



## GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter/Newyddion 2018 - 2019 Issue No. 2

### VALUE OF THE MONTH – PEACE

#### **CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM**

George Street Primary has introduced the Cashless Payment System which allows parents to pay for school trips and swimming via: Council website [www.torfaen.gov.uk](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk); Automated Telephone Payment System Tel. No.: **0300 456 0516** or make a payment at the Cash Office in the Civic Centre. You will still have the option to pay by cash or cheque

Foundation parents can also use this system to pay for their child's tuck money.

After the initial technical faults, TCBC have now resolved the issue and we are up and running. Please note the **new** telephone number for the automated payments is **0300 456 0516**.

#### **SPORTS ROUND-UP**

This term saw our boys' football team qualify for Newport County's EFL Kids Cup final where we played against the best 4 schools from Newport, Blaenau Gwent and Monmouth along with the other top 3 teams from Torfaen. We had a brilliant day and just missed out on the semi-finals by goal difference. I was very proud of the team who gave it their all and enjoyed the experience.

Our two girls' teams also competed in the Premier League Primary Cup hosted by Cardiff City and New Directions Education. The girls were an absolute delight, thoroughly enjoyed their day. They improved their skill levels, grew in confidence and all played with the biggest smiles. I was very proud indeed.

At the end of October we enjoyed one of the most special days as children from year 2 took part in the Torfaen School Cross Country Competition in Pontypool Park. All the children were an absolute credit to us from the moment we left school until our return. In front of a very large crowd, they ran their socks off and each one of them completed the tough course. Every race had over 70 runners and some had more than 90! The children achieved some amazing results which included a 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 17th and 20th! Truly awesome! It was very emotional and such a wonderful event with everyone supporting and encouraging each other. Great feedback also from parents who came along to support and via Twitter.

In the cross country running our girls' Year 3&4 team came first and our boys' Year 3&4 team came second. Both teams progressed to the South East Wales regional finals at Blackwood where they were again a credit to the school and models of resilience and tenacity. Well done all!



## **LEAD CREATIVE SCHOOLS**

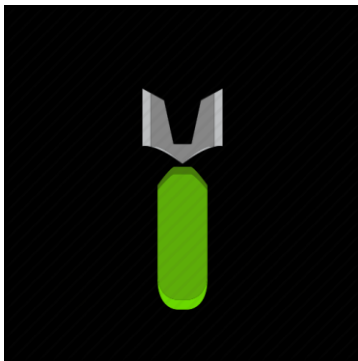
Year 5 pupils have begun their creative journey as part of the Lead Creative Schools scheme run by the Arts Council of Wales. Having created a project brief at the end of last half term, they have recently interviewed four creative practitioners who have put themselves forward to work alongside the children. Year 5 are very excited about the challenge ahead and are looking forward to beginning their work with their chosen practitioner after the Christmas break.



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A reminder that school uniform policy is that pupils only wear sensible (flat) black footwear. Also there is to be no wearing of jewellery other than stud earrings and watches. Pupils who come to school with rings, bracelets or necklaces will be required to remove them during school time.

## **LIVING THROUGH THE BLITZ**



As part of their current theme, Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed a very informative and engaging visit from Eleri Twynog who played the part of Glenys Myfanwy Jenkins, owner of a Swansea corner shop during World War Two. Eleri's performance presented events during Swansea's three night Blitz through the eyes of Glenys whose husband, Morgan, is away at war leaving her to run things on her own whilst having to deal with the difficulties of war; shortages, gas masks, rations, shelters, evacuees and so on. It was a dynamic and bitter-sweet production which portrayed the solemnity of the times but was also full of hope, based on the lives and experiences of the people of Swansea during the war.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance which brought to life the experience of ordinary people at the time.

## **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent class assemblies hosted by Dosbarth Harlech and Dosbarth Caerffili at the start of this term. I am sure you will agree that it was a pleasure to share with the children some of their learning this term. They certainly appreciated the opportunity to present for you and worked very hard in the week of their assembly to prepare for the event. I was very proud of the mature and respectful way in which both classes led an act of remembrance and thoroughly enjoyed their singing of some wartime favourites.

Over the course of the year, every class will present an assembly for parents / grandparents and we look forward to welcoming you into school to enjoy learning from the children and to share some refreshments with us afterwards.

## **CARDIFF DEVILS**

Children from Dosbarth Penfro and Dosbarth Caerdydd recently enjoyed an evening reward trip to the Ice Arena for Wales to see the Cardiff Devils Ice Hockey team take on the Fife Flyers. It was a thrilling match that ultimately saw the home side skate to victory 3-2. All the children enjoyed the action on the rink and, of course, the hot dogs and nachos during intervals in the play. The childrens' high excitement was matched by their impeccable behaviour which was commented on by other visitors to the stadium, making everyone very proud of our George Street pupils and the high standards they meet. Thank you.



# Christmas

## EVENTS



### Elf Day

Children can come to school dressed up for Elf Day on Wednesday, 5th December. The children will take part in lots of activities including making Christmas decorations, cards and calendars. They will also be baking Santa cookies, mince pies and roasting marshmallows.



### Early Years Concerts

The Foundation Concerts will take place on Tuesday, 11 December at the following times:

- Morning Nursery and Sunflower - 10.15 am - parents and carers are all welcome.
- Afternoon Nursery and Bluebell - 2.00 pm - parents and carers are all welcome.



### Year 1 Sing Along

Year 1 pupils will have their Christmas sing along on Thursday, 20 December 2.00 - 2.30 pm followed by a festive cake sale 2.30 - 3.15 pm.



### KS2 Sing Along

Pupils in Y3 to Y6 will have their Christmas sing along outside on the playground on Tuesday, 18 December at 5.30 pm.



### Christmas Panto

Children in Reception to Year 6 will be going to Blackwood Miners Institute to see a production of Peter Pan on the following dates:

- KS2 pupils - Thursday, 13 December 2018, **9.00**
- Foundation Phase pupils - Friday, 14 December 2018, **9.00**



### Christmas Dinner

The school Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday, 12 December. Please note that only Christmas Dinner will be served on the day. Children can wear Christmas hats and bring in a Christmas cracker.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Your child can wear their Christmas jumper to school on Friday, 14 December.



### FOGSS Disco

FOGSS Christmas Disco will take place on Friday, 14 December at the following times:

- Infants - 3.15 pm - 4.00 pm
- KS2 - 4.15 pm - 5.00 pm



### KS2 Christingle

Christingle will take place at Crane Street Church on 21 December at 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm



## **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018 - 2019**

### **DECEMBER**

Wednesday 5	Elf Day - children can dress, various Christmas activities throughout the day
Friday 7	Year 3 visit to the Royal Mint, Llantrisant
Monday 10	Dress rehearsals for Foundation Phase
Monday 10	Year 5 to Cinderella, West Monmouth Comprehensive
Tuesday 11	Early Years Concert a.m. Nursery and Sunflower 10.15 parents & carers welcome
Tuesday 11	Early Years Concert p.m. Nursery and Bluebell 2.00 parents & carers welcome
Wednesday 12	Christmas Dinner - children can wear Christmas hats and bring in a cracker
Thursday 13	Peter Pan at Blackwood Miners Institute - KS2
Friday 14	Peter Pan at Blackwood Miners Institute - Foundation Phase
Friday 14	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14	FOGSS Christmas Disco: Infants 3.15-4.00 pm, KS2 4.15- 5.0
Monday 17	Y2 Nativity at West Monmouth Comprehensive
Tuesday 18	Year 6 Veterans Tea Party 2.00-3.15
Tuesday 18	KS2 Christmas sing along on the school yard 5.30
Thursday 20	Y1 sing along at 2.00 - 2.30 pm followed by festive cake sale 2.30 - 3.15 pm - parents and cares welcome
Friday 21 Dec	KS2 Christingle at church 1.30 Crane Street Church

**FRI, 22 FEB                      TRAINING DAY**

**FRI, 3 MAY                      TRAINING DAY**

**MON, 22 JUL                    TRAINING DAY**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>HALF TERM STARTS</b>	<b>HALF TERM ENDS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Autumn				Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2019	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**MAY DAY - MONDAY 6 MAY 2019**