



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy 4-day week. I was privileged to be asked to visit our youngest children in school to hear them sing a song but also use 'sign' to communicate the message. I am very impressed indeed! We also welcomed Sharon's Church to school for the first time to lead an assembly about the beliefs of the Christian faith. It was lovely to see the children interacting with the assembly by volunteering to act out parts of a bible story.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS

On Monday, Miss Main and Mrs Jones had the pleasure of taking 7 of our Blwyddyn 6 pupils to Cardiff University for their 'Young Scholars' Graduation. For the past few months these children have been engaging in seminar lessons with PhD



Tutor, Sharmila Kumar; exploring and engaging in discussions centring around the topic of 'Rights'. What are human rights? Can they be removed? What basic rights a child

has and what is the difference between rights and obligations? Our young scholars have worked extremely hard and, as part of their final assignment, completed a 1500-word assignment that was graded at university level. All our children passed with flying colours and represented our school incredibly well throughout the process. A huge llongyfarchiadau to the following pupils: Freya, Neve, Alys, Violet, Eli and Logan. Mor falch! So proud!



### YEAR 2 TRIP TO TECHNIQUEST



Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Techniquest on their school trip this week. Bursting with curiosity, they immersed themselves in the world of science, exploring the range of interactive exhibits on offer. However, it was in the planetarium the children really shone. They astounded their teachers, and Techniquest staff alike, with their knowledge of our solar system and their insightful questions. Da iawn, Year 2. You really were a credit to George Street School!

*Together we live learn and value*

## HOCKEY FUN WITH GWENT HOCKEY CLUB

At George Street we pride ourselves on delivering and offering a wide range of sporting opportunities for our pupils and this week was no exception. Hockey is a sport that not many are involved in outside of school so when we received the invite to attend a festival at Cwmbran Stadium, we jumped at the chance to take part. As always, the children showed bravery, commitment to learning new skills and determination throughout the day, all with true team spirit. Mrs PW was so proud, especially when coaches expressed their surprise that the children were not involved in clubs outside of school! The transferable skills children are taught throughout PE lessons really shows when they are trying new sports. If anyone would like information about training days, then please contact Mrs PW.



## YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT WITH WEST MONMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Staff from West Monmouth Comprehensive School have invited parents/carers of pupils in Year 5 to attend a meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 3:30pm. This meeting will take place at George Street in our school hall. Year 5 children are welcome to attend.

## WHITSUN PLAY AND WELLBEING CAMP

The Play Service is delivering 7 Play and Wellbeing Camps during Whitsun Half Term. The dates the camps are running are Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am-3:00pm.

**Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

# Whitsun Play & Wellbeing Camps

**Tuesday 28th May to Thursday 30th May**  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Age 5 to 11 years

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Participating Schools:**  
Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School  
Middle Croft Car Road, Blaenavon, NP4 9BW  
Blenheim Road Community Primary School  
Blenheim Road, St David's, Cwmbran, NP44 4EG  
Ganteg Primary School  
Hillcrest, Gantegfah, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ  
George Street Primary School  
Walterton Road, Penygam, NP4 6BT  
Llantarnam Primary School  
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam, Cwmbran, NP44 3XB  
Nant Celyn Primary School  
Herdys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ  
Penygam Primary School  
Penygam Road, Penygam, Pontypool NP4 6BN

**Pre booking required**  
Please use the QR code to pre book

For more information please contact: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

**A refillable drink and packed lunch is required**

**Social Media:**  
Instagram: @torfaenplay  
Facebook: Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service  
Twitter: @torfaenplay

A booking link was text to families at the beginning of this week. if you have not yet booked and would like to do so, please click the link:

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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

I strongly request that all parents/carers who are dropping off or collecting children by car do so with extreme care. There has been an incident of a child being 'clipped' by a car while crossing the road.

The Highway Code makes it clear that **drivers are required to give priority to the safety of pedestrians**, including stopping to allow them to pass safely. **Not to do so is an offence.** All parents/carers using cars could help with this by:



- Not double-parking – this only encourages other drivers to pull around vehicles or to reverse, both of which are more likely to cause an accident. At one point this week several children attending breakfast club did not arrive until after service had finished because an abandoned, parked car stopped the movement of all traffic. While we made alternative arrangements to make sure that the affected children were fed, not double-parking would prevent this need arising.
- Parking further from school and walking a short way to drop off or collect children.

I would also urge all pedestrians to cross the road with our crossing lady, Mrs Hopkins.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

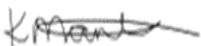
We have had several food parcels delivered to school by Helping Hands R Us. If you are interested in receiving a food parcel, please contact school and ask to speak with either Diana Mollaney or Carlie Preston-Thomas. If needed, we can deliver the food parcels.

## DIARY DATES

| May 2024             |   |
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| 7 <sup>th</sup> May  | Year 1 Coastal Trip (Dosbarth Tulip)                                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | Year 1 Coastal Trip (Dosbarth Poppy)                                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May | Year 4 Forest School Trip   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | Year 5 Picnic in the Park (parent event – more information to follow) |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Year 4 Forest School Trip   |

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mwynhewch eich penwythnos.

Kind regards

  
K.Manley

