



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### TUMBLE AND VAULT COMPETITION

The first sporting event of 2025 kicked off with great excitement as children entered the South East Wales Under 11s Tumble and Vault competition at Kestrel Gym. From the start, the young athletes demonstrated incredible skill, dedication, and sportsmanship, making everyone incredibly proud. Their behaviour throughout the event was impeccable, reflecting the values of respect and teamwork. A special mention must go to the two boys who stood out by qualifying for the Welsh finals, marking a significant achievement in their athletic journey. We wish them the best of luck!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS

We are so unbelievably proud of our 7 Young Scholars this week! Every year, 'The Brilliant Club' runs a programme for a selection of Year 6 children to experience university-style learning opportunities with a tutor and complete assignments, which are then graded by university professionals. The theme for this year was 'The Human Heart'. The children LOVED learning about biology on such a deeper level and thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. This year we achieved an INCREDIBLE four 1st grades, two 2:2s and a 2:2. This is a fantastic achievement and we are over the moon with our superstars who represented us! We are looking forward to our graduation ceremony at Bath University in a few weeks (pupils and school staff only unfortunately.)

Congratulations to:

Finette Ugbong- 2:1

Nieve Elvin- 1st

Milo Lawrence- 1st

Azlan Chaudhry- 2:1

Menuli Sinappuli Mudyanselage- 1st

Ava Trinder- 2:2

Sebbie James- 1st



Congratulations to you all!

## ST DWYNWEN'S DAY DISCO



The school discos were a huge hit, filled with music, dancing, disco lights, sweets, tip tops, and plenty of drinks, creating an electric atmosphere. Excited children filled the hall, their energy contagious as they danced and laughed. The event was a fantastic success, and a big thank you goes to our PTA and the amazing parent volunteers who worked hard to make it happen. Their efforts paid off, with a brilliant £156 raised to support upcoming school projects. This event was not only a fun-filled evening but also a great way to bring the school together.

If you would like to keep up to date with future PTA events, please follow the PTA Facebook page – George Street PTA.

## GEORGE STREET GET TOGETHER

Today marked the first 'George Street Get Together,' and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended. It was wonderful to create a space where everyone could relax, mingle, and take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Sharing a cuppa and getting to know each other better made for a lovely, welcoming atmosphere. We hope all who joined us enjoyed the opportunity to unwind and connect, and we look forward to many more gatherings like this in the future!

## LATENESS

Unfortunately, we've noticed an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Being on time is crucial as learning begins promptly at 9am, and when children arrive late, they miss vital parts of their lessons. Starting Monday, we will be closely monitoring late arrivals, and if your child is consistently late, you will receive a letter and may be invited to meet with me to discuss the reasons behind the delays. Additionally, we have observed more children being picked up late from school. As parents, it is your responsibility to ensure your child is picked up on time. Late pick-ups can be distressing for children, and we ask that if you're ever delayed you call the school to let us know, rather than waiting for us to contact you. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and timely start and end to the school day.



## SMART DEVICES

With the rise of technology and the increasing popularity of smartwatches, many children are now wearing them to school. While we encourage children to wear a traditional watch to help them learn to tell the time, smartwatches offer many additional features such as recording conversations, taking photos, and playing games. These capabilities can be distracting during school hours. Therefore, if a child is seen using a smartwatch for anything other than telling the time, it will be confiscated, and an adult will need to collect it from the class teacher. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and if the use of smartwatches becomes an ongoing issue, they may no longer be permitted to be worn to school. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring a focused learning environment.

## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Molly Boucher from Year 3 for receiving my certificate this week. She has received this certificate for always being super happy, for being very friendly towards everyone at school and for always using impeccable manners. Well done, Molly!

## COMMUNITY LINKS



## DIARY

<b>February 2025</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 3 to begin Kerb Craft Project (pupil event only within school hours).
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Welsh Week – in preparation for Eisteddfod
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Family Forest School Session – afternoon More information to follow from class teachers
24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM

<b>March 2025</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – non-uniform day with more information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Book Sale – more information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Eisteddfod (pupil event only within school hours). Children are welcome to wear Welsh themed/Welsh coloured clothing.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate bar (in readiness for chocolate raffle)

Kind regards



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