



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The final letter for this year!

We have crammed so much in to the last week of the academic year, ensuring that the end of term has been as lively and as positive as the year in general and that children continue to enjoy being in school.

As a school, we have achieved a lot this year, including monitoring visits from our regional improvement team and the local authority. They share responsibility for evaluating how effective we are as a school. These visits have involved observing teaching, meeting with pupils and staff, looking at children's work and reviewing our school development plan. I am pleased to say that visitors confirmed our many strengths and the high quality of our own understanding of what the school already does very well and where we can improve further.

I should like to pass on my sincere thanks to all who work at George Street and to our families and community who continue to support the school. A huge thank you to the senior leaders, middle leaders, all teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, cleaners, canteen staff and midday supervisors. Without their dedication and hard work, your children would not enjoy school or make the progress they have made this year. I wish them all an enjoyable summer and hope they use this time to recharge their batteries in readiness for another exciting year.

Finally, I would like to wish our year 6 cohort all the very best of luck as they begin comprehensive school. It has been an honour having them as members of George Street and they will definitely be missed.

### OPENING OUR DOORS

It has been a personal aim of mine this year to open our school to our families and community. It has been wonderful to see families attending coffee mornings/afternoons, attending our Christmas event, sporting events and class/year group events. This work will continue next year, with the hope of having more events for you to attend and drop ins for a coffee and a chat. Thank you to all who have attended out different events this academic year.



## STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to offer my congratulations to Mrs C Williams who will be taking up a new appointment with Monmouthshire local authority. Mrs Williams has made a wonderful contribution to George Street during her 12 years with us, welcoming hundreds of children into school for the first time.

Miss S Seward has secured a position in another setting, leading a nursery department. After 6 years at George Street she will be missed, but I know the children at her new school will be very lucky to gain such a nurturing and kind member of staff.

Mr M Manson is leaving us at the end of this term to continue his career as a year 4 teacher in a Newport school. Mr Manson has been with us for 2 years and during this time has built strong relationships with pupils and staff alike and will, I'm sure, have many fond memories of George Street to carry into the future.

Miss S Jones, who joined us this academic year as a teaching assistant, has secured a job as a higher level teaching assistant in a school in Merthyr. Thank you for your hard work this year.

Mrs S Karragulle, one of our midday supervisors, has decided to say goodbye to George Street after working here for 25 years! Mrs Karragulle has been a much loved 'dinner lady' to a very large number of Pontypool children and she will be dearly missed. We wish her a well-rested retirement.

On behalf of our staff team, pupils and governors I would like to wish all our staff leavers the very best for their next steps.

## MEET THE TEAM

We will be holding our autumn term Meet the Team events during the second week of the new school year (week beginning Monday 9th September). These sessions provide an opportunity to meet the adults who will be working alongside your child(ren) next year, to hear about the routines of class and to ask any general questions you may have. It's a valuable opportunity to get up to speed with arrangements and expectations so please do try to attend. If you are unable to be here, we will share a summary of the information covered with you via the school website.

We will confirm the date for your child's team by text message when school restarts in September..

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR

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## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

The headteacher certificate goes to Kiara-Mae Vassallo from year 5. She is always polite and always greets me with a beautiful smile at school, which makes me smile!

## 100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS



5 children have achieved 100% attendance this academic year. What an amazing achievement!



Jayden has achieved a fantastic 100% attendance for the past 6 years! We are very proud of him.

## COMMUNITY LINKS



- LAS IGUANAS**  
Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main
- ASDA**  
Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.
- SAINSBURYS CAFES**  
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.
- PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**  
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 5pm
- THE REAL GREEK**  
Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult
- TOI FRIDAYS**  
Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)
- PUREZZA**  
Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased
- TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN**  
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free
- IKEA**  
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am
- SIZZLING PUBS**  
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.
- BEEFATER & BREWERS FAYRE**  
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
- PRETO**  
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
- MORRISONS**  
Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.
- TESCO CAFES**  
1 Free kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales
- GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**  
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
- YO! SUSHI**  
From Monday 1st July - Friday 5th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10)
- WHITBREAD INNS**  
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
- BELLA ITALIA**  
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
- COCONUT TREE**  
One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.
- DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**  
At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!
- TABLE TABLE**  
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
- HUNGRY HORSE**  
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
- FUTURE INNS**  
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

**Donation**  
A huge thank you to St Cadocs church for donating £105 to school after the choir singing event last week. We are very grateful!

## DIARY DATES

### INSET DAYS NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- Monday 2nd September 2024**
- Friday 18th October 2024
- Friday 20th December 2024
- Friday 23rd May 2025
- Monday 23rd June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025

Have a wonderful summer.

Kind regards

K. Manley



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