



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PONTYPOOL EISTEDDFOD

What a week for Welsh at George Street! A range of pupils from both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 competed at the annual Pontypool Eisteddfod. On Tuesday, 15 of our Foundation Phase pupils had a taster of what it was like to compete on the main stage. Phoebe Y2 did a splendid job of her solo singing of 'Dau Gi Bach' and the choir performed a brilliant rendition of 'Daw Hyfryd Fis'. We secured a MERIT in both competitions and showed excellent confidence and courage! Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

On Wednesday it was Key Stage 2's turn to take the stage. With 7 schools competing (2 of which were Welsh language schools) we knew competition was going to be tough! The standard this year was higher than ever, with pupils showcasing a range of talents across the board. George Street pupils entered a whopping 8 out of 11 categories; every performer showing mammoth amounts of courage and passion! Judges were thoroughly impressed with all schools involved this year. However, it appeared it was our very own children who won them over with their hard work, charisma, talent and charm. And, for the first time in 25 YEARS, GEORGE STREET BROUGHT HOME THE WINNERS SHIELD!



The win meant so much to the children (and staff) and they were absolutely over the moon to parade the shield around the school, with echoes of 'George Street! George Street!' ringing through the corridors on their return. A DIOLCH ENFAWR to all children who worked their socks off to learn their set pieces; you truly are the future of Welsh language! A special diolch also, to all staff involved in preparing the children for what is ultimately the biggest competition in the Welsh calendar year! So incredibly proud of each one of you!

Huge llongyfarchiadau to our following winners:

Violet Cooper Price	Y5/6 Solo Recitation	1 st Place
Isabelle Stokes	Y3/4 Solo Solo Singing	3 rd Place
	Group Recitation	1 st Place
Melody Steel	Y3/4 Solo Recitation	1 st Place
	Folk Dancing	1 st Place
Nieve Elvin	Piano	3 rd Place
Amelia Lloyd	Y5/6 Solo Singing	1 st Place
	Choir	1 st Place

MOTHER AND OTHER EVENTS

Our year 1 and 2 classes invited families in to school this week.

We had a great turnout for both year groups Mothers and Others Day event!

Year 2 decorated the hall with creations made by our children and grown-ups were serenaded with a few songs. Activities such as colouring, a Photo Booth and the ever-entertaining "How do you think your child answered these questions about you?" game brought lots of laughter. Everyone was grateful for their personalised cards and gifts.

Year 1 took part in crafting and planting sunflower seeds. There was also a reading area so children could read with their grown-ups. It was a lovely day and staff really enjoyed spending time with the children and their grown-ups.

Thank you to all who joined us for this celebration of our Mothers and Others!



COASTAL SCHOOL TRIP FOR CASTEL PENFRO



Yesterday Dosbarth Castell Penfro enjoyed a coastal visit to the beach. They foraged the beach seeking out distinctive varieties of pebbles and treasures and were fascinated to learn about different types of sea defences. We enjoyed building sandcastle villages and our very own sea defences to protect them. The weather was slightly miserable, but the beach was lit by all the smiling faces on our children! Thank you to Mrs Forest Jones and Mrs Smith for a lovely day.

GOT TO DANCE COMPETITION



After weeks of preparing for the dance event, our dancers were beyond excited to take part in the competitions last Friday. We were able to enter a maximum of 3 group dances, 3 solo dances and 3 duets. Everyone was a little nervous but also thrilled to take part. The morning session consisted of competitions with the afternoon session focusing on dance workshops and the awards ceremony.

During the morning session the duets were up first, followed by the solo dances and then the group dances. Our dancers were fantastic! They all danced beautifully and with confidence, they had such great stage presence. No matter the outcome, the girls were all winners as they had worked so hard and gave it their best shot. We could not have been prouder of each one of them!

The girls came away delighted with a 1st place for their group dance 'It's Tricky', a 1st place for Felicity's solo dance, a 2nd place for Quinn and Felicity's duet and a 3rd place for Amelia and Kiara Mae's duets. Everyone was overwhelmed and it was such a wonderful experience for everyone who took part. We are looking forward to showcasing some of the dances at The Congress Theatre in May. All the dances and photos can be viewed on X (Twitter) @GeorgeStSport. Well done everyone!

PTA FUND RAISING

It was wonderful to hear that our PTA raised £150 on World Book Day last week. They are hoping to continue to raise money in order to support different projects in school. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on Monday 18th March in exchange for a chocolate bar. Raffle tickets will be sold next week with the draw taking place on 22nd March. Prizes of a chocolate hamper as well as Easter eggs are up for grabs. Our PTA will provide more information next week.

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

Our attendance data for this week is as follows:

Friday 8 th March	Monday 11 th March	Tuesday 12 th March	Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March
92.55%	91.82%	94.24%	94.24%	93.64%

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.

COMMUNITY LINKS



HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

The headteacher certificate goes to Andrew Gros in year 3. He always gives a warm greeting when he comes in to school each morning and this makes me smile!

SAVE THE DATE REMINDERS

March 18th – 1:45pm. ASD community event.

March 20th – 2:15pm. Year 3 'Toot' music concert.

March 22nd – 2:00pm. Year 5 Fair Trade coffee event.

Parent consultations will take place on the 9th and 10th April. These will be face to face at school with you having the opportunity to look through your child's books. An invite will be text to you before we break up for Easter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

K.Manley