



## YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

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Annwyl Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy two weeks since my last newsletter. We have been very lucky with the weather so far and children are making the most of the school field. We are also planning a new project with Dan James and our Pupil Leadership Team – a podcast! Look out for this soon (hopefully at the end of next week).

### THE WELSH BASKETBALL FESTIVAL



Children had an amazing time at the Welsh Basketball Festival at Cwmbran Stadium! The girls loved learning new aspects of the game, and it was incredible to see so much progress throughout the day. They played plenty of small-sided matches, scored some fantastic goals, and had a blast. A big congratulations to everyone who took part, and a huge thank you to Torfaen Sports Development for the invite!

### HOCKEY

At school, we're incredibly proud to provide our students with a wide range of sporting opportunities. Last week, children had the chance to take part in a hockey festival at Cwmbran Stadium, hosted by Gwent Hockey. The day was packed with various drills focusing on shooting, dribbling, defending, and attacking, and our team really embraced the challenge of each one. They also participated in a mini tournament, playing against local schools. Even though they're not part of a team outside of school, they did an amazing job, scoring some fantastic goals and winning several of their matches. It was a truly enjoyable day for everyone involved!

### TAG RUGBY FOR THE GIRLS

We couldn't be prouder of our girls' tag rugby team for their incredible performance at the Dragons Tag Festival at Rodney Parade. The girls scored plenty of fantastic tries and made numerous tags, showing real improvement with each match. We were placed in a tough group, including last year's champions, Cantref. After some strong wins, we narrowly lost to Cantref by just one try, who then went on to the semi-finals and finals and were crowned champions for the second year running. A huge congratulations to them and to everyone who took part, especially our girls who played brilliantly from start to finish.



### **IS THAT A HOLE IN ONE?**

A huge congratulations to our golf superstars for their fantastic performance at the Golf Festival held at Pontypool Golf Club! The day was packed with six exciting and varied games that helped us develop our putting, chipping, and distance shots. Everyone showed great improvement and had a brilliant time. A big thank you, as always, to the Torfaen Health, Sport & Fitness team for organising such a valuable and enjoyable experience!



### **YEAR 5 NEWS UPDATE**

Last Thursday, Year 5 marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day with a fantastic celebration. The children enjoyed a themed party and took part in a range of activities including learning to decipher and use Morse Code, tackling code-breaking challenges, and researching key facts about VE Day. They also explored how people celebrated the end of the war and listened to Winston Churchill's famous speech. It was a meaningful and memorable way to honour this important historical event.



This week, Year 5 ventured out to Rest Bay for their coastal school trip. With beautiful weather on their side, the children had a brilliant time rock pooling, identifying a variety of sea creatures, going on scavenger hunts, and creating stunning beach art. Among their discoveries were crabs, shrimps, sea snails—and even a catshark! A huge thank you to Mrs Forest Jones and Mrs Smith for not only driving the group but also sharing their fantastic knowledge of marine life.

Finally, Year 5 would like to warmly invite their parents/carers to an Enterprise Event on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm in the school hall. The children have been working hard researching, designing, and producing mugs to sell at the event. They've calculated costs and budgets and are excited to showcase their products. Mugs will be available for a £3 donation. Tea and coffee will be served, and we hope to see as many parents as possible. If you're unable to attend but would still like to purchase your child's mug, please send in your £3 donation.

### **YEAR 6 TAKE PART IN WEST MON WEDNESDAY**

Last week, Year 6 pupils embarked on their first West Mon Wednesday session, marking an exciting step in their transition to comprehensive school. This unique opportunity allowed them to engage in a variety of hands-on activities including cooking, music technology, musical theatre workshops, and sports like baseball and rugby. The diverse range of experiences not only sparked their creativity and teamwork but also gave them a taste of what life at secondary school will be like. With their first session now behind them, pupils are eager for the next one, as they continue to build confidence and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. These sessions are an essential part of helping pupils navigate the transition to comprehensive school, easing any nerves and preparing them for the next stage in their education.



### **YEAR 2 CULTURAL SHARING EVENT**

Year 2 had a wonderful time sharing an afternoon with various members of our school community during their Culture Sharing event this week. The children were exceptionally well-behaved, showing great curiosity as they listened carefully, absorbed new information, and asked thoughtful questions. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the rich diversity



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within our school, and a joyful reminder of how valuable it is to celebrate the many cultures that make up our community. A big thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to get involved – your contributions were greatly appreciated by all.

## REMINDER

Please can we kindly remind all parents that children should not climb the wall at the front of the school or stand/run on the grassed area. This is to ensure everyone's safety.

We also ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Some labels have started to wear off, so please check and re-label where necessary to help us return any lost items promptly.

Thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY LINKS



**HOCKEY TASTER SESSIONS**  
Boys & girls aged 4+

Try a session in May / June  
U6/8/10 - Monday  
U12/14 Boys - Monday  
U12/14 Girls - Tuesday

- \* Weekly training
- \* Monthly league fixtures
- \* Qualified & DBS checked coaches
- \* Pathway to senior league and representative hockey
- \* Based in Cwmbran (accessible from Bristol, Cardiff & Newport)

Contact:  
gwenhockey@gmail.com





**POP UP & PLAY SATURDAY SESSIONS**  
In partnership with Safer Torfaen and the Community Safety Team

**Starts Saturday 17th May**  
**10:00am - 12:00pm**  
Age 5 to 11 years

**BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Blenheim Road Community Primary school**  
Blenheim Road, St Dials  
Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

**Ysgol Panteg Primary School**  
Station Rd, Griffithstown,  
Sebastopol, Pontypool NP4 5JH

**Pre booking required**  
Please use the QR code to pre book  
For more information please contact:  
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk






A huge thank you to Woodcraft by Vaughan for making these wonderful bug hotels and bird houses for our forest school areas.

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May 2025	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 parent event – afternoon
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM (1 week)



<b>June 2025</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance dress rehearsal at Congress Theatre. Mrs PW will provide more information.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance show at Congress Theatre. Mrs PW will provide more information.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket tournament for girls. Mrs PW will provide more information.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day - 1.30pm. Families welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 canal basin trip
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 rugby at West Mon for named pupils
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – 1:30pm. Families welcome
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 rugby at West Mon for named pupils
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New intake meeting for Nursery and Reception families – 9:30am in school hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Pontypool Park trip for raft building
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 2pm (limited to two parents per child)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Sports Day - 1.30pm. Families welcome
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – 1:30pm. Families welcome

<b>July 2025</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Move Up Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 cultural festival – 2pm. Parents invited. Teachers will provide more information
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports to go home
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 'School of Pop' – 1:30pm (limited to two parents per child per performance)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 camping event. Teachers will provide more information
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip. Teachers will provide more information
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 prom (see Beth Woodgate for information – this is not organised by school)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year Year 6 shirt signing

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