



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been a very busy week indeed with much to celebrate.

LEARNING WITH AUTISM PROGRAMME

We are proud to announce that as a school we have successfully completed the Learning with Autism Programme. This is a programme that focuses on a whole school approach, ensuring that all adults working within the school have knowledge about Autism and how best to support pupils, including teachers, learning support staff, admin staff and governors. Our Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 pupils have completed tasks and activities around Autism, including looking at how they can help to support each other.

In addition to this, one of the outcomes of our ASD Awareness day held in March was to set up an ALN (Additional Learning Needs) pupil voice group – something suggested by our Year 6 pupils. We are now in the process of setting up this group and working with them to create an action plan to look at how we can improve non-structured times for our pupils with ALN/pupils who may require an alternative provision at these times. We will keep you up-dated with our progress in future newsletters.

For more information about Autism and the Learning with Autism Programme, please visit

<https://autismwales.org/>



NATURE FESTIVAL



Having received a grant from Pontypool Community Council, Mrs Forest Jones organised a Nature Festival with community members dedicated to environmental stewardship and animal welfare. We enjoyed workshops from Hedgehog Helpline, Project Nest box, Keep Wales Tidy, Owl Sanctuary, Oliver from Torfaen Council, Gareth Baker the Beekeeper and Gwent Wildlife Trust. All students across the school engaged exceptionally well with each individual workshop. They demonstrated enthusiasm and passion for the subject matter and were given the opportunity to make their own pledges as a result of the day's activities. Thank you so much to Mrs Forest Jones for coordinating the event and all the community volunteers for taking their time to share their knowledge and passion with us. Keep Wales Tidy joined us during the day and met with our Eco Committee – their hard work has paid off and we were granted our third Platinum Award renewal.

ECO CONFERENCE

A few days after receiving our Platinum Eco Award renewal, our Eco leads and Waste Watchers enjoyed a day at Llancaiach Fawr celebrating Eco Schools 30th birthday at the annual Eco Schools Conference, with schools from across South Wales. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for taking them. They enjoyed a day of thought provoking, eco games and represented our wonderful school with pride.

HEADTEACHER SHOUTOUT

As you are aware, the headteacher recruitment took place this week. Pupil representatives from years 3 to 6 were asked to compile questions and interview candidates. As one of the candidates, I was very impressed by all children involved and was extremely proud of them. Not only were their questions sensible and appropriate but they were mature, friendly and took the task very seriously. The other candidates commented on how well the children presented themselves and said they are all a credit to our school – I couldn't agree more. But not only are they a credit to our school but they are also a credit to their families. I would like to thank Violet, Alys and Logan (year 6), Elsie (year 5), Maddison (year 4) and Joseph (year 3).

I would also like to share how very happy and excited I am that I have been offered the job of headteacher at George Street. It has been an honour to work as acting headteacher this academic year and I will continue to work passionately as headteacher.

COMMUNITY LINKS

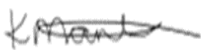


DIARY DATES

June 2024	
6 th June	Year 2 Coastal Trip (SL's class)
7 th June	Year 2 Coastal Trip (SB's class)
14 th June	Year 2 Dads and Others Day Event (more information to follow)
17 th June	Year 1 Dads and Others Day Event (more information to follow)
19 th June	Reception New Intake Meeting at 9:15am
20 th June	Nursery New Intake Meeting at 9:15am Year 4 Coastal Trip
21 st June	Year 4 Coastal Trip
26 th June	Reception Parent Event – Come and Play (Bluebell) at 2:00pm
27 th June	Design to Smile 2 nd Fluoride Application for Foundation Phase
28 th June	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – including Year 5 (more information to follow)

Have a wonderful weekend.
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Kind regards


K.Manley



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