



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 17 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Another hectic week in and out of school. I am so pleased to see our children enjoying these opportunities after a very difficult couple of years. We know what a valuable role the sorts of experiences outlined below play in children's learning and development. Building children's confidence and their readiness to embrace being out of their comfort zone is fundamental to becoming a resilient and independent young person. There is also a lot of fun to be had on that journey and it has been much in evidence this week. Great too to see families back in school to support our sports days. Thank you.

### COASTAL SCHOOLS



Two great days enjoyed by our Year 6 pupils on their final coastal schools visits to Rest Bay. New skills learned, strong memories forged and friendships deepened. Such an important and worthwhile part of the George Street experience. Special thanks to our Year 6 team and to Mrs 'Beach' Jones for making it possible.

### SPORTS DAYS



We have enjoyed two very successful sports days this week with our junior pupils. It was lovely to read the positive messages on Twitter, particularly about those children in Year 6 who relished their final opportunity to take part in the event.

We have our foundation phase sports days taking place next week, beginning with Years 1&2 on the school playing field between 9.30 – 11.00 on Tuesday morning (*please enter from School Lane*). This will be followed by our Reception sports day on the field between 10.00-11.00 on Friday (*please enter from Conway Road*).

Our Nursery pupils will hold their sports day in the Nursery outdoor area next Friday; 9.30-10.30 for morning Nursery and 1.15-2.25 for afternoon Nursery (*please enter via Conway Road*). Parents/carers of Nursery pupils are welcome to take children home directly after the event if you choose.

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

*Together we live learn and value*

## ACCESS THROUGH ST ALBAN'S CHURCH GROUNDS

As you may be aware, some time ago Father Hayman very kindly offered to permit families walking to and from school to access the church grounds from the steps on George Street through to Conway Road to avoid the difficult corner junction. This pedestrian route means passing directly in from of Father Hayman's home and through his parking area.

I was upset and disappointed this week to hear from Father Hayman that some individuals (adults and children) have been using this route without the respect for his property or privacy that should be expected. Worse still, on one occasion when he spoke with people walking through his property to request that children using scooters be properly supervised, he received an unwelcome and offensive response.

I do not know if the individuals concerned are families of George Street, though I hope not. In any event, I would like to advise all families that there is **no right of way through the church grounds**. This access has been allowed by Father Hayman on the basis that users treat his property with consideration and courtesy. Could anyone using this route please make sure that children are properly supervised when doing so and that the area is respected as it should be. Thank you.



## FURTHER CRICKET SUCCESS

England's recent success against New Zealand has been grabbing headlines this week and it may have inspired our two teams as they took part in the girl's leg of the Torfaen Cricket Tournament held at Panteg Cricket Club this week. Our girls made us super proud as always with Team 2 showing massive improvements in skill levels throughout the day and Team 1 winning every match they played! They now progress to the Gwent Finals at Abergavenny on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Good luck ladies and enjoy the experience!



Kind regards

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