



Ysgol Gynradd Grange Primary School

Learning Together for A Bright Future

Cylchlythyr Tachwedd 2023 November's Newsletter



Dyddiadau I'r dyddiadur – Dates for the Diary

Some dates may need to change – please keep checking the monthly Newsletters.

October 30th – November 3rd Half Term

November 6th Y3 Talk about rivers from David Hall

November 7th Y5 and 6 Visit from Onjali Q Rauf – author of The Boy at the Back of the Class

November 8th Y6 – PCSO talk about the dangers of Vaping

November 8th Y5 measuring trees in Grange Gardens

November 10th Colorfoto – individual photos

November 10th Rec-Y2 Design to Smile – Fluoride varnish

November 13th Anti-Bullying Week. Wear odd socks to show you support the anti-bullying movement. Children will be learning all about bullying and how to stop it. *Parents/Carers - if you have any concerns regarding bullying, do not hesitate to contact me*

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November 13th Diwali – wear your special clothes and join us for a Diwali Celebration Coffee morning starting at 9.15am.

November 14th Y3 Trip to the wetlands

November 14th Y6 – visit to Sony HQ in Bridgend. Follow-up Computer Science lessons from the Sony Tech team in school

November 15th Y6 – PCSO talk about Social Media and staying safe

November 17th Y4 to Cardiff Story Museum – to be confirmed.

November 17th Children in Need – wear something dotty and spotty! We invite donations for this great charity.

November 20-24th Y5 and Y6 'Open Your Eyes Week' Careers talks.

November 20th Y6 parents: CLOSING DATE to apply for high school

November 24th 2023 – Inset Day– School closed to children

December 4th: 2.15pm Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon. Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

December 6th: 2.15pm Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon – see above.

December 7th-15th Happy Hanukkah to all who celebrate.

December 14th and 15th Christmas performances – dates and times at the bottom of this Newsletter.

December 20th Christmas Parties – wear your Christmas jumpers, your smart clothes, your sparklies – or just your usual uniform!

25th December-5th January 2024 Christmas Holidays

February 5th: 2.15pm Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon. Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

February 7th: 2.15pm Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon – see above.

February 8th Celebrating Chinese New Year – the Year of the Dragon

February 9th 2024 – Inset Day– School closed to children

February 12th – 16th 2024 Half Term

March 1st St David's Day – Eisteddfod.

March 12th and 19th Provisional Parents/Carers' Evenings. Dates to be confirmed.

March 14th Class photos

March 25th – April 5th 2024 Easter Holidays

April 17th: 2.15pm Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon. Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

April 19th: 2.15pm Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon – see above.

May 27th – 31st 2024 Half Term

June 10th 2024 – Inset Day– School closed to children

June 17th Refugee Week

June 24th 4G – Swimming

July 1st 4P – Swimming

July 10th – 12th Provisional dates for Y6 Residential – to be confirmed

July 22nd 2024 – Inset Day – School closed to children



**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

Our sponsored
dance against racism
raised £132.21
THANK YOU!

**HAPPY
DIWALI
2023**



Article 14: Freedom of thought, belief and religion.



Article 28: Children have the right to an education.

| Class | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
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| RG | 93% | RP | 89% |
| 1G | 83% | 1P | 91% |
| 2G | 90% | 2P | 88% |
| 3G | 93% | 3P | 93% |
| 4G | 96% | 4P | 96% |
| 5G | 91% | 5P | 94% |
| 6G | 90% | 6P | 88% |

Purple – hitting 95%+ Brilliant!

Green – improved on last month. Fab!

October's Attendance = 92%

As a school, we want **every child** to achieve **95%** - this is how they succeed.

We cannot do this without you.

Send your child to school - it matters!

We expect your support with this – thank you.



Our SAO is here to support you with your child's attendance. We run coffee afternoons where you can meet her, and Mrs Herbert, to discuss how we can get your child back into school. Look out for the invites!

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Cardiff Council's Policy is that persistent absence and lateness may lead to a FPN.

Persistent absence is attendance below 90%

Here are some of the reasons why a FPN may be requested and issued:

- ❖ 10, or more, unauthorised absences (5 school days) in the current term and these do not need to be consecutive;
- ❖ Children arrive after 9.30am for more than 10 sessions in the current term.
- ❖ Parents/carers don't engage with the school and/or the SAO in attempts to improve attendance.
- ❖ An unauthorised holiday is taken.

We don't want to request these.

We want to work with you to improve your child's attendance.

Click here for more info: <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-Attendance/Fixed-penalty-notice-for-non-attendance-at-school/Pages/default.aspx>



Deadline 20th November.

Make sure you've applied!

Calling all Y6 Parents

Apply for High School - [click here](#)

To view tips and guidance [click here](#)

Choose 5 different schools to help make sure your child is allocated a place.

There is no guarantee of a place in Fitzalan

Need help – call into school; visit any Council Hub where staff help you; call C2C on 029 2087 2087.

Parents Matter – Ways to Get Involved!

Life Long Learning at GPS!

Classes are available for everyone at Grangetown. Everyone can be a life long learner. Why not contact Mrs Lalik if you fancy dipping your toe back in the pool of knowledge!

| | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
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| Monday | 9-11am Cookery class | 11-1pm Childcare |
| Tuesday | 9.30-11.30 Sewing | 12-2pm Sewing advanced |
| Wednesday | 9.15-11.30 am Families Learning Together | 2-3pm ESOL |
| | 9.30-12.30pm Essential Skills | 1-3.30pm British Sign Language |
| Thursday | 9-2.30pm Classroom Assistant | |

Many more are planned for this year:

Life in the UK, Driving licence theory test preparation, Counselling skills, Paediatric first aid, Food safety.

Grangetown's Parent Group (GPG)

Many thanks to those parents who have come forward to join this group. I will be in touch with the date of our first meeting soon!
Looking forward to working with you!



If you have any interest in becoming a governor, but you're not too sure what it means - just come and speak with me.

Parent Governors are so important. It is your chance to have your voice heard, and to support the school your children attend.

In-School Christmas Performances

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



| Rec | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 14 th December 9.30am | 15 th December 9.30am | 15 th December 9.30am | 14 th December 2pm | 14 th December 2pm | 15 th December 2pm | 15 th December 2pm |

Christmas Parties Wednesday 20th

Children can wear: sparkly clothes, smart clothes or school uniform