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Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

What a week it's been! The children had an action-packed week, participating in two Pontypool Eisteddfods, showcasing their talents in the Got To Dance competition, and two students represented the school in a Gymnastics competition. Year 2 also enjoyed a fantastic school trip, adding to the excitement. You may have noticed that our portable building is now up! The delivery and installation of the building certainly made for an exciting day, with the children fascinated by the crane in action. Work on the portable building is still ongoing, and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this busy time. I would like to thank Pontypool United for allowing staff to use their car park on the day of the large delivery! It was also wonderful to see how many families walked to school to pick up their children at the end of the day on Tuesday – it made a huge difference to the safety of the children; this is something which needs to be kept in mind every day.

Our new portable building will serve as a community hub and training facility. We are excited to offer a variety of sessions, including coffee and chat gatherings, baby and toddler sessions, and parent and child activities. Additionally, the space will be used to host visitors during training sessions for students and newly qualified teachers. This will create a welcoming environment for both the local community and those seeking professional development, further strengthening our connections and support for everyone involved.



Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

YEAR 2'S TAKE OFF!



Year 2 had an unforgettable day at Aerospace Bristol, where they took part in a fascinating workshop all about Concorde. The children had the exciting opportunity to design their very own supersonic aircraft, using their creativity and imagination. One of the highlights of the trip was stepping aboard the iconic Concorde itself—thankfully, it remained firmly on the ground! As they explored the museum, they were amazed to see how planes have evolved over time, gaining a deeper understanding of aviation history. Throughout the visit, the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and enthusiasm, making them a true credit to our school. Well done, Year 2!

EISTEDFFOD 2025

What a week for Welsh at George Street! A range of pupils from both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 competed at the annual Pontypool Eisteddfod. On Tuesday, our Foundation Phase pupils had a taster of what it was like to compete on the main stage and for the first time ever, entering every competition. Harrison Lundy (3rd place) did a splendid job of his solo recitation 'Fy Ffrindiau i' and Martha Roberts (3rd place) in her solo rendition of 'Y Broga Bach'! Our 12-pupil strong group recitation 'Ble wyt ti'n byw?' was delivered with bundles of enthusiasm, the country dancing was out of this world and the choir performed a brilliant rendition of 'Dau Gi Bach'. What a BOP! We secured a MERIT in all other competitions and showed excellent confidence and courage! Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

On Wednesday it was Key Stage 2's turn to take to the stage. With 7 schools competing (2 of which were Welsh language schools) we knew competition was going to be tough! The standard this year was higher than ever, with pupils showcasing a range of talents across the board. George Street pupils entered a whopping 10 out of 11 categories: every performer showing mammoth amounts of courage and passion! Judges were thoroughly impressed with all schools involved this year. It appeared it was our very own children who won them over with their hard work, charisma, talent and charm as, once again, George Street fell in the top 3 this year! We missed out on 1st place and bringing home the shield by just 2 points! However, in our eyes, you are all winners!

A DIOLCH ENFAWR to all children who worked their socks off to learn their set pieces; you truly are the future of Welsh language! A special diolch also, to all staff involved in preparing the children for what is ultimately the biggest competition in the Welsh calendar year – Miss Main, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Powell, Mrs Fellows and Miss Hornby our student – a special shout out to you all!

Special shout outs to the following children for their art work, who also provided us with extra points to help push us closer to that top spot:

- Hallie Bustin Y1 – 2nd place
- Maddox McNally Y3 – 1st place
- Emilia Ugianskyte Y5 – 2nd place

Huge llongyfarchiadau to our following KS2 winners:

Melody Steel	Y5/6 Solo Recitation	2 nd Place
Eira Ralph	Y3/4 Solo Singing	1 st Place
	Group Recitation Y3 - Y6	1 st Place
Molly Boucher	Y3/4 Solo Recitation	1 st Place
	Folk Dancing	1 st Place
Nieve Elvin	Piano	1 st Place
Amelia Lloyd	Y5/6 Solo Singing	2 nd Place
Madison Brown	Brass	2 nd Place
Ella James-George	Strings	2 nd Place

COOK STARS


A huge thank you to the 7 families who took part in the first session of Cook Stars this week. I am sure you enjoyed it as much as the children.



RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 21st MARCH



Get ready for a day of laughter and fun on Friday, March 21, 2025, as we celebrate Comic Relief and Opposites Day with a twist! Children can dress as adults and be as whacky or as serious as they wish, where the adults in school dress as the children. Throughout the day, children will enjoy exciting activities in their classes. Let's make a

difference and have a blast while doing it! 

#RedNoseDay #OppositesDay #FunForACause

The children will not be required to bring money into school, if you would like to donate please use the link - <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>.

Thank you for your support, George Street School Council

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like to be a Parent Governor, please contact the office on 01495 756436 and request a form which needs to be completed and returned to the office by **Friday 21st March 2025**. Please note that to avoid any potential conflicts of interest, we can only have one application per family.

Thank you.

A LITTLE TREAT FOR YOU – PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UhsOjomLc6KtxE6509BDIRm7cHAX2MsJ/view?usp=drive_link

DIARY

March 2025	
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – see above
Friday 28 th March	Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate bar (in readiness for chocolate raffle)

April 2025	
Tuesday 1 st April	Eisteddfod Show Case – parent event (more info to follow)
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 Museum of the Future – parent event 2:30pm
Wednesday 9 th April	Welsh Water Assembly – children only
Friday 11 th April	Chocolate raffle
Friday 11 th April	Children break up for Easter (2 weeks)
Monday 28 th April	Children back at school

Kind regards



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