



Play, Learn & Grow Together

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End of Term Message from Mr Burnell

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas concerts again this year. I think you would all agree that they were fantastic! My favourites to date for sure. I would personally like to thank you all for your support, the children looked and sounded amazing. That is down to each and every one of you throughout this great community. Well done all.

On behalf of everyone at LPS, I would like to thank our families and community for their unrivalled support. I would like to thank our outstanding team for their resilience, courage and passion to support our wonderful community, our learners are very lucky to have such caring, professional and innovative staff.



Our Amazing LPS Choir Performing @Town Centre

I would like to thank our Governing Body for their support and challenge, which raises the standards of service and provision for all. A massive thank you to Lynda Phillips and the PTFA whose contribution is always fantastic in raising funds and connecting our community through their engaging events. Without their fundraising efforts we would not be able to offer our pupils the resources and environment they all deserve. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre on Monday 16th, we were blessed with such a great turnout. Many thanks for your support as always! I wish you all, a healthy, peaceful and well-deserved festive holiday and I look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Best wishes to all,
Mr Burnell.



LPS Christmas Concert USB Films:

Our amazing festive concerts are now available to purchase from the main office at £3 for each concert USB. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and requirements.

Please post your orders in the mailbox outside the main office, as orders are not to be placed in children's bags or handed to staff.

Community Christmas Carol Walk – Thursday 19th December:

Don't forget about our LPS Christmas Carol Walk which will start at 9:15am on Thursday 19th December. We will look forward to setting off from school in our finest Christmas outfits to spread festive cheer around our wonderful community. All members of LPS will join together to sing some of their favourite Christmas songs on a route around the village. Our Community Carol Walk will come to an end as we re-enter Pengors Road where the congregation from Llangyfelach Church will come across the road to enjoy our carols. Please give us a wave as we pass by and wish a Merry Christmas to you all!

Other Christmas Events and Dates

December 19th = Community Christmas Carol Walk (Finish @ Llangyfelach Church)

December 19th = Christmas Party Afternoon

December 20th = Craziest Christmas Costume Day (Class Winner Prizes)

December 20th = Last Day of Term

LPS School Improvement Plan 2024-25:

Throughout periods of the previous academic year, the Pupil Voice Groups, AoLE Leaders, Linked Governors and SLT undertook our LPS Self-Review processes. To glean further information on our robust self-review systems that enable us to monitor & evaluate progress on whole school targets, please visit the following webpage:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-self-review-systems/>

The outcome from our LPS Self-Review systems formulated the following agreed set of Whole School Targets for 2024-25:

- 1. Further improve the consistency of effective AfL systems that enhance learner progress.**
- 2. Develop Welsh language communication skills across the school.**
- 3. Provide real life learning experiences that are enriched using outdoor spaces, locally and wider.**
- 4. Improve wellbeing provision for all learners and staff.**

To view our full School Improvement Plan (SIP) for this 2024-25 SIP Document please visit the webpage:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/sip-2024-25/>

INSET Days for 2024-25

The following INSET Days are set for this academic year:

- 1. Monday 21st October 2024 (taken)**
- 2. Tuesday 22nd October 2024 (taken)**
- 3. Wednesday 23rd October 2024 (taken)**
- 4. Thursday 24th October 2024 (taken)**
- 5. Friday 25th October 2024 (taken)**
- 6. Monday 21st July 2025**

Swansea Term & Holidays 2024-25:

Term	Term begins		Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends		Terms ends	Total days
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 28 October 2024	Friday 1 November 2024	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 28 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025	Monday 21 July 2025	55
Total							195

LPS Learning this Term:

Nursery Class:



Nursery have enjoyed our topic Welcome to LPS! We have been very creative this term and made our own class display to celebrate how special we are, and we have enjoyed learning all about our community. We met our class characters Tedi Twt and Doli Glwt and helped them settle into LPS. We celebrated Tedi Twt's birthday by having a party in class.

We are looking forward to the holidays and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Reception Class:

We have loved our first term in Reception learning all about dinosaurs and how we have changed since we were a baby. During our topic Play, Learn, Hatch and Grow, we enjoyed our visit from Ranger Chris, Ranger Andy and their family of dinosaurs. Some of us were even brave enough to stroke and hold a baby dinosaur!

Ranger Chris and Ranger Andy left us some dinosaur eggs which we are enjoying caring for and waiting patiently for them to hatch.

We have enjoyed making our very own dinosaur models out of playdough.



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Year 1 Class:

This term our Year 1 class have transformed into LPS Happy Healthy Helpers! We have worked hard to ensure that the children of LPS are happy and healthy! We have talked about class dojo and how we can all be great citizens of our Year 1 classroom and LPS!

We have supported other children in being happy and healthy by making our own playground games and ensuring the buddy stop is used effectively at playtime. We have also learned more about the members of our local community who keep us happy and healthy. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Morrision Fire Station where we had so much fun learning more about their role and how we can keep safe. The school nurse also came to tell us about the importance of healthy foods, good sleep and good dental hygiene.



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Year 2 Class:



In Year 2 this term we have been busy researching the history of Penllergare Woods and how it has developed through the years with the help of the Penllergare Trust.

We visited the woods to find out more about the animals that live there and looked at how they have adapted to their surroundings.

We have been doing lots of work on how we can look after the woods and how we can help the Trust with their future plans.

Also, to help with work that we will be doing, we went on a tree hunt, to see what different types of trees were growing in the woods. We identified so many different types. We still have lots of exciting things to find out about in this topic and we cannot wait!

We are looking forward to the holidays and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Year 3 Class:

What an exciting term we have had in Year 3! We started our topic 'Fantasia' with an amazing trip to Plantasia!

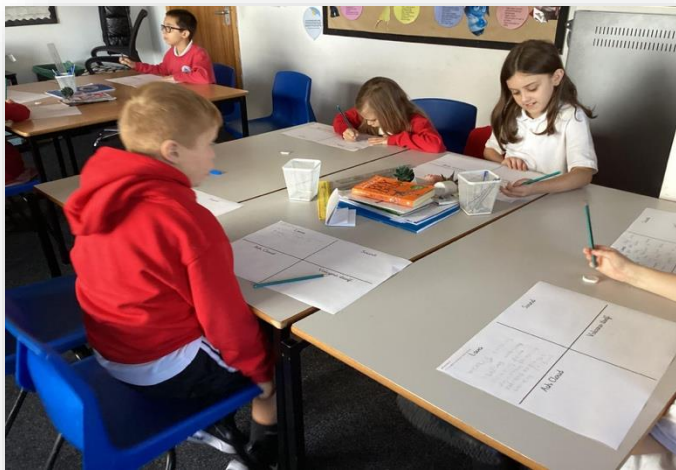
We got to explore the tropical zoo but not before holding and learning about different rainforest animals like a giant African land snail, a millipede, a tarantula and a snake! Then we came back to school and continued our learning journey by locating the rainforests of the world and then researching the Amazon Rainforest, which is the largest rainforest in the world.



We have found out lots of information about the Amazon, including learning about the Yanomami Tribe that live there. We can't wait to see what else the year brings!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Year 3!

Year 4 Class:



Our topic this term is called The River Ilston Disaster! Our topic focuses on the River Ilston itself as well as volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, global warming and lots of other interesting aspects. We have enjoyed researching plastic pollution and climate change.

The children have shown passion when discussing and writing about the impact plastic pollution has on Wales and the wider world.

We are really looking forward to the next term where we have some exciting things planned and a workshop with Welsh Water to learn more about these issues in real life. We have just finished writing an Information text all about Plastic Pollution and how it is affecting us here in Wales.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas from all in Year 4!

Year 5 Class:



Our topic this term is called Copperopolis and it is based around The Industrial Revolution in Wales and in particular, Swansea. To start off the topic, we went on a fantastic trip to Swansea Museum, where we were able to take part in a workshop to help understand the industrial heritage of Swansea. We were able to explore the museum and hold some artefacts from the Copper Works at Landore.

We have researched many different aspects so far; we have looked at how Swansea played such a big part in the world's copper industry and have also researched the working and living conditions for people during this time. These were very cruel and unfair, especially for children as they were sent out to work from as young as 5 years old. We have just finished comparing the lives of the rich and poor people in Victorian Swansea.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas from all in Year 5!

Year 6 Class:

Our first topic of this year is called 'Wales at war', focusing on the events of World War II and its impact on Swansea, Britain and around the world. We have enjoyed participating in numerous cross-curricular activities based around WWII, including: critiquing and producing our own WWII art based on the works of Will Evans; plotting bearings to help the RAF coordinate attacks; creating WWII presentations; solving numeracy-based problems to find bearings for the RAF. We have also been fortunate enough to go on residential to Borfa House, where everyone enjoyed participating in adventurous activities down Gower, as well as meeting Mr Higgins' dogs!



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas from all in Year 6!

Finally:

I would like to thank you all for your incomparable support and commitment toward making LPS the best it can be for all. Our pupils are a credit to the school and to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have a query or concern. You can use the email address provided at the top of this letter; I endeavour to respond to all emails within the same day.

Merry Christmas to all and a peaceful New Year,

Lee Burnell
Headteacher
Llangyfelach Primary School

The New LPS Curriculum & Learning Projects

Nursery:

1. Welcome to LPS
2. Once upon a time...
3. Minibeasts at LPS
4. Barnaby Bear at Swansea Bay
5. LPS Flower Show

Reception:

1. Play, Learn, Hatch and Grow
2. LPS Spring Festival
3. Rockpool Raiders
4. LPS Flower Show

Year 1:

1. LPS Happy Healthy Helpers
2. Amazing Astronauts
3. LPS and Brynteg Farm
4. The LPS Summer Festival

Year 2:

1. LPS and The Penllergare Trust
2. The Roman Invasion
3. Swansea Bay
4. LPS Scented Stall (Lush)

Year 3:

1. Fantasia
2. Sweyns-ey
3. Swansea Market
4. LPS Market

Year 4:

1. The River Ilston Disaster
2. Wales, Wars and Weddings
3. LPS Fitness Fanatics
4. LPS Healthy Snack Bar

Year 5:

1. Copperopolis
2. Abertawe Egyptology
3. Cymru Constellations
4. LPS Farmers Market

Year 6:

1. Wales at War
2. The Origin of the Species
3. Creative Cymru
4. LPS Art Gallery

For more information regarding our new LPS Curriculum, Training Systems, Assessment and Progression Models please visit the following link:

<https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning/>

Key Information Links @LPS

Information Focus	Information Link
LPS Vision & Values	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/vision-and-values/
Self-Evaluation Report	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-self-evaluation-report/
School Improvement Plan	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-school-improvement-plan/
Welsh Government Grant Plans	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/welsh-government-grant-expenditure-plans/
LPS Prospectus	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/prospectus-1/
LPS Annual Report	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/governing-body/
Staffing Roles & Responsibilities	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/meet-the-staff/
LPS Safeguarding	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-safeguarding/
LPS Teaching & Learning	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-curriculum-teaching-learning/
Curriculum Developments	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/areas-of-learning
Learning Experiences & Visits	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/class-pages/
LPS Transition Plans	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/transition-1/
LPS Policy	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/lps-policies/
LPS Calendar	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/
LPS Wraparound Service	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/lps-wraparound
LPS PTFA	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/ptfa-1/
LPS News & Events	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/news-and-events
LPS Attendance	https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/