



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 08 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I started this half term in class with Years 5 and 6. After working with the head and deputy head students, staff, Governors and a parent group, I completed activities with upper school, discussing a new school vision. We are hoping to promote this new vision before the end of the term...watch this space!

### CROSS COUNTRY RUN

We were delighted to give 40 children the opportunity to represent our school in the annual Cross Country Running event at Pontypool Park hosted by Torfaen Sports Development Team. As always, teams were selected during PE lessons dedicated to distance running. The event is always tough with fitness and endurance forming just a part of what is needed to reach the finish line! Mental strength is just as important as physical ability and the children displayed determination, resilience, commitment and so much more. We are so very proud of all children who took part. They competed against other local schools and were true ambassadors of George Street through their excellent sportsmanship and team togetherness. With around 50 children in each race, we were proud that all George Street pupils completed the course, with many of them being in the top 10 performances.



We also gained a 2nd place in the boys Year 3/4 race for Joseph Blake, a 3rd place in the girls Years 3/4 race for Holly Brown and a 3rd place in the girls Year 5/6 race for Ruby Smith. A truly fantastic effort by every single one of our runners, making us proud as always!

### COOK STARS

This week we welcomed the amazing Cook Stars team who began the 4-week course of cookery sessions with 13 of our families. It was a very busy session with adults and children enjoying themselves and trying new foods. Not only were the children cooking, but they were also speaking, listening and using maths skills.



*Together we live learn and value*



## A TRIP TO BIG PIT

Year 5 enjoyed a historical visit to Big Pit yesterday. They learned about Victorian children and their lives during the Victorian times. They also learned why coal was so important back then. They took part in the Servants of the Empire workshop and went down into the mine. A great day enjoyed by all.



## ANTI-BULLY WEEK – ODD SOCKS



Next week is anti-bully week. To celebrate everyone being unique we are asking children and adults to wear odd socks on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Children will be taking part in anti-bullying activities all day, learning about how we should all be treated and how we should treat others – with respect and curiosity.

## A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL – CHILDREN IN NEED

**Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** is Children in Need.

The school council have met and have shared lots of wonderful ideas that they have received from children around the school. After lots of discussion, we have decided to ask children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. The children will enjoy Pudsey related activities throughout the day and will watch a film in their classrooms. They are welcome to bring in their own popcorn to watch the film.

## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Emilia Ugianskyte from Year 5 for receiving my certificate this week. She has received this certificate for always being very polite and friendly.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

## DIARY DATES

November 2024	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 visit to Pontypool library
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day – all children
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – all children can wear pyjamas to school and bring a small bag of popcorn.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 visit to Pontypool library
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 visit to Pontypool library

Kind regards



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