid gosod pedalau ar feic sy'n gallu ei yrru, ni ddylai'r raddfa bŵer parhaus uchaf drwy'r modur trydanol fod yn uwch na 250 watts, a rhaid i'r holl gymorth trydanol ddiffodd pan fydd y cerbyd yn cyrraedd cyflymder o 15.5mph.
 - ✓ Caiff pob beic trydan arall ei ystyried fel beic modur neu foped.
 - ✓ Dim ond os yw'r feic (nad yw'n EAPC) wedi'i gofrestru gyda'r DVLA, ei drethu, ei yswirio a'i ddefnyddio gan berson sy'n dal y dosbarth priodol o drwydded, y gellir defnyddio'r rhain ar ffyrdd cyhoeddus.
- ✗ Oni chaiff y meini prawf uchod eu bodloni, ni ellir eu defnyddio ar dir cyhoeddus.
 - ✗ Rydych mewn perygl o gael eich erlyn a chael y sgwter wedi'i atafaelu trwy reidio ar ffyrdd cyhoeddus.



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Get Your Child Reading



 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



**Friday, 8 December to
Wednesday, 13
December**

 SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay



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THE
cowbridge grind
MAYOR'S COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY
DEC 2_{10 - 12}

FUNCTION ROOM - **BEAR HOTEL**



Cowbridge School
Senior **JAZZ** Group



<https://cowbridge-tc.gov.uk/events-3/mayors-coffee-morning/>



In aid of Llamau Young
Adults Homeless Charity

Llamau

Imagine a World Without
Homelessness



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50p
each

CANDY CANE FUNDRAISER

THE ROTARY INTERACT GROUP WILL
BE SELLING CANDY CANES DURING
FORM THROUGH OUT DECEMBER TO
RAISE MONEY FOR LLAMAU.

Llamau

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Interact
Cowbridge





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Rotary Interact Quiz Night



Where: Cowbridge Scout Hall

When: 1st December 7:00pm

- Entrance fee: £5 per person (cash)
- There will be snacks, soft drinks and a raffle tickets available to purchase
- Team size: 2-5 people
- All proceeds to Mind Cymru
- Welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks (optional)
- Email: 17bettlemegan@cowbridgecs.co.uk for to register interest

Raising money for:



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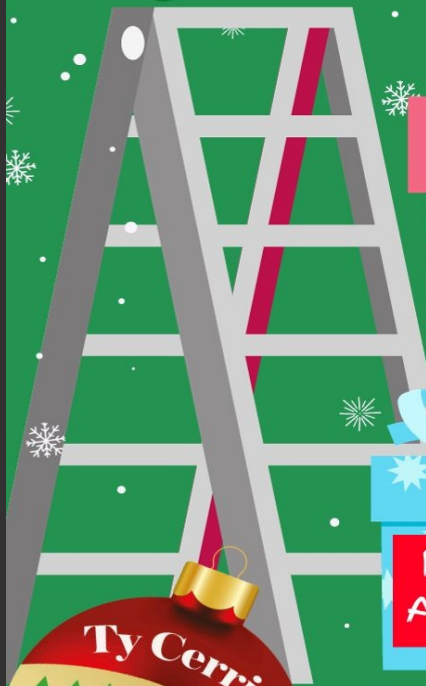
For any extra information, please email: 17bettlemegan@cowbridgecs.co.uk



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Christmas Trees
Cut & Choose or pre-cut all
at 2021 prices!
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



Late night
opening til 7pm
Wed, Thurs
& Fri

Elf Trail,
Wellie walk &
Magic Post
Box

Evening
Rustic Mini
Golf

Delivery
Available

FESTIVE
DRINKS &
Snacks

Stands &
Seasonal
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Text Helen on 07896967648
www.tycerrigchristmastrees.co.uk
TyCerrigChristmasTreeFarm



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Cowbridge School - new 3G pitch

Please see the image below showing permitted footwear on our newly laid pitch



Cowbridge School

3G Footwear Policy

YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	NO ✗	NO ✗
Studs (moulded)	Plastic Studs / Screw In (screw in less than 15mm)	Astro Turf Trainers	Blades or Boots with metal or metal tipped studs	Flat Soled eg. Trainers etc.
				
		NO ✗ Dimpled eg. Specialist hockey shoes		
				

- Please ensure that you follow the correct footwear policy (above) when using this facility.
- The policy will help to protect you from potential injury and maintain the surface.
- Traditional trainers should not be worn as they increase risk of injury.

Thank you for your co-operation

Cowbridge School PE Department



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School Attendance

We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

Here are some ways you can help.

If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.

Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.

Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.

If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.



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Parents, Guardians and Adult Learners *Stay in the know with us*



Scan the QR code
and register to
'stay in the know'
about all things
University for
your student or
whether you're
interested in
studying a course
yourself!

Any questions? Please contact:
schoolsandcolleges@cardiffmet.ac.uk

Join us for our online webinars to learn more about Student Finance and how to prepare for Uni!

All webinars will be taking place 17.30 - 18.30

2023

- 13th Sep: University Research
- 17th Oct: University Research
- 8th Nov: UCAS Application Top Tips
- 12th Dec: Intro to Student Finance and Student Support

2024

- 15th Jan: New Year. New Plans. Supporting your Student
- 13th Feb: Financially Fit, Student Finance Wales & England
- 12th Mar: Mental Health and Wellbeing at Uni
- 10th Apr: Student Life at Uni - Accommodation Support
- 13th May: Your turn to learn Summer School at Cardiff Met
- 15th May: Financially Fit, Student Finance Wales & England
- 12th Jun: Mental Health and Wellbeing at Uni
- 9th Jul: A Level Results Day and Clearing: What to do?
- 13th Aug: Uni - A Survival Guide

Sign up via the QR code to receive webinar info



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Rhieni, Gwarcheidwaid a Dysgwyr sy'n Oedolion *Arhoswch yn hysbys gyda ni*



Sganiwch y cod QR a chofrestrwch i 'aros yn y wybodaeth' am bopeth Prifysgol i'ch myfyriwr neu a oes gennych ddiddordeb mewn astudio cwrs eich hun!

Unrhyw cwestiynau? Cysylltwch â:
schoolsandcolleges@cardiffmet.ac.uk

Ymunwch â ni ar gyfer ein weminarau ar-lein i ddysgu mwy am Gyllid Myfyrwr a sut i baratoi ar gyfer y Brifysgol!

Bydd pob weminar yn cael ei gynnal 17.30 - 18.30

2023

13^{ed} Med: Ymchwil Prifysgol

17^{ed} Hyd: Ymchwil Prifysgol

8^{ed} Tach: Syniadau Da ar gyfer Gwneud Cais UCAS

12^{ed} Rhag: Cyflwyniad i Gyllid Myfyrwr a Chymorth i Fyfyrrwr

2024

15^{ed} Ion: Blwyddyn Newydd. Cynlluniau Newydd. Cefnogi eich Myfyriwr

13^{ed} Chwe: Ffit yn Ariannol, Cyllid Myfyrwr Cymru a Lloegr

12^{ed} Maw: Iechyd Meddwl a Lles yn y Brifysgol

10^{ed} Ebr: Bywyd Myfyriwr yn y Brifysgol - Cymorth Llety

13^{ed} Mai: Eich tro chi i ddysgu Ysgol Haf ym Met Caerdydd

15^{ed} Mai: Yn Ariannol Ffit, Cyllid Myfyrwr Cymru a Lloegr

12^{ed} Meh: Iechyd Meddwl a Lles yn y Brifysgol

9^{ed} Gor: Diwrnod Canlyniadau Lefel A a Chlirio: Beth i'w wneud?

13^{ed} Awst: Y Brifysgol - Sut i Oroesi

Cofrestrwch trwy'r cod QR i dderbyn gwybodaeth weminar



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Physical Education - Extra-curricular (After School) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>	6th Form Fit Club				
<u>3G</u>	Y7 Football	Y7 Rugby	Y8 + 9 Football	Girls Football	
<u>Mugas</u>	Y8 + 9 Netball	Senior Hockey (Y11-13)	Y9 + 10 Hockey	Y7 + 8 Hockey	
<u>Field</u>	Y8 Rugby	Y10 Football		Y9/10/11 Rugby	
<u>Sports Hall</u>	Senior Netball (Y10-13)	Y7 Basketball	Y7-13 Badminton Club	Y7-13 Archery Club	6th Form Basketball

Physical Education - Extra-curricular (Lunch Time) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>	Y7 Fit Club	Y8 Fit Club Week1	Y9 Fit Club	Y10 Fit Club	Y11 Fit Club
<u>3G</u>					
<u>Mugas</u>		Y7 Netball Week 1			
<u>Field</u>					
<u>Sports Hall</u>				6th Form Badminton Week 1	6th Form Badminton Week 2

Physical Education - Extra-curricular (Reg Club 8:30-8:55) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>				6th Form Fit Club	
<u>3G</u>					
<u>Mugas</u>					
<u>Field</u>			Cross Country Club Week 2		
<u>Sports Hall</u>					



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School timings Autumn 2023

BREAK & LUNCH YEAR 7, 8, & 13	BREAK & LUNCH YEAR 9, 10, 11 & 12
08:30 - 08:55 Registration and Form Tutor Time/Assembly	08:30 - 08:55 Registration and Form Tutor Time/Assembly
08:55 - 09:55 Lesson 1	08:55 - 09:55 Lesson 1
09:55 - 10:15 Break	09:55 - 10:55 Lesson 2
10:15 - 11:15 Lesson 2	10:55 - 11:15 Break
11:15 - 12:15 Lesson 3	11:15 - 12:15 Lesson 3
12:15 - 13:00 Lunch	12:15 - 13:15 Lesson 4
13:00 - 14:00 Lesson 4	13:15 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 15:00 Lesson 5	14:00 - 15:00 Lesson 5



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Music extra-curricular clubs will be starting next week (w/c 11th September) and attendance will be taken during the club.

Music Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-2024

	A1C	A1I		<i>Afterschool rehearsals</i>
Monday	String Group 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		
Tuesday	Concert Band 8:20 - 8:50	Boys Voices 8:20 - 8:50	Backstage Skills 8:20 - 8:50 - <u>AIM</u> Flute Group Lunchtime - <u>AIC</u>	<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Wednesday	KS3 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50	Senior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>Big Band A1C</i>
Thursday	Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50			<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Friday	KS4/KS5 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50	Drum Group 8:20 - 8:50		



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TyHapus Counselling Service

Please find attached information about the free counselling service TyHapus offer.

Careers Wales

Please see the link below which will enable you to access updated information and resources from Careers Wales. The information and resources are designed to help parents and carers support young people in making decisions relating to careers and the world of work.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents>



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Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
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Spring 2024	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 Mar 2024	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	*Monday 22 July 2024	70
				TOTAL	195

Mon 4 Sept 2023 and *Monday 22 July 2024 will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 22 July 2024 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on Monday 6 May 2024 for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas	Monday 25 December 2023
Easter	Good Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday 1 April 2024
May Bank Holidays	Monday 6 May 2024 Monday 27 May 2024



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

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