



## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

After the success of our school Eisteddfod last Friday, I feel it would be a good opportunity to share parts of the day with you. Please click the link to view our video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u1YHPSf4WHdacfAlgHkGE75wLDIdpR2Y/view?usp=sharing>



Also, a huge thank you to our wonderful school choir for performing at Pontypool Indoor Market last Friday and for sharing their love of all things Welsh with the crowd who supported them. Children performed as part of the choir but also as soloists. It was also wonderful to be able to perform some traditional country dancing.

The link below will take you to a short clip of our choir performing on St David's day.

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### WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



Once again, World Book Day was enjoyed by all this year. Our 'snuggle up with a good book' was a huge success with children having stories read to them by different members of the school staff as well as completing lots of activities based on reading. A huge thank you to our PTA for coming to school and selling books to our pupils and families – it's great to work together!



### COASTAL SCHOOL TRIP FOR CASTEL CAERDYDD



Year 5 enjoyed a lovely coastal school session on Tuesday. They were able to create pebble art and find many treasures! The tide was in which also gave them a fantastic opportunity to discuss adjectives and similes to describe the sounds and waves.



*Together we live learn and value*

## SPORTING EVENTS



We were delighted to be invited to this year's Rookie Rugby event at Cwmbrian Stadium hosted by The Welsh Rugby Union. 15 girls from year 6 took part in several different activities ranging from netball rugby, tag rugby, tackle ready, target shoot, mini games and even wheelchair rugby. It was brilliant fun! The girls improved their rugby skills, worked as a team, encouraged each other, and had a great time! If anyone is interested in joining a local team, please speak with Mrs PW.

A huge well done to Colby from year 6 who represented George Street and East Wales at the Welsh Gymnastics Competition in Cardiff. His tumblers and vaults were super impressive, and we are very proud of his achievements. Another fantastic experience that I am sure will stay with him for a very long time to come.



Thanks to Deiniol from Newport County In The Community for nominating George Street for a new Premier League Nike Football kit. We are absolutely over the moon to receive it and the girls enjoyed a fun filled session improving their skills, learning about the benefits of teamwork and the value of playing football. We are so lucky to have such brilliant, ongoing support from our friends at Newport County and are grateful for this lovely new kit.



Another super experience for our children this week as our boys' rugby team had the honour of playing in the stadium at Rodney Parade. The Tag Rugby Tournament hosted by Gwent Dragons was fantastically organised and full of fun! We played against lots of schools from across The Dragons Region and just missed out on a spot in the semi-finals. The team made us all very proud and were a joy to watch. Thank you to the team at Gateway Rugby who deliver sessions in school throughout the year and invite us to such enjoyable events. Watch this space for the girls turn coming up.

## WOW – WALK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Despite the poor weather, as a school there were 240 children who achieved their Walk to School badges for February.

Congratulations to Harlech who received 22 badges (1st), closely followed by Caerdydd and Penfro who both received 21 badges for their classes (2nd) and a huge well done to Poppy class who earned 20 badges (3rd).

As a collective, Year 5 received 42 badges altogether (1st), Year 6 received 39 badges altogether (2nd) and both Year 3 and 4 received 34 badges altogether (3rd).

## #NOT IN MISS OUT - STRIVE FOR 95% - #striveto95% #notinmissout

Our attendance data for this week is as follows:

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
94.38%	93.77%	94.98%	93.92%	93.01%

We will be monitoring 100% attendance at the end of this term and children who have been in school every day since September will have the chance of winning an Amazon voucher.

