



**CATHEDRAL SCHOOL**  
LLANDAFF ♦ CARDIFF



## Weekly Newsletter

22nd January 2016

### From the Headmaster



Thank you to those who attended parents' evenings this week for Years 3, 4 and 13. If you were unable to attend and have any concerns about your son/daughter, please do contact their Form Tutor.

This week we have had success on the sports field, playing 20 matches, winning 13, losing five and drawing two. The match reports are available to read on the new CSL Sport website [www.cslsport.co.uk](http://www.cslsport.co.uk) Good luck to those pupils taking part in the Cross Challenge event this weekend and those involved in Netball fixtures tomorrow.

Next week we look forward to Arry Beresford-Webb, the first person to run the entire true perimeter of Wales, inspiring our DofE participants. Arry will be joining us as guest speaker at the CSL DofE Presentation Evening, where the DofE participants will be recognised for their efforts at Gold, Silver and Bronze level.



## OPEN MORNING NURSERY, INFANTS & JUNIORS

Wednesday 24th February, 9.30-11.00am  
All welcome

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## All Aboard...Mufti Day to raise money towards a school bus for the Woodard School in Langalanga, Kenya

In 2011, the Woodard schools in the UK worked together to raise £250k to build a secondary school in Langalanga, Kenya, where there was no secondary school.

The school welcomed its first pupils in 2012, many of whom have just graduated. The school currently has 320 pupils and is progressing very well.

We were very proud and delighted to have raised a tenth of the total amount for the project at this school (£25,000). There was a great sense of pride when we looked at a series of photographs from Langalanga in assembly this week showing what has been achieved.

The school is in desperate need of a bus which will cost £40,000. Our aim on Mufti Day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January is to raise at least £1000 towards this. I do hope everyone will contribute generously, no less than £2. Many thanks in advance for your continued support and generosity.



## Pupil Success

Congratulations to Sam G who has been selected for Cardiff & Vale schools team at the Welsh Schools National Cross-Country Championships.

Well done also to Avaneesh S for being selected to play U11 Cricket for Cardiff and Vale.

## School Shop

For opening hours and stock details, please click <http://www.cathedral-school.co.uk/uniform-list.html>.

### Opening Times

- Monday 8-10.30am
- Tuesday 8-10.30am & 3-5pm
- Wednesday 9-10.30am (until further notice)
- Thursday 8-10.30am & 3-5pm
- Friday 8-10.30am & 3-5pm

## CSL Charity Breakfast

**All money going to  
Teenage Cancer  
Trust  
Big breakfasts and  
continental  
breakfasts  
All welcome!**



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**7:15 – 8:45am, School Refectory**



A reminder to parents that the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on a Monday from 3-5pm and on a Thursday from 8-9am.

Lost Property is open daily for pupils from 1.15-1.45pm.



## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Year 13 Parents' Evening

It was lovely seeing so many parents last night. There is much to celebrate; a plethora of offers to the very best Universities. With the students' hard work and commitment and our (parents, tutors and teachers) combined support, I'm confident that the students will secure a place at their chosen university next year. CEO

### Spanish students given extra insight into A level film at Cardiff University

On Wednesday, A level students of Spanish attended a workshop held in the Department of Modern Languages at Cardiff University. Organised by *Routes into Languages*, the purpose of the workshop was to provide students with supplementary information about Guillermo del Toro's 2006 film *El laberinto del fauno* (*Pan's Labyrinth*), which is studied as part of the A level course. The event centred around a very informative lecture, given by Dr Andrew Dowling, senior lecturer in Hispanic Studies at Cardiff University. We became better acquainted with the historical and political context of the film (Spain under the military dictatorship of General Franco), which will allow us to comprehend the film more completely. We would like to thank Mr Correia for arranging this opportunity for us – our understanding of the film and of the associated Spanish history was greatly widened. Jon, Upper Sixth

### Being a muslim in modern British society

On Thursday, Riyaz Timol visited from BRITE to talk about the issues of being a Muslim in modern British society. It was an inspiring talk that challenged our perspective on the role of British Muslims. Emma, Upper Sixth

### University Preparation: Student Finance, Loans & Tuition Fees

As part of our university preparation programme, we have arranged for a Student Adviser from Cardiff Metropolitan University to give a talk to parents and guardians about student finance in University on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 - 5.30 pm. The presentation will provide key information about student loans, grants and tuition fees as well as the cost of accommodation and general day to day expenses while in Higher Education and will be held in the Sixth Form Centre. AKV

### Opportunities in the Sixth Form: MedWales

MedWales is a free, exciting one day event for Year 12s who plan to apply to study Medicine at Cardiff University.

The full day programme provides prospective students with an insight into medical training at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Cardiff University, as well as an introduction to clinical skills through interactive workshops. Clinicians, biomedical scientists and medical students will be there to guide you along 'the journey from Year 13 to Foundation Doctor and beyond'. Interested students should contact Mr Vaughan for further information. CEO

### Opportunities in the Sixth Form: MOOC's

Learn something new in 2016! Registration is now open for Cardiff University's latest MOOC (massive open online course) which is free and available to study online anywhere in the world.

The course is called *Making Sense of Health Evidence: The Informed Consumer* and is for anyone who's interested in learning more about the topic and may be particularly appealing if you are considering studying a health-related subject at university. The course is due to begin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please see Mr Vaughan for further information or visit <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/informed-health-consumer> CEO

## FROM THE SENIORS

### Uniform

There are times in the day when we allow pupils to wear games kit plus tracksuit, and they may come to school in this variant of the uniform if they have PE before morning break. However, non-uniform tracksuits and other kit are not permitted.

I would be grateful if parents would help us to ensure that all pupils attend school in the correct uniform.

### Vaccination News

Our Y11 pupils and Y8 girls today attended presentations on the forthcoming Meningitis and HPV vaccinations that we hope they will receive at school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Pupils who were not in our assemblies today, or any interested parents, can view the PowerPoint Presentations on Firefly on the Parent Dashboard under Pastoral and then Vaccinations. Spare forms can be obtained from the School Nurse.

Y9 girls will be given forms for their second HPV vaccinations on Monday.

All forms should be returned to Form Tutors by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### Next Week

... we also have Burns Night for Y11 and Sixth Form on Monday, the Duke of Edinburgh's Presentation Evening on Wednesday, and the Sicily Trip information evening on Thursday. LM

### Finalists in the ESU 'Performing Shakespeare' competition

Three Year 9 pupils have been selected as finalists in the ESU 'Performing Shakespeare' competition, and will participate in the Welsh regional final in February.



Aoife, Amber and Alice entered their monologues into the competition, taking them from some of Shakespeare's most well-known plays, and will perform them at the WCMD on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck to all of them. RKG

## JUNIOR UPDATE

It has been a very busy week, particularly for our Year 6 pupils who sat their CEM tests, as have external applicants wishing to gain places at our school in September. In addition, a number have been putting forward their candidature for academic, music or all-rounder awards. Good luck!

## Parents' Evening

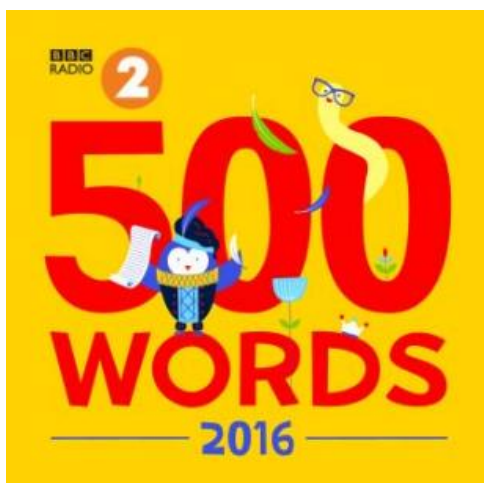
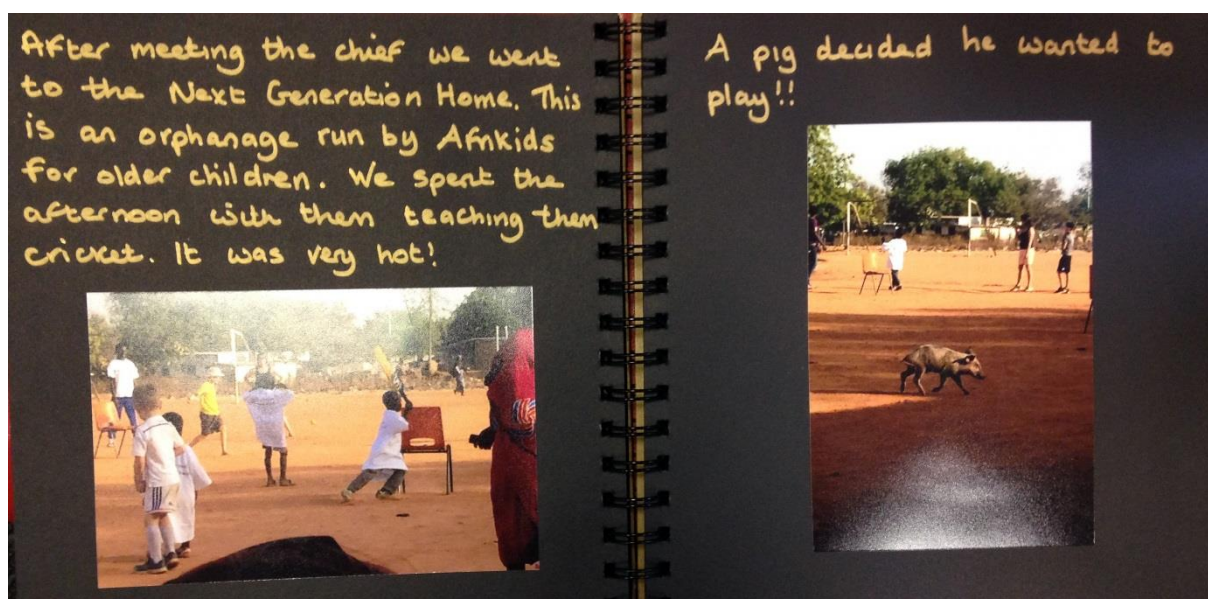
Many thanks to all parents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 those who were able to meet with their child's teachers this week to discuss their progress. I enjoyed meeting a number of you and I trust you are all pleased with your child's academic and social progress.

## Pupil Success

Many congratulations to Janvi P for writing her own book. This is her first one and is written for the 3-5 age group. It is entitled *The Cow who jumped over the Moon* and can be found in a number of local shops. Well done to her!

## Trip to Ghana

Archie C and his brother Sam in Year 7 accompanied their mum to Africa a few days before Christmas to help at an orphanage in Ghana. Teaching the children to play rugby and cricket, as well as learning about local cultures, it was a wonderful life learning experience and Archie has come back with many interesting tales to tell. I was particularly pleased to read the diary (an extract below) he has written, which is full of interesting stories and pictures. Well done indeed!



## BBC Radio 2 500 Words

Six years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world. **Nearly half a million** pupils have entered stories; that's over **215 MILLION** words!

Over the next few weeks, all our Junior Section pupils will be writing an 'original story' on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer to be entered into this year's competition. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, Hugh Bonneville or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

Fingers crossed and let's hope for some of our pupils to reach this year's final; to be held live from the home of British story-telling, 'Shakespeare's Globe' in London.

## Next week

As well as Mufti Day on Tuesday, Year 3 will visit St Fagans, Year 4 will attend an Aboriginal Art Day in Llantarnam Grange and Year 5 will visit @ Bristol Planetarium on Friday. The first of the Year 5 Parents' Evenings will be held on Thursday evening in the Gloucester Building. An e-mailed letter has been sent to parents of children in this year group earlier today. BSG



Come and support the  
Junior Cake Sale

All proceeds go towards the School  
Bus for the Kenya Woodard School.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Morning Break



All cakes  
20p - £1



## INFANT UPDATE

### Read, Write, Inc. workshop

It was good to see parents from Nursery today, who joined us for the Read, Write, Inc. workshop. I hope you left feeling better informed with a clear idea of how you can support your child at home with their early reading skills. Thanks to Mr Reardon, our Read, Write Inc. manager, for leading these sessions.

### Forest School supported by The Friends

The Friends of Cathedral School have once again supported us to develop our Forest School provision. With Reception children set to start their Forest School programme next term, the Friends have provided funding for the waterproof clothing they will need. A big 'thank you' indeed.

### 2R Assembly on Monday

On Monday 2R will lead our assembly. Parents are most welcome to join us in the RDS at 9.30am. We will be serving coffee and pastries in The Lodge reception from 9.00am. Please do come along. SLW

### Early Years

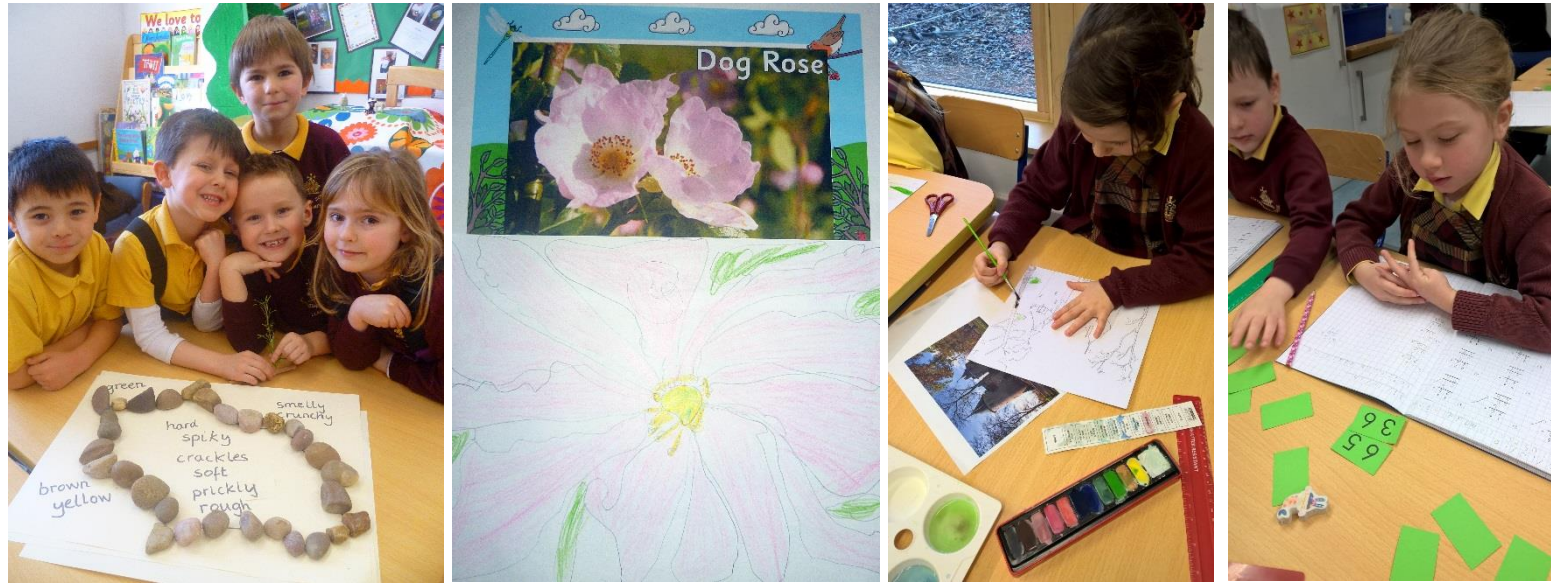
Despite the cold weather this week, the Nursery children have been outside finding out about the wind...How does it feel? Where does it come from? What can we see that shows us the wind is blowing? We have been washing clothes to see which ones dry the quickest on the washing line and have had windmills in our sand pit so we can see when it is windy. We have made blow paint pictures and collaged kites which are displayed in our Quiet Room and Nursery. We have learnt the 'd' sound and also practised listening to and identifying the initial sounds of words. In Mathematics we have been practising counting kites and some children have been practising forming their numbers accurately. Our sound next week is 'n,' our number is 7 and the weather focus will be snow.



This week Reception has been completing a 'talk for writing' project. We read a simple repeating story called 'The Little Dinosaur' and then added in actions to help us remember the text. We created a story map, recited the story without the book and by the end of the week we all wrote the entire book ourselves using the actions and story map as prompts. I wonder if any of the children can remember the story at home? We have worked with our friends to think of different ways to rescue a dinosaur which was stuck in the mud and also to create a dinosaur model using big equipment outside. In Mathematics we have been estimating different amounts and deciding how 'good' our estimates are by seeing how close they were to the actual number. ED

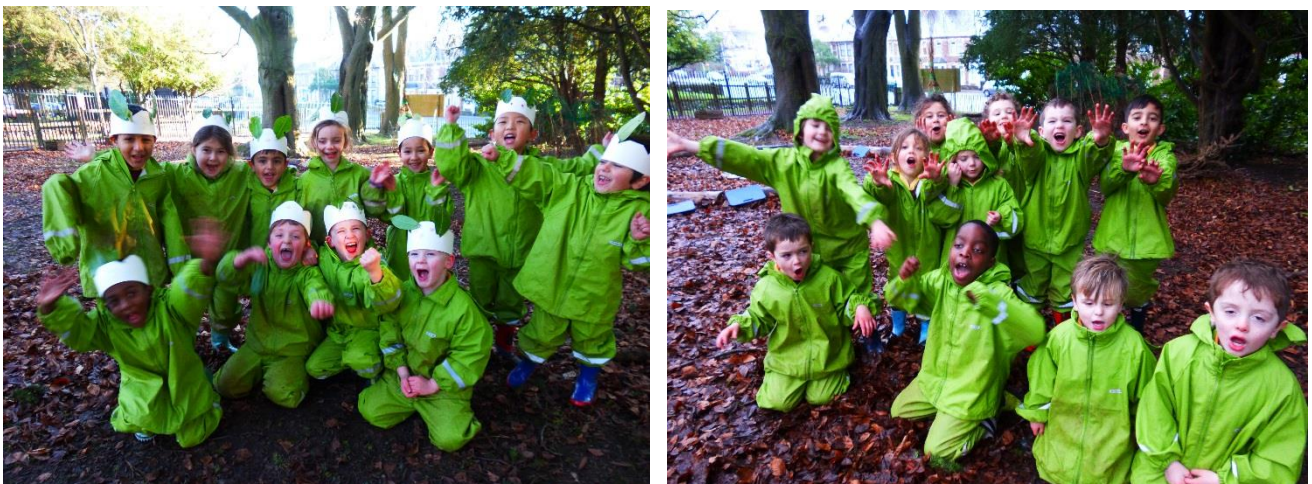


Year 1 continued to explore the story of Lila and the Secret of Rain and we have begun to write our own sentences using repeating language to describe the storm. We have also been checking our work to ensure we include adjectives, similes, verbs and connecting words. In Mathematics, we have been learning a variety of techniques to use when completing more complicated mental mathematics problems. In our topic work we read the story of Mary Jones and have begun to realise the significance of her importance journey to obtain her own bible. We sorted a selection of leaves using adjectives to describe them and we linked this understanding to our physical education lessons, using dance to express the movement and feel of leaves and conkers. Finally we have continued to look at the Artist Georgina O'Keefe and have drawn real flowers in the style of her paintings, producing beautiful results.



## From Forest School

It was a chilly start for 1J and their Forest School adventure. They were very excited to explore the Forest School site and started to learn the fire safety rules. They enjoyed learning a new game called 1,2,3 where are you? We would be very grateful if anyone has any old warm fleecy hats and gloves which could be donated to Forest School to use in the colder weather. Many thanks. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Pusey.



## Week Ahead 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

### Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January

U12A/B Netball v Howells 9.00 a.m. Away  
U13A/B Netball v Howells 10.00 a.m. Away  
U14A/B Netball v Howells 9.00 a.m. Home  
U15A Netball v Howells 10.00 a.m. Home  
U16A Netball v Howells 10.00 a.m. Home

### Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January

Senior Section Headmaster's Assembly Y10 – Y13 8.40 – 9.00 a.m. RDS Tutorial, Y7 – Y9  
Junior Section Form Teacher Period 8.30 – 9.00 a.m.  
2R Class Assembly (Parents welcome) 9.30 a.m. RDS  
Y7 Academic Scholarship Interviews (all week)  
Literary Society: Burns Night! 4.30 – 5.30 SFC

### Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January

Senior Section Tutorial, House tutor bases 8.30 – 9.00 a.m.  
Junior Section Assembly in the Roald Dahl Studio at 8.40 -9.00 a.m.  
Whole School Mufti Day (In aid of Langalanga School, Kenya)  
Year 4 Aboriginal Art Day 9.30 – 3.30 (GCE, HOC & CP)  
3S trip to St Fagan's 10.15 – 11.15 (CAS & KH)  
BPW Public Speaking Competition 4.00 – 7.30 p.m. RDS

### Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January

Senior Section House Meetings: Dyfrig – RDS 1, Euddogwy – RDS 2 and Teilo – Refectory, 8.35 – 9.00 a.m.  
Junior Section Congregational Practice in the Sports Hall at 8.40 – 9.00 a.m.  
3T trip to St Fagan's 10.15 – 11.15 (APT & KH)  
U10A/B Netball v Colstons 2.00 p.m. Home  
U11A/B Netball v Colstons 2.00 p.m. Home  
U11 Red & Yellow Football v St John's-On-the-Hill, Chepstow, 2.15 p.m. Away  
U10 Red & Yellow Football v St John's-On-the-Hill, Chepstow, 2.15 p.m. Home  
DofE Presentation Evening 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. RDS (Pizza for students and staff in SFC from 5.00 p.m.)

### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January

School Cathedral Service Years 7-13, 8.40 – 9.00 a.m. Years 3 – 6 9.20 – 9.40 a.m.  
Y13 Philosophy & Ethics RS4 preparation with Dr Greg Barker 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. SF1 KES  
Reception Trip, Sounds of the Dinosaurs 9.30 a.m. National Museum  
1st XI Football v QEH Bristol 2.30 p.m. Home  
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U16 Ann Smart Netball Tournament, 4.00 p.m. Whitchurch (Final)  
Infant Section Meeting 4.00 – 5.15 p.m. Lodge  
Scholars' Society 4.05 – 5.00 p.m. Chapel  
Faculty Meetings 4.15 – 5.15 p.m.  
Y5 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 6.30 Gloucester Building  
Sicily Trip information evening 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. SFC

### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January

Senior Section Headmaster's Assembly Y8 – Y9 8.40 – 9.00 a.m. RDS Tutorial, Y10 – Y13  
Junior Section Form Teacher Period 8.30 – 9.00 a.m.  
Infant Section Achievement Assembly in the Roald Dahl Studio at 10.30 a.m.  
Year 5 trip to @Bristol Planetarium (all day) (KAH, GCE, HOC & GH)  
Mind in Sport 12.45 – 1.45 p.m. Pavilion (Y11 – Y13)  
U8A/B Netball v Colstons Tournament 1.30 p.m. Away  
U9A/B Netball v Colstons Tournament 1.30 p.m. Away  
U8 Red, Yellow & Blue Football v St John's College 1.45 p.m. Away  
U9 Red, Yellow & Blue Football v St John's College 1.45 p.m. Away

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> January

U11 Netball v Tockington Manor 10.30 a.m. Away, departing at 9.15 a.m.  
U12 Netball v Tockington Manor 10.30 a.m. Away, departing at 9.15 a.m.  
U13A Netball v Tockington Manor 10.30 a.m. Away, departing at 9.15 a.m.  
U13B Netball v Llandovery 10.30 a.m. Away, departing at 8.45 a.m.  
U15A Netball v Llandovery 10.30 a.m. Home  
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U11 Red & U10 Red Football v Wycliffe Prep, 2.30 p.m. Away, departing at 1.00 p.m.  
U11 Yellow & U10 Yellow Football v Wycliffe Prep 2.30 p.m. Home  
U12 Football v Llandovery, 11.00 a.m. Away, departing at 9.15 a.m.