

MACS NEWSLETTER

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Dog Mentoring



Over the past year we had 2 dogs at MACS taking part in Dog Mentor Training as part of our wider programme to support learner wellbeing.

Keep a look out because we will be seeing more of them this year! Croeso Myfi and Cali!

Key dates for this half term:

- Wednesday 22nd January – Year 10 PSE Day.
- Friday 24th January – Languages in the Workplace.
- Tuesday 4th February – Year 8 PSE Day
- Thursday 6th February – Year 9 Parents/Options Evening.
- Monday 10th February – Seren law workshop
- Thursday 20th February – Year 9 PSE Day.
- Friday 21st February – Year 10 Careers Fair

High School Musical

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff involved in the successful performance of High School Musical, performed over two nights in December. All learners rehearsed extensively to perform a highly energetic and entertaining show. Well done!



MACS performance of High School Musical



Supporting the MACS Community

“Many thanks to Mrs Hooper-Williams and her team for organising the delivery of parcels to our community. Many thanks to the staff and Year 12 students who delivered the parcels and hampers. We are incredibly proud to be able to support our community. A huge thank you to all that contributed in whatever way, big or small, and donated their time or a gift, it has made a massive difference.”

Raising Money For Charity



Congratulations to year 11 learners who organised a Christmas Fayre with a range of products for sale and activities to take part in, to raise funds for a valuable cause, Velindre Cancer Centre.

Learners raised an impressive total of £1022.00



Well done to the 6th form for organising events in the Autumn term to raise money for Children In Need. A total of £521.42 was raised for a fantastic cause. A fantastic pupil v staff game of basketball at lunch was popular with all involved. Congratulations to all that took part.



Celebrating Welsh Language and Culture



Last term pupils from 7Y1 spoke Welsh to year 6 pupils via zoom from a school called Ysgol Yr Hendre which is in Patagonia. Hopefully there will be many more opportunities to celebrate our language and culture with Ysgol Yr Hendre in the future.

Cross Country Running

Well done to all pupils who took part in the cross country running event from years 7,8 and 9 in the Autumn term. All pupils displayed **fantastic resilience** during the wet and muddy event! MACS pupils competed against **200 runners** from schools all across the Glamorgan valleys. Special mention to:

- Bella Bruford (year 7) 24th
- Ava Marie Johnson Everett (year 7) 25th
- Mya Copley (year 9) 24th
- Lilly Cook (year 9) 44th
- Brooke Elliott (year 8) 45th

Llongyfarchiadau!!!!!!



Attendance

Please polite reminder that if there are reasons why your child is missing school then please keep us informed. If your child is off school, please contact the school on each day of absence.

Wherever possible, let the school know in advance of any planned absences e.g. hospital appointments.

Wherever possible, please make medical/dental appointments out of school hours. Parents/carers should provide reasons for absences and the school must decide whether or not they authorise in line with Government Guidelines.

If you have any concerns about the attendance of your child or are struggling with them attending school then please contact the Head of Year or our Family Engagement Officer.

Head of Lower School (Year 7 and 8)

- Mrs J Grashoff

Head of Middle School (Year 9 and 10)

- Mr P Barry

Head of Upper School (Year 11, 12 and 13)

- Miss S Richards

Family Engagement Officer

- Miss B Jones

Blue Zone 98% – 100%	100% Not missing any lessons.
	98% Missing about 20 lessons.
Green Zone 95% – 97%	97% Missing about 30 lessons.
	95% Missing about 2 weeks of school, which is 50 lessons worth of work.
Yellow Zone 93% – 94%	93% – 94% Missing 14 days of school, which is 70 lessons. This is almost three weeks which is a significant amount of education to lose.
Amber Zone 90% – 92%	92% to 90% Missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement.
Red Zone Below 90%	Below 90% Missing at least 4 weeks of learning, which is at least 100 hours of education. This is likely to have a detrimental effect on life chances.



Girls Football

“Well done to the girls football team who competed in a number of fixtures in the Autumn term. The girls were fantastic and demonstrated thier ability with a number of convincing wins.

Year 9: Gracie Winder, Kacey Davies, Mya Copley, Sophie Stawska, Tegan Hughes, Lucy Breakinbury, Kristie clark, Casey Carter and Lilly Maund
Year 10: Darcie Thomas and Amy John
Year 8: Brook Elliott ,Lara Ziemichod, Lowri Davies and Lilly smith.

Year 7 and 8 London Trip

A group of year 7 and 8 learners attended a trip to London in December with an overnight stay. The learners experienced a London theatre production along with seeing the sights, shopping and exploring the fantastic winter wonderland attraction.



MACS Award Celebrations



In the final week of the Autumn term learners who achieved the MACS Award were rewarded with a movie morning. Learners gathered in the main hall to watch a festive film, drink hot chocolate and eat snacks to celebrate their high levels of effort in the Autumn term. Well done all who achieved the MACS Award, keep up the great work!

Swimming Success

A huge well done to Alesha Collins- Falconer (year 11). Alesha competed in two swimming competitions (Gloucester and Newport) - she came third in the 1500 swim (Gloucester) and 3rd in the 200 fly (Newport) for her age category.

