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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 12 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Lots of activity to celebrate in school this week!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Following a successful friendly match with Nant Celyn Primary just before half term, our school football team this week enjoyed their first competitive tournament in almost two years; taking part in The Newport County EFL Kids Cup at Cwmbran Stadium. The team got off to a lively start scoring a host of goals and defending strongly. They qualified for the semi-finals as group winners.



A win over Green Meadow secured the team's place in a mouth-watering final against our friends at St David's. From the off the boys played with great confidence and a very early goal set the scene for an exciting encounter. However, our boys were too strong for the opposition, going on to win 7-2.

It was an absolute delight to see their beaming smiles as they lifted the trophy. The whole team played their hearts out, displayed great sportsmanship and were deserving champions of the Torfaen stage. We look forward to Cup Final Day at the end of the month where we play the top schools from Newport, Blaenau Gwent and Monmouth. Tournament statistics... Played 7, Won 6, Drew 1. Scored 22, Conceded 3. Congratulations & good luck in the next phase Ronan, Callum, Kian, Kaleb, Riley Jay, Danny D, Morgan & Danny E.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS/VISITS

A reminder for all parents that you will need to register for the new cashless system in order to pay/consent for upcoming visits. Further registration letters have been sent home this week for anyone who has not yet registered on the system. You need to follow the instructions in the letter to activate your account within 7 days. Slides showing you how to register have been added to our website at: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/media/3925/setting-up-the-cashless-system.pdf>

ODD SOCK DAY & FABULOUS FRIDAY

Our School Council have met to discuss school support for charities and national appeals/campaigns this week and have made the following decisions:

1. To support the earlier Marathon fundraising efforts of Mrs Ralph, our main chosen charity for this school year will be Nerve Tumours UK.
2. As part of a national Anti-Bullying Week all children are invited to wear odd socks next **Monday 15th November**. Wearing odd socks celebrates the fact that we are all different and unique. Children will be completing other activities as part of Anti-Bullying Week, including taking part in a competition to create their own anti-bullying superhero.



3. Next **Friday 19th November** will be a Fabulous Friday in school in support of the annual Children in Need appeal. Children are invited to donate any small cakes for a stall to be run by School Council. Children are also invited to come to school dressed 'fabulously' in spots, stripes, glitter, sequins etc as they choose.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & POPPY APPEAL

I was very proud yesterday of our Year 6 pupils who led a within-school remembrance service to mark Armistice Day. All of our Year 6 pupils showed tremendous maturity and a real sense of occasion to honour the memory of service personnel and families with great dignity. Individual pupils spoke clearly and confidently and all the children sang together with energy and enjoyment. Well done. A link to a recording of the service has been texted to Year 6 parents/carers and the video is available on our website at: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/classes/key-stage-two-classes/castell-harlech-mr-edwards-yr6/>

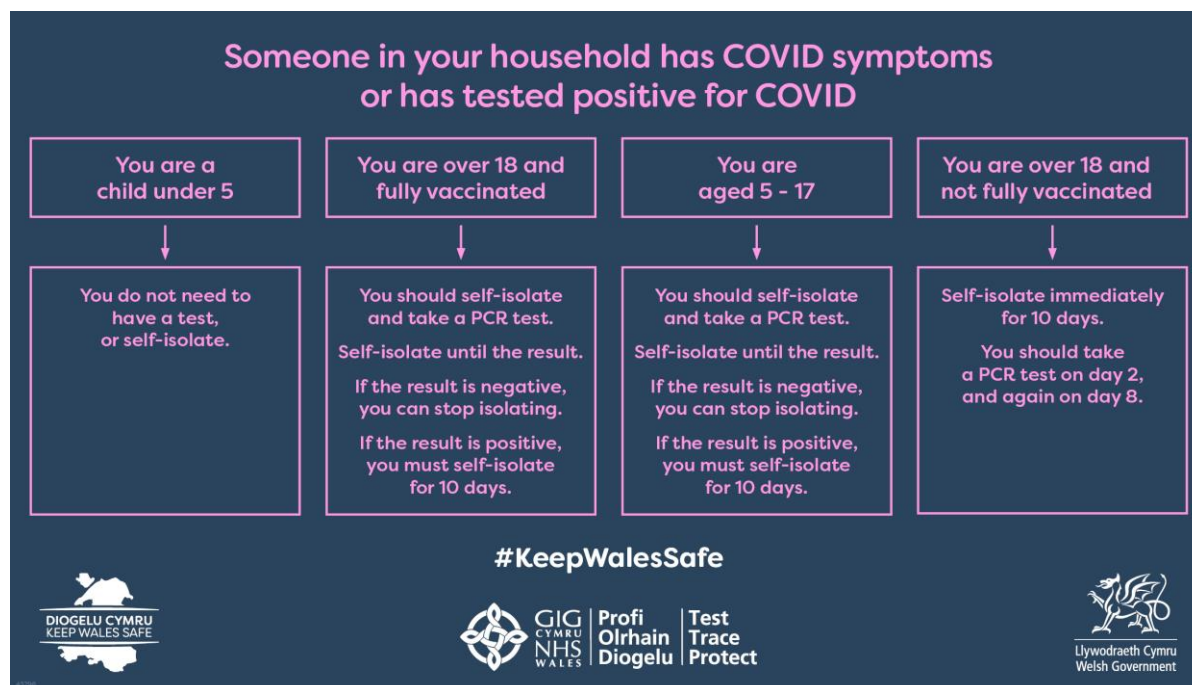
I would also like to say a special thank you to Chelsea-Leigh Fry, Amberley Cox, Logan Guest and Raphael Huq for organising the sale of items on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The quartet have given their time very generously to sell snap bands, poppies etc in support of the appeal.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

A request to all parents/carers to please supervise children closely during drop-off and pick-up times. I know that access around school is not easy with missing/too narrow pavements and additional traffic at these times. Please make sure that wherever possible, children are on the inside of pavements and younger children at least are held by hand as a standard precaution.

TESTING

Lastly, a reminder that any children (aged 5-17) with symptoms need to take a PCR test and self-isolate until a negative result is received. A number of parents/carers are using lateral flow tests (LFTs) for pupils with 'flu-like' symptoms. **An LFT is not suitable for anyone with possible Covid symptoms.** To protect everyone else, please follow the instructions below if your child or anyone else at home is unwell.



Kind regards

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