



GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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VALUE OF THE MONTH - TOLERANCE

I can't quite believe it's the Summer Term already!

A huge 'welcome back' to everyone. I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and that all our fabulous children are well rested and ready to work hard. It's lovely to see all of the children back in their smart school uniforms - many thanks.

The summer term is always a busy but enjoyable one; as our children prepare to take on new challenges and be the wonderfully ambitious, creative and resilient learners we know they are. We look forward to seeing you at our Friday morning open sessions - look out for timetables from class teachers.

Let's hope the sun makes an appearance very soon.

LEAD CREATIVE SCHOOL PROJECT - YEAR 1 OF 2

A huge congratulations to all of our year 3 children who took part in this really exciting and worthwhile project. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experiences they had which were made even more special by the over-whelming support from parents and carers, both as helpers and as a valued audience. The Lead Creative Agent and Practitioners were thrilled with the children's performances throughout the project and on the actual day of the performances. Mrs Fielding and Miss McClymont are really proud of everyone involved.

OPEN SESSIONS

Many thanks to those parents and carers who were able to attend the first open sessions of the summer term; it was a great opportunity to involve our pupils and grown-ups in planning the sessions and thinking about activities that you would enjoy doing with your children in school. With so many brilliant ideas, we are sure that you will love coming along to your child's class on a Friday morning from 9:00 - 9:30am. Activities range from Forest School and Outdoor games to craft and cookery, there really will be something for everyone! If you have any questions or queries regarding open sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher. We can't wait to see you all!

FOGSS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Saturday 28th April, Friends of George Street School (FOGSS) will be hosting our first Family Fun Night in order to raise money for our wonderful school. The event will be held in Pontypool United Rugby Club from 7:00pm - 10:30pm and will include a disco and prize bingo. It is a great opportunity for our school community to get together and have fun; all family members are welcome and the more the merrier! Tickets are priced at £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per child, whilst children under 3 go free. If you have forgotten to purchase your tickets, you are more than welcome to buy them on the door.

Many thanks to our FOGSS members who have organised the event; they are looking forward to welcoming you all!

PUPIL ABSENCE

We would remind parents/carers that pupils should be in school at **8.50 am** and that school ends at **3.15 pm** prompt.

As a safe guarding issue, it is important that we are informed by parents/carers on the first day of their child's absence from school before 10.00 am.

Thank you to all parents who leave messages reporting their child's absence, however, please can we remind parents they MUST leave a specific reason for the absence, such as my child has a high temperature etc. We cannot accept that your child is "not well", thank you for your co-operation.

HOLIDAYS AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We encourage parents not to take holidays during term time and to arrange medical appointments, whenever possible after school or during holiday periods.

A reminder that for any requests for leave of absence from school must be submitted on a **School Absence Request Form**, which parents/carers can collect from the main school office, thank you for your co-operation.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 2 Football Festival

Huge well done to our boys and girls who took part in the Torfaen Football Festival. Everyone played so well and improved their skills throughout the day. It was so lovely to see young children displaying such great sportsmanship and having so much fun! Future George Street stars for sure!

Year 6 Girls Football Festival

It was wonderful to see our girls in action at the Torfaen Football Festival. Both teams had a fantastic day with lots of goals scored. Skills were developed and it was great to play against so many local schools. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to the representatives from Torfaen Sports Development Team and Newport County in The Community for the coaching tips.

Welsh Gymnastics Finals

After performing so well at the East Wales competition, Chloe, Wayne and Nikola were chosen to represent East Wales in the Welsh finals at the International Sports Centre in Cardiff. Such an impressive setting! All three competed so well and completed their tumbles and vaults in style. The standard was extremely high with the best gymnasts from Wales taking part. Wayne and Nikola didn't manage a podium finish but we were so very proud of how they performed and as they don't attend a gymnastic club outside school it was a fantastic achievement to make the finals. Very proud of our talented Chloe who won a silver individual medal and a gold team medal! The competition was Under 11's and Chloe is only 8 years old! Massive congratulations!

Sports Relief

Thank you so much for supporting our Sports Relief Day. Once again we had so much fun with around 400 children receiving cricket coaching from All Stars Cricket Coaches and Cricket Wales. We thank you for your generosity for such a worthy cause. If you are interested in your child joining a local cricket club or All Stars Cricket group then please get in touch and we can let you know where and when training takes place. We love cricket in George Street!

Cwmbran Shopping Shield Football Tournament

Our talented football team have won this tournament in 2016 & 2017. We travelled the short distance to Cwmbran Stadium full of confidence and hoped to make it 3 out of 3! The team looked strong from the start and passed the ball around beautifully. They won all of the games in their group stage and progressed through to the semi-final. Once again, they were victorious and found themselves in the final. This time against Llanyravon School who had also gone unbeaten throughout. The final was a nervous affair and we couldn't quite hit the form we had enjoyed throughout. We lost to a very talented team. As always, we are very proud of them all for their attitude and commitment. We managed to score 30 goals throughout the tournament and Dylan kept a clean sheet throughout many of the matches. Huge well done to Dylan in goals, Jacob and Carl in defence, Kobi and Cole in midfield and Leah-Marie in the striker position.

Cardiff City V Nottingham Forest Exhibition Game

We were thrilled to bits to receive a phone call from Cardiff City & New Directions inviting our team to take part in an exhibition match at Cardiff City Stadium. George Street and Romilly were selected as we were finalists at their EFL Kids Cup in January. It was such an exciting occasion where the team played in front of around twenty five thousand people! The fans at the stadium gave our team a huge cheer and the game began during half time. It was such a wonderful experience for our children and one I am sure they will never forget! Very proud indeed!

2017 - 2018 DIARY DATES

APRIL

Tues, 17 Apr Football Tournament at Cwmbran Stadium
Sat, 21 Apr Football Exhibition at Cardiff Stadium 12.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Fri, 27 Apr Big Pit, Blaenavon - Y2

MAY

2 - 3 MAY NATIONAL TESTS
Fri, 4 May TRAINING DAY
Mon, 7 May BANK HOLIDAY
8 - 9 May National Tests
16 or 17 May Wings to Fly Y6 at the Congress Theatre date tbc
Thurs, 17 May Chinese Auction - 2.00 - 4.00 pm - *see attached flyer for details*
Mon, 21 May Dance Festival at Congress Theatre, Cwmbran 8.45 am - 12.00 pm
Wed 23 May Forest Schools at Pontypool Park Y6
Fri, 25 May Coastal Visit to Ogmore by Sea Y6
28 May - 1 Jun HALF-TERM

JUNE

Mon, 4 Jun Mixed Cricket at Panteg 9.30 - 2.30 pm
Mon, 11 Jun Girls Cricket at Panteg 9.30 - 2.30 pm
12 - 13 Jun Tempest Class/group photographs
Thurs, 14 Jun NEW INTAKE MEETING 2.00 - 3.00 PM
Fri, 15 Jun Coastal visit to Ogmore by Sea Y5
18 - 20 Jun Manor Adventure, Powys Y6
Fri, 22 Jun Sports Day
Thurs, 28 Jun Coastal Visit to Ogmore by Sea Y3
Fri, 29 Jun Reserve Sports day

JULY

Fri, 13 Jul FOGSS Disco (*date to be confirmed*)
13 - 15 Jul Y 5 Eden Project in Cornwall
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>
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	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM STARTS	HALF TERM ENDS	TERM ENDS
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

Chinese Auction

What is a Chinese Auction?

A Chinese auction is a combination of a raffle and an auction.

The difference between a raffle and a Chinese auction is that in a raffle with multiple prizes, there is one 'hat' from which names are drawn, but in a Chinese auction each prize has its own 'hat'. This means you can choose the prize you really want to win instead of being given a designated first, second and third prize.

How does it work?

- 1) Buy your raffle tickets—30p each or 5 for £1.00
- 2) Look at the prizes on offer and choose what you would like to win!
- 3) Only put your raffle tickets in for the prizes you want
- 4) You can choose how many times to enter; the more entries, the greater your chance of winning!
- 5) Keep your fingers crossed and wait for the prizes to be drawn!

How can I help?

Do you have any unwanted gifts? Have you got a link to local business? We are asking for any donation of prizes, of any size or value that we could include in our auction.

We are particularly interested in donations from local businesses who may be able to offer vouchers e.g. hair salons, restaurants, beauty treatments etc.

Please contact Mrs Ryan (Caerphilly) or Mrs Cowell if you think you can help!

George Street Primary

Thursday 17th May

3:30 - 4:15pm

Refreshments
available!

Fun for all the
family! Why
not bring your
friends?