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CRICKETING SUCCESS FOR YEAR 5 GIRLS

A huge well done to our incredible Year 5 cricket girls who stepped up at short notice to take part in the recent Cricket Wales Tournament last week! With only a short time to prepare, the girls showed fantastic spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. They chose their own teams, played with enthusiasm, and always showed respect—thanking umpires and shaking hands with their opponents. We are absolutely delighted to share that Team B finished in 2nd place overall, securing a spot in the Welsh finals next month! What an amazing achievement! Both teams demonstrated huge development in their skills and made us all extremely proud. Well done, girls—you truly bowled us over!



TORFAEN DANCE SHOWCASE



Our talented dance troupe lit up the stage at The Congress Theatre as part of the Torfaen Dance Showcase. The girls wowed the audience with their Torfaen Got To Dance title-winning routine, *Uptown Funk*, followed by the energetic *APT* dance. Both performances were choreographed entirely by the children themselves—an incredible display of their creativity, teamwork, and talent.

I had the pleasure of watching from the side of the stage, and I was incredibly impressed. Their energy, confidence, and joy were truly inspiring.

The crowd responded with enthusiastic applause and cheers, creating a truly unforgettable atmosphere in the sold-out theatre. We couldn't be prouder of our dancers and their amazing achievements!

A huge thank you to Mrs PW and Mrs Lloyd for generously giving up their evenings to accompany and support the dancers—it's deeply appreciated.

YEAR 1 VISIT PONTYPOOL LIBRARY FOR A MAGICAL PERFORMANCE

This week, 30 lucky Year 1 children had the wonderful opportunity to visit Pontypool Library. Representing George Street with pride, the children walked through the town with exemplary behaviour and excitement. At the library, they were treated to a captivating performance of *Mali a'r Môr*, brought to life through enchanting songs and puppetry. The show was



expertly delivered, and every child left with a smile, sharing how much they enjoyed the experience. A truly memorable outing that sparked imagination and joy!

YEAR 6 SHINE AT PONTYPOOL COUNCIL'S ECO QUIZ!



Last Tuesday, six of our brilliant Year 6 pupils proudly represented our school at the annual ECO Quiz hosted by Pontypool Community Council at Cwmffrwdor Primary School. Competing against other local schools, our team tackled challenging questions on habitats, carbon footprints, wildlife, and global environmental issues.

We are thrilled to share that our team secured second place, missing the top spot by just two points! Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and knowledge made us incredibly proud.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Jones for generously giving up her evening to support the children—we are so grateful for your dedication and encouragement! A big well done to all the schools who took part in what was a fun and inspiring evening.

CASTELL COCH EXPLORES NATURE AT PONTYPOOL CANAL BASIN

Last Friday, Class Coch enjoyed a memorable forest school session at Pontypool Canal Basin, generously funded by Pontypool Community Council and hosted by the Canal and River Trust. The children immersed themselves in a variety of engaging activities, including forest school exploration, litter picking, and bug hunting. A highlight of the day was collaborating with a local artist to create beautiful artwork, which they proudly took home.

We're incredibly grateful to Pontypool Community Council for inviting us to take part in this fantastic experience once again. It was a day full of learning, creativity, and community spirit!



YEAR 3 AND 4 SPORTS DAY HIGHLIGHTS

What a wonderful Sports Day it was for our Year 3 and 4 pupils! Every child took part with enthusiasm and energy in a range of events including the sprint, relay, javelin, triple jump, long jump, obstacle course, and shot put.

The children performed brilliantly, showing not only great athleticism but also fantastic sportsmanship. Smiles were everywhere, and the spirit of teamwork and encouragement was truly heartwarming.

A huge well done to all the children for their efforts and achievements!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support—it made the day even more special. We're looking forward to more Sports Days next week. Stay tuned!

YEAR 5 ATHLETICS SUCCESS AT CWMBRAN STADIUM



Children had a *superb* day at the Year 5 athletics event held at Cwmbran Stadium, where our team competed with great enthusiasm and determination against local schools. Events included the 1000m, 400m, 100m, 100m relay, javelin, long jump, and shot put.

Every single team member gave it their all and performed brilliantly. Mrs PW was incredibly proud of everyone's efforts. The team's

behaviour was impeccable—they showed true sportsmanship, encouraged one another, and celebrated each other's achievements. They were an absolute joy to watch!

Well done to all involved—you represented your school with pride and positivity!

ASPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP

The past two weeks have been a particularly busy and inspiring- for some of our Year 5 children, as we begin the important process of selecting our new pupil voice leaders for the upcoming academic year. These pupils will take on their roles when they move into Year 6, and the enthusiasm and dedication they've shown has been remarkable.

I had the pleasure of listening to all the children who put themselves forward for the leadership team. Their speeches were thoughtful, well-prepared, and delivered with confidence—demonstrating just how seriously they are taking this opportunity.

In addition to the leadership team presentations, staff have shared how impressed they were with the speeches made by candidates for the roles of Sports Ambassadors, Eco and School Council representatives. It's clear that our pupils are passionate about making a difference in their school community.

All successful candidates will be announced during the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—a moment we're all looking forward to, as we celebrate both the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Jackson, Warehouse Manager at Knauf Insulation Cwmbran, for his incredibly generous donation of £250 towards school resources. Your support makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful for your kindness and commitment to our school community.

Thank you for helping us grow!

HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

This week's certificate is awarded to Ffion Powel from Year 4!

Ffion has impeccably manners and can be relied upon to model our school rules. Ffion, thank you for always having a beaming smile when at school!

COMMUNITY LINKS



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June 2025	
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th June	Safe Cycling begins for Year 5. Teachers will provide more information
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Wednesday 25 th June	Reception Sports Day 1:45pm. Families welcome
Thursday 26 th June	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30pm. Families welcome
Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 2pm (limited to two parents per child)
Friday 27 th June	Nursery Sports Day 9:30am. Families welcome
Friday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day - 1.45pm. Families welcome
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – 1:30pm. Families welcome

July 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd July	Move Up Day
Friday 4 th July	Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic
Friday 4 th July	Year 2 cultural festival – 2pm. Children event.
Friday 4 th July	End of year reports to go home
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
Thursday 10 th July and Friday 11 th July	Year 6 Production 'School of Pop' – 1:30pm (limited to two parents per child per performance)
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 camping event. Teachers will provide more information
Friday 11 th July	Year 5 Safe Cycling Practical Test
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 trip. Teachers will provide more information
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 prom (see Year 6 parent, Beth Woodgate for information – this is being organised by Year 6 parents)
Friday 18 th July	Last day of the school year Year 6 shirt signing

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