



Play, Learn & Grow Together

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December Newsletter 2024

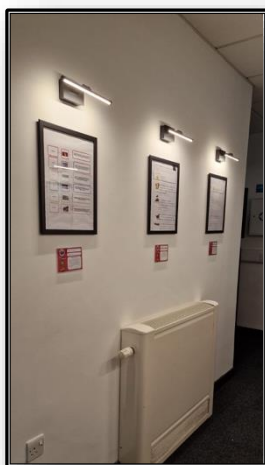
Please read the following information which highlights current information, routines, procedures and developments.

The LPS Gallery:

Some time ago, we decided that our old-fashioned display boards housed in our school corridors required updating, refreshing, modernising and, more importantly, improve how we celebrate excellent work by our outstanding learners.

Further to this, the boards that have been in situ for over 20 years are expensive to organise, as they require bordering, backing and regular updates. Furthermore, they were very unsustainable regarding the amount of paper they used and consumed over time. Furtherstill, this old-style of school display board has been picked up by Fire Service Inspection reports as a medium risk, especially within escape routes.

With the help of our wonderful PTFA and our amazing Caretaker, Mr Mark Wilson-Flower, we now have our beautiful and visually impressive LPS Gallery running through our corridors. The purpose of this gallery area is to celebrate the wonderful achievements and amazing work that our children produce during the various learning experiences they encounter through our rich LPS Learning Projects. Below are a few images of our new and impressive LPS Gallery.



Local Artist and Graphic Designer Work @LPS:

The LPS PTFA have been at it again...they are instrumental in how we work and develop as a school to provide a rich learning environment for all our learners. We are currently working on a wonderful project to replenish and refurbish the internal and external displays in the school hall, doorways, entrances and much more. The focus is to display and reflect our core values and vision for our community. We also want to modernise how we look internally and externally working with an experienced local artist (John Davies - Bright Ideas) and a professional graphic designer (Leanne Evans – Printwave UK).

We are in the process of redesigning the display boards in the main hall and redesigning displays in the Early Years yard to replicate our Llangyfelach Village. With the help of the children’s artwork, we are also developing an interactive history timeline of Llangyfelach, Swansea and Wales through the ages across our main corridors that exit onto the top yard. **Below are some wonderful images of all the work so far. We will keep you updated on the developments as they happen.**



LPS Christmas 2024:

We are delighted to announce that we have a few exciting Christmas events lined up for our amazing school choir, the LPS Singing Squad!

The LPS Choir have been invited to sing at the turning on of the Llangyfelach Christmas Lights on Friday 6th December. This will be taking place at 5:30pm, at the Scout Hall near Llangyfelach Church. All are welcome to come along and join us at this wonderful festive event.

We will be singing Christmas Carols and songs in Swansea City Centre on Wednesday 4th December from 11:30am. We absolutely love this annual event, and it is always fabulous to see so many parents, grandparents and family members supporting us and singing along!

Christmas Concert Tickets:

There are still tickets available for the LPS Christmas Concerts 2024 @ £3 per ticket. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and ticket 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.

Christmas Productions:

Our Christmas Productions are taking place from **Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th December**. Please could all costumes be in school by **Friday 6th December**, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the table below for specific show times.

Y1 – Y3 Concerts	Tuesday 10th December @ 9:30am	Wednesday 11th December @ 9:30am
Y4 – Y6 Concerts	Tuesday 10th December @ 6pm	Wednesday 11th December @ 1:30pm
Nursery & Reception Concerts	Thursday 12th December @ 9:30am	Friday 13th December @ 9:30am

LPS Christmas Concert USB Films:

Our amazing festive concerts will be filmed and available towards the end of term. As in previous years, there will be three options: Nursery & Reception Concert, Y1-Y3 Concert and Y4 – Y6 Concert. These will be sold at £3 each. Please put the correct money in an envelope and mark it with your child's name, class and requirements.

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LPS Panto Day – Cinderella – Monday 16th December:

We are delighted to announce that we have booked a touring pantomime, performing Cinderella, to come to LPS for our Christmas week celebrations. The LPS hall will be transformed into a fabulous Christmas Pantomime Extravaganza on Monday 16th December.

No buses needed for the fun-packed, high quality, well-constructed, bright and colourful sing-a-long show. It promises to be visually stunning, with amazing costumes, talented actors and lots of audience participation. The perfect Christmas treat for Nursery to Year 6 and of course our hardworking staff too. To help with the cost of this performance, all we ask is a contribution of £3 per child payable on your iPay account.

We hope the children will have a wonderful time at the LPS Panto.

Christmas Photos:

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas photo this year! The photos have been sent off for developing and will be framed before being sent home to you.

Our Christmas Card Project:

By now, you should have received your beautiful and unique art items created by our talented children from the Christmas Card project. A massive thank you to our young artists for their incredible creativity and effort and for helping us raise funds for our school!

SCFC Signed Football:

We are thrilled to share that our SCFC signed ball raffle, after being narrowed down to 14 lucky contenders, was won by Evie-Lily from Year 6...

<https://llangyfelach-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/ptfa/>

At assembly, we used our brand-new spinning wheel, shown pictured, to determine the overall winner! A BIG thank you to Roman's mum in Nursery for donating the ball.

LPS Festive Christmas Fayre:

Get ready to embrace the holiday spirit at our Christmas Fayre on Monday 16th December, starting at 3pm. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon filled with festive fun! From yummy treats to unique gifts, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. Want to be part of the festivities? We are inviting local artisans, crafters, and businesses to book a stall at our Fayre! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and be part of our community celebration.

Interested in having a stall? Please send a message to PhillipsL101@hwbcymru.net. We look forward to seeing you all there 😊

Community Christmas Carol Walk – Thursday 19th December:

Our LPS Christmas Carol Walk 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 reach Llangyfelach Church at around 10am, where we will sing for members of their community. Please give us a wave as we pass by as we wish a Merry Christmas to you all!

Other Christmas Events and Dates

As a reward for all the pupils' hard work this term, we are having a fun filled Christmas period at LPS. The following activities will be taking place:

- December 10th = Christmas Concert Week (see dates above)
- December 16th = LPS Panto Day – Cinderella
- December 16th = PTFA Christmas Fete
- December 16th = Christmas Jumper Week
- December 17th = Christmas Movie Day
- December 18th = Christmas Dinner Day
- 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**

Other events will take place throughout the festive period such as various raffles and many other activities.

Attendance

Please continue to help us by ensuring your child attends school and that you bring your child to school on time (before 9am). Regular school attendance is vital and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over a one-year period as illustrated in the table below:

Attendance	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
96 – 100% Attendance		
90 – 95% Attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work
85 – 90% Attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child is at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with work
80 – 85% Attendance	At least 5½ Weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning
Below 80% Attendance	At least 7½ weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

Punctuality:

As you may be aware all schools work closely in conjunction with the Education Welfare Service in order to monitor pupil's punctuality and attendance. Our Education Welfare Officer regularly undertakes a register check in order to monitor who regularly arrives late on school premises in the mornings. Arriving late not only disrupts the routine of the class, but means that pupils also miss the all-important introduction to the first lesson of the day. Many thanks for your cooperation.

School Uniform

It's amazing when we have uniform donated that can be resold. Last summer Rachel and Kerry (Year 4 parents) raised £38 and all the money went to the PTFA. They love collecting second-hand uniform to reduce what goes to landfill. Please do donate your old uniform - but please give it a quick check over. If it is stained or ripped, then please take it to the appropriate place for recycling or refuse. Many thanks for your support as always.

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

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.

All best to all,

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/