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As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all that has been achieved. As always, there has been so much going on across the school—from exciting coastal school trips and our engaging whole-school topic *Arts Come Alive*, to the completion of Personalised Assessments and the many sporting activities our pupils have enjoyed. A huge thank you to West Mon for hosting a fantastic football tournament this week; despite the challenging weather, the children had a wonderful time and represented the school brilliantly.

We would like to share that Miss Miller has now completed her final day at George Street Primary School. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her for her hard work and dedication to our children and families. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

YEAR 4 SHINE ON AN EXCITING TRIP TO TECHNIQUEST

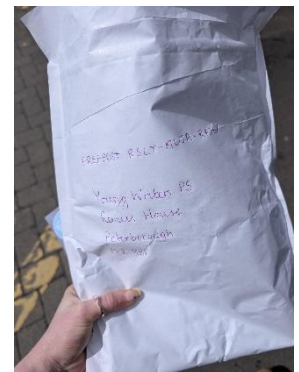


Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Techniquest this week. They thoroughly enjoyed an engaging show exploring forces, alongside some exciting practical demonstrations—Mrs Field coming face-to-face with a bowling ball pendulum was certainly exciting! The children also explored the interactive exhibition with great maturity, demonstrating excellent problem-solving, collaboration and teamwork throughout. They were a real credit to the school, and we were incredibly proud of them.

OUR BUDDING AUTHORS TAKE ON THE YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

This week, Miss Main proudly posted off entries to the Young Writers Competition for 7–12-year-olds, where Year 3 are hoping to have their brilliant 'Monster Kenning Poems' published in a real book. The children have worked incredibly hard on their writing, showing creativity, imagination, and a real enthusiasm for language.

Their excitement has been infectious, and we're all keeping our fingers crossed that their efforts shine through. Here's to hoping their hard work has paid off and that they'll soon see their poems in print, celebrating their growing love of writing and creative confidence.



What an achievement it would be for them—and what a wonderful memory to treasure.

BUG HOTELS & BIRD BOXES: YEAR 3 GET BUILDING!



Year 3 have taken part in a fantastic hands-on outdoor learning project, creating bird boxes and bug hotels with the support of Mrs Jones and Mr Roque. The aim was to encourage more birds and mini beasts into our outdoor area and support local wildlife. Throughout the project, the children developed valuable practical skills, including how to safely use screwdrivers and screws. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and perseverance at every stage. A big thank you to Mrs Jones for securing an outdoor learning grant, which provided the resources for this project as well as wildflowers and vegetables to enhance our outdoor space. We are also extremely grateful to Mr Roque for generously giving his time to prepare the wood and support the children, helping to bring their ideas to life and transform our environment.

RECEPTION'S WONDERFUL WILDLIFE DAY

Reception pupils had a fantastic time dressing up and exploring the world of animals on 8th May. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite animals and explaining why they chose them. They also learned about the life and work of David Attenborough—and were amazed to discover that he is 100 years old!



GIRLS' TAG RUGBY



Last Friday, our girls' rugby team competed in a tag rugby tournament and represented the school brilliantly. They won 3 out of their 4 matches and only just missed out on reaching the semi-final by two tries. Throughout the tournament, the girls scored some fantastic tries and demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are very proud of their efforts and the positive attitude they showed both on and off the pitch. Well done to everyone involved!

DANCE SHOWCASE SUCCESS AT THE CONGRESS THEATRE



On Monday, our dance girls had a wonderful opportunity to perform at the Congress Theatre as part of the Torfaen Schools showcase. They worked incredibly hard during rehearsals, and their dedication and commitment truly shone through on the night. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they performed their routines with such enthusiasm and pride. Having



the chance to dance in front of a large audience made the experience even more special, and they represented the school brilliantly.

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May 2026	
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM

June 2026	
Monday 1 st June	Year 2 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
Tuesday 2 nd June	Tulip Coastal School trip
Wednesday 3 rd June	Penfro Coastal School trip
Thursday 4 th June	Commonwealth Games with MPW – more info from Mrs PW
Thursday 4 th June	West Mon presentation to Year 5 families @3:30pm in George Street school hall
Monday 8 th June and Tuesday 9 th June	End of year class photos
Friday 12 th June	Year 5 trip – Wake the Tiger in Bristol
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th June	STEM week at West Mon for selected Year 6 children – more info to follow
Tuesday 16 th June	Coch Coastal School trip
Friday 19 th June	Mini Olympics – Year 6
Monday 22 nd June	Nursery Sport's Day (AM Nursery @ 10:15 and PM Nursery @2pm)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Tennis Training for selected Year 4 children – more info from Mrs PW
Thursday 25 th June	Tennis Training for selected Year 5 children – more info from Mrs PW
Friday 26 th June	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (morning) – families welcome
Monday 29 th June	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (morning) – families welcome
Tuesday 30 th June	Poppy Coastal School trip

July 2026	
Wednesday 1 st July	Move Up Day School reports to go home
Friday 3 rd July	Sunflower Coastal School trip
Friday 3 rd July	Poppy, Tulip and Year 2 Sports Day (morning) – families welcome
Monday 6 th July	Sunflower Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	Year 6 Concert (afternoon) – more info from class teachers
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Concert (afternoon) – more info from class teachers
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 trip to Barry Beach
Wednesday 15 th July	Daisy Coastal School trip
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

COMMUNITY LINKS

BLAENAVON ON THE MOVE! 🚲

Launching Our New Bike Recycling Project & Community Bike Library

DONATE & RENEW!
BIKE RECYCLING PROJECT

Supporting Transport on Old Blae Hill

FREE WHEELS!
BIKE LIBRARY

Access to Bikes, Bicycles, Scooters, E-bikes

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!
VOLUNTEER OPENING DAY

Community Building - Make a Difference!

We have Teamed Up With Active Travel.

Join us as we launch an exciting new community initiative focused on **sustainable transport, accessibility, and hands-on skills.**

Event Details
Location: Circulate Recycling Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon
Date: Wednesday, 3rd June 2026
Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Live Bike Repairs And Demo
- Volunteer Sign Ups
- Donation Station
- Bike Library Registrations
- Refreshments
- Information And Advice
- And So Much More

2026

MILL LANE Holiday Club

STILL SORTING CHILDCARE FOR HALF TERM OR SUMMER? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

A FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE WITH THEMED DAYS, OUTDOOR PLAY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
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MAY HALF TERM

Understanding your emotions?

A 1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions and learning new ways to regulate our emotions. Schedules for year 5 and older.

Thursday 28th
 May 13:30-15:00

5 ways to wellbeing

A 1.5 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well being.

Wednesday 27th
 May 13:00-14:30

Transition

A 1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions associated with transition and change. We look at common worries associated with transition and discuss some coping strategies to positively manage for year 6s.

Tuesday 26th
 May 11:00-12:30

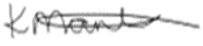
Looking after yourself during exam season

A 1.5 hour workshop supporting students to understand what stress is, how it can present itself in the body and providing strategies to combat the impact of exam stress.

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 May 11:00-12:30

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Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts