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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Annwyl Parents/Carers

Today, I had the privilege of leading an assembly on *Show Racism the Red Card*, a vital topic that encourages understanding, respect, and inclusion. The children engaged brilliantly and listened with great interest throughout.

At our school, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures represented by both our pupils and staff. This diversity not only makes our school a vibrant and welcoming place but also provides us with valuable opportunities to learn from one another every day.

SCHOOL CHOIR SHINES AT COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 12th October, our school choir proudly performed at the Salvation Army's Harvest Festival. The children sang four beautiful songs, sharing their talents with members of the local community. We were also delighted by the generous contributions of tinned and dried food from families, which will support local food banks and help our community. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this meaningful event.



YEAR 6 - A TASTE OF THE PAST AND A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE



The children in year 6 have had an exciting week, using their numeracy skills to design their very own *Dig for Victory* gardens. They've also been busy in the kitchen, cooking and tasting World War II recipes including chunky vegetable soup and the famous National Loaf.

In addition to this, pupils visited West Mon for a transition morning, where they enjoyed moving around the site and taking part in lessons such as PE, cookery, and music. They returned full of excitement, and we were incredibly proud to hear so many compliments from the West Mon staff about their excellent behaviour.



NEWPORT COUNTY EFL KIDS CUP UPDATE

It's always a thrill to take part in such a prestigious tournament, where the winning team earns a place in the South West Regional stage—and ultimately, the chance to represent Newport County at Wembley Stadium!

Our team faced a particularly tough group this year and, although we didn't make it through to Cup Final Day, every player should be proud of their determination and teamwork throughout the competition. We send our best wishes to the school that will be representing at the regional stage—an incredible experience awaits! Having lifted the trophy in previous years, we know just how special that journey can be.



A huge well done to our team for giving it their all!

To all the families who received complimentary tickets for Newport County v Cheltenham Town, we hope you have a fantastic time at Rodney Parade this Saturday. We can't wait to hear all about your match day experience!

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS!

This term, selected pupils from Year 6 have begun their first university-style tutorials as part of the Brilliant Club Young Scholars Programme. Working with a university tutor, they will explore this year's fascinating topic: "What is Fairness?" This programme not only introduces pupils to advanced academic content but also helps them develop critical thinking, independent learning, and essay-writing skills—key foundations for future success. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm during the first session.

PARENT PHONE CALLS – 21/10 and 22/10

REMINDER: Text messages to book parent consultations have now successfully been sent. Please make a note of the date and time you have requested the telephone consultation and be available to take the call from staff.

I strongly encourage you to take up this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher. If you run into any issues while booking, please don't hesitate to give the school office a call — we're happy to help.

GEORGE STREET PTA NEEDS YOU!



Our last AGM had to be cancelled due to low attendance, and without your support, we can't continue. Please join us for the AGM on Friday 7th November at 2:30 pm in the Community Hub (School Lane entrance). We'll finish in time for school pick-up. Come along to vote for the committee, hear about the £2,000 plus raised last year, and help plan for the year ahead. Your involvement makes a big difference! For more details, email georgestreetPTA@outlook.com or visit our Facebook page George Street PTA.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Coming to school every day is essential for your child's learning and progress. Last week, our overall attendance was a mixed picture, with Reception at 92.89% and Years 1–6 at 88.37%, but Nursery was only 79.72%. Remember, every missed day is a missed opportunity to learn and grow. Congratulations to Tulip, Daisy, and Daffodil classes for their excellent attendance! Let's all work together to improve and make sure every child gets the best start possible. Remember: #NotInMissOut!

Did you know? Missing just 10 days of school can mean 30 hours of lost learning, which can make it harder for children to keep up.

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine to make getting ready easier.
- Plan ahead for appointments—try to book them outside school hours.
- Talk positively about school and encourage your child to look forward to the day.
- Reach out for support if you're facing challenges getting your child to school—we're here to help!

Every day counts—let's aim for 100%!



Attendance Matters



Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE – CONGRATULATIONS ISABELLE!

Today, I had the pleasure of awarding Isabelle Stokes in Year 6 with the Headteacher's Certificate. Isabelle is an exceptional pupil who consistently demonstrates outstanding behaviour, kindness, and respect. She could easily receive this award every week! She is a joy to have in school, and we are incredibly proud of her. Well done, Isabelle!

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October 2024	
Monday 20 th October	Fire Service visit to Year 2 and Year 5
NEW EVENT Monday 20 th October	Year 6 Manor Adventure parent meeting – 3:30pm
NEW EVENT Monday 20 th October	Diwali, The Festival of Light – children will be learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali
Tuesday 21 st October	Aberfan Memorial Day Parent Consultations – PHONE CALLS
Wednesday 22 nd October	Flu immunisation day Parent Consultations – PHONE CALLS
NEW DATE Wednesday 22 nd October	French Day for all children. Children are welcome to wear French style clothing/accessories or wear colours that represent France (blue, white and/or red).
Friday 24 th October	Nursery parent event – more information to follow
Monday 27 th – 31 st October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

November 2024	
Wednesday 5 th November	West Mon Cluster Football Competition for selected pupils. More info to follow
Thursday 6 th November	Desing to Smile Fluoride Application for pupils in Reception to Year 2
Monday 10 th October	Year 6 visit to Pontypool Library
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly – pupil-based event
Monday 17 th October	Year 5 visit to Pontypool Library
Tuesday 18 th November	School Discos (run by PTA). More info to follow

COMMUNITY LINKS



Pontypool Utd
Fireworks Display

Custard Club Music
Adult £6
Under 16s £4
Family Ticket £20

Gates Open 19:00
Fireworks Start 20:00
Club Closes 22:00

Sunday 9th November

BBQ & Stalls

For Safety Reasons Under 18s Must Be Accompanied By An Adult



COUNTY IN THE COMMUNITY
HALF TERM
NEWPORT COUNTY FOOTBALL CAMPS

£25 per session
Book on for the full 4 days to get one day free!
Ask us about our sibling deal!

OCTOBER
Monday 27th Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th Thursday 30th

John Frost High School
Lighthouse Rd, Duffryn, NP10 8YD

10am Boys - ages 5-11
3pm Girls - ages 6-16

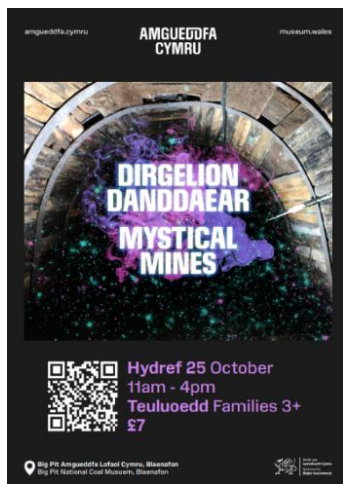
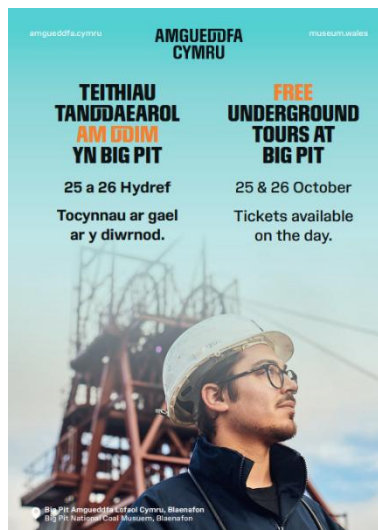
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