



## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 26 February 2021

Dear parent/carers

As we reach the end of the first week of this half term it is lovely to report that our foundation phase pupils have settled happily back into school. There has been much smiling, lots of talk, laughter and enthusiasm following a long period of separation and it has certainly lifted everyone's mood. Add in the fact that spring has (hopefully) arrived and there is much to celebrate this week.

Of course, this week has also made it very clear again just how much face-to-face contact with our key stage 2 pupils is missed. I am hopeful that we will see further progress before long and that all of our pupils will be able to return to school ahead of the Easter break.

For this to happen we will need to remain vigilant. The most recent data for Torfaen shows a small increase in the rate of infection after many weeks of decline. This is something we must guard against if we hope to grasp the opportunity for all children to return to school. The mixing of families at the school gates presents a new risk. Please follow the advice we have shared and spend as little time as necessary with others at drop-off and pick-up, remembering to socially distance at all times.

### EISTEDDFOD

With the daffodils blooming on cue, we will be holding our annual Eisteddfod events next week as part of a range of activities focusing on Welsh language, tradition and culture. We are continuing with our usual competitions in school and at home and will be tallying points across the houses before announcing this year's winners on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There are house points available for every competition entry, as well as extra points for top places in each category – so lots of opportunity to contribute to each team's tally.



This coming Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, will be Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant/Saint David's Day and we are inviting children in school and at home to dress for the occasion – in traditional outfits, sportswear or national colours to celebrate our National Day. Children at home are welcome to post a picture via Seesaw.

You may also find that your child is more than usually keen to walk or run this weekend as we have committed as a school to walking/running the distance of Wales' coastline by the end of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Details of how to contribute miles walked or run to this 870 mile challenge have been shared with children in class and over Seesaw this week and houses have been busily competing to out-distance one another since Wednesday. With the current level of enthusiasm we may have to make the target even further. Keep going everyone!





**Wear a mask when dropping your child at school.  
Limit contacts outside school and childcare  
to help keep them open.**



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## KEY STAGE 2 LIVE SESSIONS

Please find below a copy of next week's live session timetable for key stage 2 pupils.

LIVE SESSIONS	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
w/b 01.03.2021 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>10:50</b> Check in/weekly planner	<b>10.10</b> Check in/weekly planner	<b>11.00 – 11.30 Penfro</b> <b>11.30 – 12.00 Caerdydd</b> Check in/weekly planner	<b>09.30</b> Check in/weekly planner
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>10.10</b> Literacy		<b>09.30</b> Literacy
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10.50</b> Maths session		<b>11.00 - 11.40</b> Literacy/Forest School session	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.50</b> Literacy session	<b>09.30</b> Maths session	<b>11.00 – 11.30 Penfro</b> <b>11.30 – 12.00 Caerdydd</b> Maths Bingo session	<b>10.10</b> Maths
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30</b> <b>Year 3&amp;4 Eisteddfod Assembly</b>		<b>11.00 Penfro</b> <b>11.30 Caerdydd</b> Spellings/Check out/ <b>1.30 Year 5&amp;6 Eisteddfod Assembly</b>	<b>10.10</b> Check out/assembly

## PACKED LUNCHES

Just a reminder that we currently have no catering provision in school. This means that all children attending school need to bring a packed lunch. Also, there will be no Breakfast Club until further notice. I anticipate that Breakfast Club provision and school meals will resume after Easter.

Finally, with St David's Day approaching let's wish the best of luck to our rugby team as they aim for the Triple Crown on Saturday. Not that we're competitive of course!

Kind regards,

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