



Llangewydd News



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January 2025 saw the beginning of an exciting new venture for pupils at Llangewydd Junior School with the creation of the first Llangewydd News Group.

Pupils from Years 4-6 came together to design and produce our very first news publication and we are delighted to be able to share it with you.





Croeso i Eisteddfod Llangewydd 2025

We have started preparing for our Eisteddfod competitions. This year they include: singing, talents, poems, baking, 3D modelling, handwriting and Bardic writing. The Bard is an important part of our Eisteddfod. Year 6 have been writing their Bardic entries to be judged by Mrs Green. The person who wins will be crowned Llangewydd's Bard 2025.

The pupils have been voting and we now have our house captains and vice captains.

They are:

Ty Gwyrdd - Noah, Alex, Evie and Lexi.

Ty Glas - ,Alfie, Darcie, Harry and Seren.

Ty Melyn - ,Elijah, Amelia, Kayla and Harrison.

Ty Coch - Lexi T, Olly, Trinitti and Carter



Llongyfarchiadau pawb

By Ava Greenslade

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Survival of the Sickest

By Fearne Aubrey



The amazing skateboarder Manon.

Survival of the Sickest.

In January, Manon competed in a skateboarding competition in Cardiff called Survival of the Sickest.

There were around 21 under 12s who came from all over Wales and the West of England. There were a mix of boys and girls and were all amazing at skateboarding.

Manon had to compete for 1 minute and 30 seconds and was competing for around 4 hours. It was a long day and she got home around half 4 in the evening.

Into the Finals!

After success in the rounds, Manon went into the finals to compete for six spaces. She had to skate for 2 minutes and 30 seconds, with a different routine that she had shown previously. She had loads of pressure put on her to get into the top six.

“It was so hard but ... in the end I made it into the top six!” said Manon.

At around 4pm the winners were announced. Manon came 6th!

We are very proud of her achievements and wish her lots of luck for her future as a skateboarder.

Pick a Trick!

Pick a trick was almost like a competition where you had to pick a trick to perform. You have to try and stick it if you can.

Incredibly, Manon skated for 10 minutes and did a 180 degree and a rock and roll. This is when you lift up and turn 360 degrees.

We are so impressed.

Devastating Fires Demolish Los Angeles

Report by Isla Jenkins



LA wildfire obliterated hundreds of homes.

Fires Incinerate Los Angeles.

Yesterday an enormous wildfire ripped through the Pacific Palisades region of Los Angeles causing a disastrous amount of damage to houses and structures. 25 residents lost their lives during the most raging flame LA has seen in years. 23,700 acres were obliterated by the powerful wildfire. Meteorologists claim that the fire was caused by a long period of time with no rain and was spread rapidly by the mighty Santa Ana Winds.

People Evacuate Homes.

At 8am the national weather service warned the residents about strong winds and fire danger. The local people were terrified to see heaps of ashy smoke rising from the Pacific Palisades. 'I have never seen anything like this before' said Timmy Cook, a terrified nurse.

Evacuation warnings were issued asking people to leave their homes if they felt unsafe. Mandatory evacuation orders were given and many families left their homes. Jake Kagle said that he was petrified at how fast the fire was spreading.

Volunteers step in to help

Teams of brave firefighters worked through the day and night to defuse the relentless flames that tore across Los Angeles. Many crew members sprinted into the blazing homes to save the terrified residents and bring them to safety.

Jamie Chan, a firefighter, said 'The fire was really strong, but we worked hard to put out the raging flames and help everyone get to a safe place.' Teams of people volunteered to help the locals who are now homeless by giving them food and water.

Hope for the future

Sadly, the raging fire demolished buildings, roads and homes. Tragically many families lost their loved ones. Despite all this damage LA's spirit stays strong.



An aeroplane deluges gallons of water on the rapid fire.



Achievements and Awards at Llangewydd



By Hana Douglas



AWARDS

Starting this edition off with some awards.

Darcie in Year 6 has earned more certificates from Stagecoach. Darcie has already achieved two Dancer of the Week, two Actor of the Week and one singer of the week certificates.

A huge achievement – well done Darcie.

In school achievements

Before Christmas several children across the school created pieces of art pieces which are now displayed in the corridor outside Mrs Green's office. Next time you go pass, why don't you take a closer look?

Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils who have shared their achievements with us.

J1.

Lizzie and Mason – swimming awards

Elizabeth – gymnastic award

Seth and Jacob – football awards

Emily – Grade 1 dance

Emilia – dance trophy

J2

Blake – success in several dance competitions

Faith – dance award

Zachary – 50 rugby matches played

Ava-Rae – Wave 3 swimming

Adam, Leon and Zach - rugby awards

J3

Millie and Imogen – 200m swimming

Oliver – 25m swimming

Jack – 10 m swimming

J4

Isla – silver medal in tennis tournament

Keira – Girls Swimmer of the Year award

Ellie – football award

J5

Darcey – Gold medal in Lifeguards competition

Manon – 6th place in skateboarding competition

Carys – Music awards in recent competition

J6

Jack – Wave 5 swimming

Toby – 15m and Wave 4 swimming

Carter – Wave 1 swimming

Florence – Player of the month (rugby)

Darcey – Dance awards

J7

Ethan – Wave 3 swimming

Lucas and Ellis – rugby awards

J8

Jaxon – 100m swimming

Benas – 400m swimming

Adanna – swimming award

Felicity – friendship award

J9

Isla – made the Bridgend County Swimming Club

Eppie – horse riding award

J10

Ruby – football award

Lexi-Rae – Dancer/Actor of the week, swimming

Max – Rugby Player of the Year

Alex – football award

Florence – 1st Place horse riding event

J11

Nevaeh – Rising Star dance award

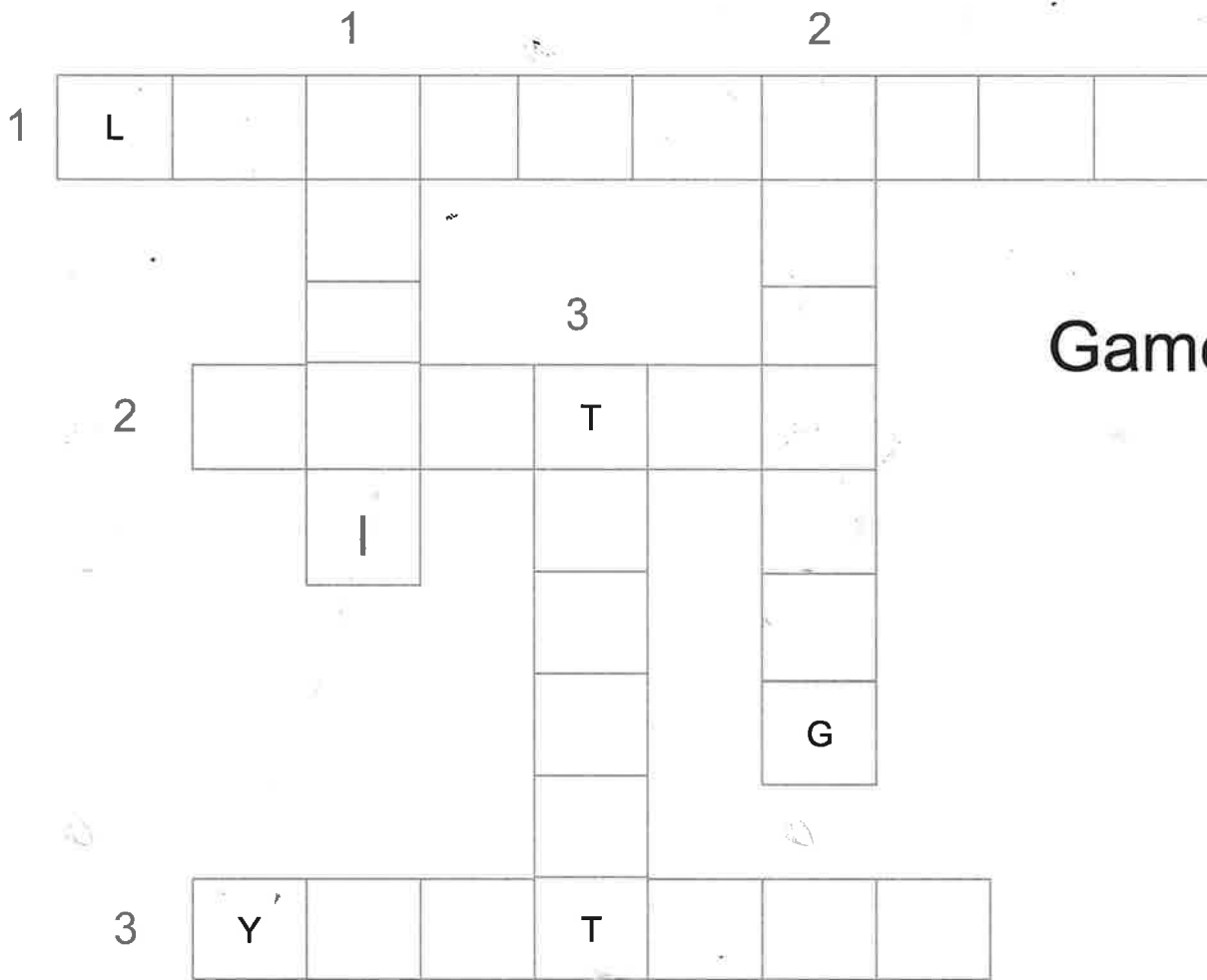
J12

Tommy – swimming squad achievement

Ava – Lifesaving bronze award

Harry – swimming award





Games

Across

- 1- First name of our school
- 2- Formal form of writing
- 3- Social media platform for sharing videos

Down

- 1- Holy figure, eg Gabriel
- 2- Present tense for having clothes on
- 3- When you need to go

Created by Henry
Phillips in J10

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Welsh Food Recipes



St David's day is coming up so why not make and try some delicious Welsh food?

Jonny Thomas and Elliott Berry

Welsh Cakes

Ingredients:

4 cups all-purpose flour
 4 teaspoon baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 6 tablespoons butter,
 softened
 6 tablespoons lard
 1 ½ cups white sugar
 2 cups raisins
 4 eggs
 8 tablespoons milk

Method:

1. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Put in butter and lard until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in currants and sugar. Beat the eggs lightly and add to flour mixture with just enough milk to make a firm dough.
2. Chill dough 1 to 2 hrs.
3. Roll the dough to ¼ inch on a floured surface and cut with 3-inch rounds. Bake the cakes on a greased griddle or frying pan over low heat until golden brown. Cool and sprinkle with sugar. These will also freeze well.
4. Enjoy

Bara Brith

Ingredients:

1 cup hot brewed tea
 ¾ cup dried currants
 ¾ cup golden raisins
 ¾ demerara sugar
 1 ¼ cup self-rising flour
 1 egg beaten

This will make an amazing loaf of Bara Brith bread.

Method:

1. Pour hot tea over currants and raisins in a bowl; soak 8 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and line a 2-pound loaf pan.
3. Stir demerara sugar into tea and fruit mixture until dissolved completely; mix in flour and egg until completely integrated into a batter. Spread batter evenly into the prepared pan.
4. Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown. This will take about 40 minutes. Cool in the pan before transferring it to a rack to cool completely.
5. Enjoy

Cawl

Ingredients:






1 onion, chopped
 1 leek, chopped.
 Olive oil
 Salt and pepper
 1 large carrot, chopped
 1 large parsnip, chopped
 400g Swede, chopped
 400g potato, chopped
 2 sprigs of thyme
 1.2L water (plus vegetable stock cube optional)
 Cooked butter beans, with their liquid (or other peas/beans like pre-cooked chickpeas, kidney beans, black eyed peas, peas or fava beans)

Method:

1. Bring water to boil in a large bowl. Place beef shank into water and simmer for 1 ½ hours. Let cool overnight. Lift meat out, trim off gristle and cut meat into medium-sized pieces; set aside. Skim fat from the surface of stock, or strain through a fine sieve.
2. Return stock to heat and bring to boil. Add onions, carrots and swede. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 1 hour. Add potatoes, and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in the cabbage, leeks, parsley and reserved meat. Simmer for 10 minutes, or until cabbage is tender.
3. Enjoy

Half Term

Weather at Llangewydd

Monday 24th Feb		Up to 5 to 11 degrees. Light rain and Moderate breeze.
Tuesday 25th Feb		3 to 9 degrees. Light rain and gentle breeze.
Wednesday 26th Feb		3 to 7 degrees After cloudy start sun shine returns
Thursday 27th Feb		3 to 8 degrees Partly sunny
Friday 28th Feb		4 to 10 degrees Mostly cloudy

By Chloe Tossell

By Tomas F



Smith Passes 10,000

Australia batter Steve Smith passed the 10,000-run mark in Test Cricket as he scored a century on the first day of his side's opening match in Sri Lanka.

Community Status Almost Gives Lifeline to Gymnastics Centre

A community gymnastics club in Beckton, east London, hoped to be saved from closure after Newham council approved it as an asset of community value.

In November 2024, the East London Gymnastics Centre (ELCG), run by a charity, was told it had until the new year to leave its current venue because the freeholder had sold it to a developer.

Despite their best efforts, they were not able to prevent the sale of East London Gymnastics Centre. However, they are still running at Newham Leisure Centre while they search for a new permanent facility.



Sport



USA defender Naomi Girman said joining was an easy choice after completing her move from San Diego Wave for a world record fee.

Brazilian club Santos are in talks to re-sign Neymar after his contract with Saudi pro team Al Hillal.



Exit talk with Pep wasn't comfortable

Kyle Walker says his conversation with Man City boss Pep Guardiola about moving on loan to AC Milan was not comfortable.