



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers



The last week of the term has certainly been a busy one. We started the week with sessions on ASD Awareness. Our children have been inquisitive, understanding and have made some very good suggestions about how we can amend times of the day to make them less overwhelming. KS2 children, staff and Governors have been invited to complete some training and gain themselves an ASD awareness certificate. Monday afternoon we welcomed families to school for our first ASD community event. There were several guest speakers who explained how they can support families and individuals with autism. A huge thank you to Cheryl Deneen (ASD Children and Young People's Support Officer), Hope GB, Sparkle, CC Studios (Charlotte Cummings) and Torfaen Kickboxing Club (Gary). The afternoon was very informative and supportive. If anyone has any queries about future ASD coffee mornings or events, please phone the school and ask to speak to either Mrs Ralph or Mrs Mollaney.

### SPORTING EVENT



A combined year 5 and 6 team of girls took part in a Touch Rugby Festival at Cwmbran Stadium where they had a brilliant day. They improved their skills, displayed fantastic sportsmanship, encouraged each other and were a delight to watch. The girls grew in confidence, scored some lovely tries and most of all had so much fun. If anyone would like to join a local rugby club, please get in touch with Mrs PW who can give you details of clubs. Sport outside school can have such a positive impact and lead to some amazing experiences for not only the children but for the whole family.

On Thursday, year 6 pupils went to the Principality Stadium to support their fellow peer, Archie Blake. Archie had been selected to play in the DC Thomas Cup final for his team, Pontypool District School. Little did Archie know, but there were other year groups supporting him by watching him play live on YouTube. There was excitement at the stadium and in school and we couldn't be prouder of Archie and his teammates. It was fantastic to see them celebrate their amazing victory over Bridgend with a score of 35 points to 15.



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## COASTAL SCHOOL TRIP FOR YEAR 6

Year 6 pupils had a blast during their trips to Rest Bay this week. They thoroughly enjoyed the beach themed activities and created some fantastic coastal defences and imaginative pebble art. As always, the children were impeccably behaved and made the most of this wonderful experience.



## PTA FUND RAISING



A huge thank you to our PTA for organising a fabulous chocolate raffle. Children were definitely very excited in assembly today and couldn't wait to find out who had won prizes. With over 300 bars of chocolate donated by you and our community, there were many winners. Today the PTA raised an amazing £436! THANK YOU!



## WOW – WALK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Good news, for the month of March we have achieved our highest earning of badges so far!

Congratulations to Harlech and Penfro who both received 23 badges (1st), closely followed by Gwyn and Poppy who both received 22 badges for their classes (2nd) and congratulations to Caerdydd and Caerffili both earning 21 badges (3rd).



As a collective, Year 6 and Year 5 received 44 badges altogether (1st), Reception received 40 badges altogether (2nd) and both Year 3 and Year 2 received 37 badges altogether (3rd).

As a school, we earned a total of 270 badges altogether. This beats both of our previous totals for January (251 badges) and February (240 badges). As we enter the Summer Term, we hope the improvement in the weather will continue to motivate our children to keep breaking our WOW Active Travel to School records.

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

Our attendance data for this week is as follows:

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
92.27%	91.52%	89.7%	91.8%	91.2%

171 children achieved 100% attendance this half term. Well done.

20 children have achieved 100% attendance so far, this academic year. Fantastic.

The winner of the £15 Amazon gift voucher is Ethan West.

## PARENT CONSULTATION – 9<sup>th</sup> AND 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Parent consultation invites were sent to parents/guardians of children in Reception to Year 6 this morning. These meetings will be face to face at school. The table below shows where the consultations will take place. Nursery consultations will be organised by Mrs N.Davies who will speak to parents directly to explain arrangements.

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Parent Consultation Location	
Nursery	Staff will make verbal arrangements with families.
Reception	School hall
Year 1	School hall
Year 2	School hall
Year 3	Classroom area
Year 4	Classroom area
Year 5	Classroom area
Year 6	Classroom area

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

A huge thank you to all who attended the Fair-Trade event this afternoon with year 5. A very enjoyable event indeed. A wonderful solo, imaginative clothing made from recycled materials and the best way to end this term.

After Easter we will be running a pilot for 'live tours' at school. The aim of these live tours is to give parent/carers first-hand experience of what school is like when in full swing. A small number of families will be invited to school on Friday mornings at 9am to meet with one of our school governors. You will have the opportunity to observe certificates being awarded in assembly as well as lessons being delivered in classes. After the tour you will be invited into our staff room to have a cup of tea and a biscuit with our Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Mollaney. We are dedicated to strengthening our home/school links. If this pilot is successful there is a possibility we will continue the live tours next academic year.  
**REMINDER: DUE TO CAPACITY, LIVE TOURS ARE BY INVITE ONLY.**

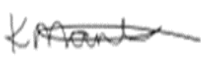
## COMMUNITY LINKS

## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

The headteacher certificate goes to Nieve Elvin in year 5. She is a very dedicated Waste Watcher and is certainly encouraging all classes to recycle correctly. She went home and made the most wonderful trophy made from recycled waste. This trophy is now going to be used every week, with it being awarded to the class who have been the best at recycling.

Have a wonderful Easter with your family and friends.

Kind regards

  
K. Manley

