



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a whirlwind start to the final half term of this school year. Our Year 6 pupils are in the home straight and looking forward to exciting beach visits and a sports day next week in the busy run up to their final weeks in George Street. I was extremely proud to hear the positive comments made by their teachers this week during our Seren yr Wythnos assembly. It is great to have such strong role models in our school community who demonstrate so many of the qualities we aspire for our young people to possess. It is enormously reassuring to know that they will take these forward with them and use them for their own and other's benefit in the future.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that class and team photographs are taking place **next Tuesday**. Pupils in Years 5&6 will be taking part in their Sports Day on Tuesday afternoon so should come to school in uniform for their photograph bringing their kit with them. They will have the opportunity to change for the afternoon.

### SPORTS DAYS



Our sports days will start next week with our key stage 2 pupils: Years 5&6 on Tuesday afternoon (1.30) and Years 3&4 on Friday (also 1.30). Please can children wear a t-shirt/top in their house colour for the event (teachers will remind/advise all pupils in class about their house teams).

Children will rotate around a carousel of activities that will give them the opportunity to participate in a range of events. House points will be awarded throughout the afternoon and these will be totalled across the school once all classes have participated to determine the winning house.

We are pleased to welcome parents/carers to this year's sports days. If you are able to attend your child's event next week please access the school playing field from the School Lane gate. This will be open at 1.30 once children are ready to begin their events. We do request that parents aid the smooth running of these events by staying within the visitor area so that school staff can manage the movement of children effectively. Next week's events will finish close to the normal end of the school day and children will return to classes after the activities and then leave from their usual exits.

*Please note; we regret that there are no toilet facilities available in school for visitors during sports day.*

### DIABETES FUNDRAISING

One of our junior pupils will be taking part shortly in the JDRF One Walk sponsored event to raise funds for the research charity JDRF. Trystan, who was recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes has been inspired to take part in the event in order to raise funds to help scientists develop a cure for the condition. Trystan will be walking 6km in Cardiff on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and is looking to raise £150.00 for JDRF.



You can read Trystan's story and contribute to his fundraising effort by visiting his JustGiving page at [JDRF: JDRF One Walk Wales \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/JDRF-One-Walk-Wales). I know that everyone will want to join me in saying how pleased we

are that Trystan is well following his sudden and unexpected diagnosis. I know that everyone is very proud of how well he has coped and of his determination to make a difference for others. Well done Trystan!

## HEAD LICE

There has been an increase in the number of children affected by headlice/nits recently, particularly amongst our younger pupils. As you will be aware, it is readily possible for a child to get head lice on several occasions despite successful treatment if others remain affected. To provide the best chance of stopping this happening it is necessary for everyone to act at the same time in order to break the cycle.

I am therefore asking all parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception to check your child's hair this weekend and to act immediately if your child is affected by head lice. Free treatment is available from any pharmacy, together with advice on the best action to take. You can find very clear guidance on the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

While medication has an impact, careful, thorough combing of your child's hair is the key to success. This needs repeating regularly to remove new nits that emerge after eggs hatch. For this reason, some patience and perseverance are essential. However, this does work.

There is no need for anyone to be embarrassed by head lice/nits. Unfortunately, they are a fact of life in any school but if everyone acts together the chance of them taking hold and spreading is greatly reduced.

## CRICKET SUCCESS



A huge well done to our cricket teams who took part in the Torfaen Cricket Tournament held at Panteg Cricket Club just before the half term break. All of the players represented our school brilliantly and improved their batting, bowling and fielding skills throughout the day. As always, they made us proud with their sportsmanship and fair play. Team 1 finished the competition with an impressive 3rd place overall. While team 2 didn't make the podium, they played with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills in an exciting competitive arena. A fantastic display by all!

Kind regards

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