



GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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VALUE OF THE MONTH - RESPECT

What a fantastic term we have had at George Street Primary School. I am delighted that all classes were able to have authentic learning experiences to enhance the curriculum. Can I thank every parent, carer, relative or friend of our George Street pupils who have shown such outstanding support this term. It has been wonderful to see so many visitors attending our many events over the Christmas period. I would especially like to thank those who are able to support us on a weekly basis during open sessions. The attendance on a Friday morning is rapidly increasing, as more and more of you join our group of friendly supporters who enjoy working with our pupils within their classroom environment. We would like to continue to increase this next term so please come along. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday and can't wait to begin our new adventures next term.

AUTUMN REVIEW

This term George Street Primary has been incredibly busy and everyone has been working really hard to ensure that they are the best they can be. Every year group has thoroughly enjoyed working on their authentic learning projects and sharing their end goals. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their theme called, 'A Hero in my Eyes'. They held a veterans cream tea where they served scones with jam and cream, along with the choice of tea or coffee; this was a great opportunity for them to share some of the work they've completed with their families. Meanwhile the Year 6 pupils have been working on Victorians and the Great Expedition. The Year 4 classes have been looking at airplanes and engineers, which was very exciting! To help them learn more about they invited in a real engineer to school, who they were able to ask questions to as well as taking part in engineering activities. The Year 3 pupils have worked super hard on their theme 'Flying High'; they all worked their socks off to establish their own business making bird fat balls which they then sold in Pontypool! The Year 2s were fortunate enough to go to West Monmouth comprehensive school for their very own nativity premiere, which has had rave reviews! In addition, they have also

been really busy entering a Young Writers competition and seven pupils got through, how amazing is that? Year 1s had to use their thinking skills to design, plan and make a pizza and then sell it in Pontypool town; a huge thank you goes to Porky's for sponsoring their project. Nursery and Reception's theme this term saw them visit Pontypool Park for some fun in the sun and also making some gingerbread men villages which look absolutely amazing; considering they are only three and four years old, they excelled themselves! What fun everybody had this term and we hope everyone will have just as much fun next year in 2018!

We would like to give a huge thank you to all the parents who took time out of their day to come to all of our open sessions. Open sessions are full of fun; we do amazing activities such as sport, cookery, craft and Forest School! We have been so delighted to see so many of our wonderful grown-ups in school and learning with us and we hope we see even more of you in the spring term!

We hope you and your children have had an amazing term at George Street Primary. We are so proud of everyone who has really worked their socks off! We hope everyone has an amazing Christmas and a happy new year so that we all come back to school with a jolly smile on our faces! The teachers are really looking forward to start of the next term and welcoming us back to school in 2018! Through the holidays if you would like to do some research on your class theme, go ahead and find out some information that you can share with your friends and teachers! Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn newydd da!

Madison Keenan (Head Girl)

Dylan Walker (Head Boy)

Emily Mugleston (Deputy Head Girl)

Amelia Johnson (Head of School Council)

Charleigh Jones-Meadows (Pupil Voice)

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME - JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Exciting news!! We are pleased to say that we have booked Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime for year 3 to year 6 pupils in Cardiff. The trip is on Tuesday, 9 January and children will need to be in school by 9.00 am as the buses will leave promptly at 9.15 am. Your child will need a pack lunch for the trip.

SPORTING EVENTS

Football

Our talented football team have once again been crowned champions of The Newport County Kids Cup. This is astonishingly the 3rd consecutive year that George Street have beaten every team from Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Monmouth. We were so very proud to see the team play football the way it should be played and in such wonderful spirit. The final v Marshfield school was very entertaining and to see them lift the cup again was pretty emotional! The team were invited to Rodney Parade to watch Newport County in league action and were presented with the cup during half time. We are very excited to find out where the next round of The EFL Kids Cup will be played when we represent County. Congratulations to Cole, Kobi, Dylan, Jacob, Carl, William, Wayne and Harri. A tremendous achievement.

Cross County Running

Huge well done to our winning boys team and girl's team from year 5/6 who competed in The South East Wales regional final at Blackwood Showfields. We are full of admiration for all who took part in this very challenging event. Our children showed true determination and resilience to complete the race and made us all very proud.

Netball

We are extremely proud of our netball teams who took part in The Blaenavon tournament. Our A team won all of their games and went on to win their group and our B team did fantastic too and came 2nd in their group. All had a brilliant day and were thrilled to bits with their medals.

Rugby

It was wonderful to see our rugby team compete in The Pontypool Schools District tournament. They played the best rugby by far during the group stage winning all matches convincingly. Great handling skills, tackling and as always brilliant sportsmanship was on display and enjoyed by all. The semi-final was a tight affair and it just wasn't to be even though all players gave it their all. To reach the semi-final in any tournament is a fab achievement. Well done all.

Well done to all players who took part in a match v Padre Pio. We always enjoy welcoming our friends from Padre to our school field. It was a great game which saw our team win by 10 tries to 6. All players did brilliantly and are continuing to develop their skills every week during after school club.

2017 - 2018 DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Fri, 22 Dec

TRAINING DAY

JANUARY 2018

Mon, 8 Jan

School open

TUES, 9 JAN

JACK & THE BEANSTALK, Y3 TO Y6 - 9.00 AM

Wed, 24 Jan

Caerleon Museum - Year 3

JUL

Fri, 20 Jul

LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon, 23 Jul

TRAINING DAY

Tues, 24 Jul

TRAINING DAY

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2017 -2018

TERM	<u>TERM BEGINS</u>	<u>HALF TERM STARTS</u>	<u>HALF TERM ENDS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
AUTUMN				<u>Friday</u> 22 December 2017
SPRING	<u>Monday</u> 8 January 2018	<u>Monday</u> 19 February 2018	<u>Friday</u> 23 February 2018	<u>Thursday</u> 29 March 2018
SUMMER	<u>Monday</u> 16 April 2018	<u>Monday</u> 28 May 2018	<u>Friday</u> 1 June 2018	<u>Tuesday</u> 24 July 2018

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY, 7 MAY 2018

SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2018 - 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM	<u>TERM BEGINS</u>	<u>HALF TERM STARTS</u>	<u>HALF TERM ENDS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Autumn	Mon 3 rd Sept 2018	Mon 29 th Oct 2018	Fri 2 nd Nov 2018	Fri 21 st Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 th Jan 2019	Mon 25 th Feb 2019	Fri 29 th Feb 2019	Fri 12 th Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29 th Apr 2019	Mon 27 th May 2019	Fri 31 st May 2019	Mon 22 nd July 2019

MAY DAY - MONDAY 6TH MAY 2019

MRS K DAVIES- ACTING HEADTEACHER

