

Dyddiadau I'r dyddiadur – Dates for the Diary

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



October 2nd Y6 to Sophia Gardens for Cricket

October 3rd Y4 to Grange Gardens for a Royal visit – pictures below!

October 3rd and 10th: 2.30pm Parents/Carers come along to a **flu nasal spray immunisation information session** from the nurses.

October 4th BAFTA Kids Roadshow – Y3-6 visit and workshop for Y5 and 6

October 5th and 12th Parents/Carers' Evenings. Appointment slips have been sent out – speak with the teacher if you haven't seen it.

October 9th: Cathays High School in to speak with Y^

October 9th 2.15pm Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon. Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

October 11th 2.15pm Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon – see above.

October 16th Y4 to Sophia Gardens for Cricket

October 17th 2.30pm Parents/Carers - help available from the nurse to fill in the flu consent.

October 19th Rec – Y6 Nasal spray flu immunisation

October 20th Support the *Show Racism the Red Card* charity by wearing red. We invite donations of 50p

October 24th Struggling to get your child into school? Come along to an attendance coffee afternoon and speak with the school attendance officer.

October 25th Y2 and Y5 – Visit from the Fire Service

October 26th Hallowe'en Disco – wear your spooky costumes and have a spook-tacular time! We invite donations of 50p towards the School Fund.

October 27th and November 10th Rec – Y2 Fluoride varnish team to treat children's teeth.

October 30th – November 3rd Half Term



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 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, do not hesitate to contact me

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

November Y6 parents: CLOSING DATE to apply for high school – DATE to be confirmed.

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 11th- 15th Christmas performances – dates to be confirmed.

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 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

Moving On and Moving Up!



Calling all Y6 Parents – It's Time To Apply for High School

To apply for a school place please [click here](#)

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

You **MUST** 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 20872087.

Curriculum for Wales (CfW) - Year 2!

How did we do last year, and where are we going now?

Staff worked incredibly hard last year to adopt a new approach to learning and teaching called *Understanding by Design*. This has a very strong focus on the process of learning and on enabling children to apply their learning in new situations - in other words, to **transfer** what they learn to new situations. It also fits perfectly with the 4 purposes at the heart of CfW. A purpose driven curriculum is one where the whole child is developed through knowledge, skills and experiences.

See our Curriculum Policy, on our website, here: <https://grangetown-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/successful-futures-a-curriculum-for-wales-cwricwlv/>

See how we got on last year, and what we will be focusing on this year. Click here to see a summary: <https://www.grangetownprimary.com/parentscarers-information-gwybodaeth-rhienigofalwy/>



We raised
£60.83
Thank you!



Article 28: Children have the right to an education.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
RG	83%	RP	79%
1G	91%	1P	90%
2G	91%	2P	95%
3G	93%	3P	93%
4G	96%	4P	97%
5G	88%	5P	93%
6G	93%	6P	94%

September's Attendance

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.

Please send soft, and small backpacks to school. Some bags are large and rigid, and we don't have the storage space for them. **Thank you!**



Support for families with children who have additional needs or disabilities

The Index is Cardiff's **voluntary register for children and young people with disabilities or additional needs** and is part of the Council's Cardiff Family Advice and Support Service.

Caregivers and professionals working with children and young people **aged up to 25** with disabilities or additional needs can **register to receive an e-bulletin providing information about a range of services, events, and activities in and around Cardiff, including holiday provision.**

Please register online for more information - [The Index Registration Form \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://cardiff.gov.uk/the-index-registration-form)

Grangetown's Parent Group (GPG)

Fancy contributing to the school? I would like to form a Parent Group where we would meet monthly, chat through what's going on with children's learning and consider how parents and school can work together to improve the opportunities our children experience.

Look out for the interest slips coming home with the children this month.



Have your say on what you want to see in Grangetown.

Follow the link below

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MEu3vWiVVVki9vwZ1I3j8vJ8CHGULWqJKk3zW3DEMTghUNjA3SIFUV0k2QUU1M0FIN05USVhWWUUhZUS4u>



Election papers will be sent this month. Keep an eye out for them. Feel free to contact me if you have any interest and want to chat it through.

Flu Immunisation

Please consider getting your child vaccinated against flu this autumn. Getting children vaccinated really helps reduce the spread of flu.

Nurses have already been in school and will be back again on: 3rd 10th and 17th October from 2.30pm to help fill in consent forms and answer any questions.



Harvest Festival

Well done to Reception, Year 1 and 2 who gave us a wonderful, and very musical, Harvest Festival. Some old favourites - Big, Red, Combine Harvester - to take us down memory lane, as well as a couple of new ones! A huge thank you to everyone who donated food. This was gratefully received by the Oasis Charity.



Black History Month starts with Y4 meeting the Prince and Princess of Wales

Media links: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-12588005/Kate-Middleton-looks-elegant-trouser-suit-arrives-Cardiff-William-meet-Windrush-elders.html>
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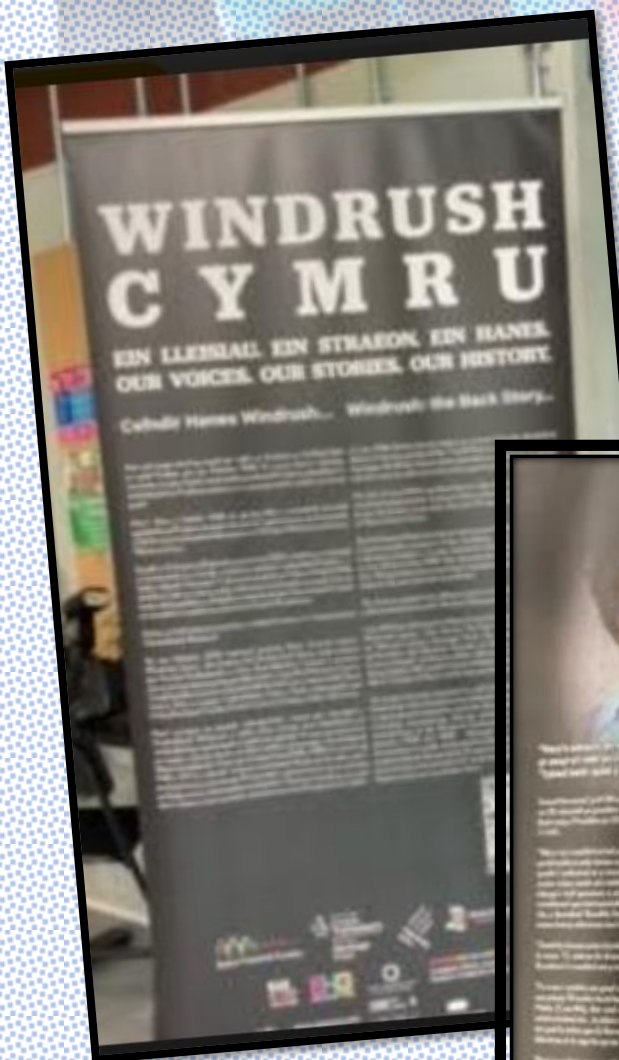


Prince William and Princess Catherine came to Grangetown Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd October.

They came to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush to the UK and mark the start of **Black History Month**.

While they were in Cardiff, they came to the Pavilion to meet members of the **Windrush generation** and to celebrate the work of the diverse community groups in the area. Inside the Pavilion were displays celebrating the Windrush generation's stories – some of these are below.

When the Prince and Princess arrived, they were greeted by local schools – one of which was ours! We went and sang Calon Lan as the Royal couple arrived. Princess Catherine told us that she thought our singing was, 'Lovely' – and it really was – **well done Y4!**



This photo shows **Ali Abdi BEM** and **Councillor Ash Lister**. Both Governors at our school, and do a tremendous amount for the community of Grangetown. It also shows **Professor Uzo Iwobi CBE**, founder of Race Council Cymru and one of the key organisers of the event.



Mazin was lucky enough to be selected to present the Royal couple with a leek. Prince William seemed very pleased with this and said he would cook it for his tea!





A wonderful experience for the children, and a great way to kick off Black History Month. The children will be learning about BAME people's stories during our assemblies.





We were very lucky to be selected as a school BAFTA for Kids and Place 2 Be chose to visit this year. They do lots of work on opening children's eyes to the possibilities of life in the arts, as well as the wellbeing that creativity and the arts can bring – not to mention the sheer pleasure TV and film.

The presenters were recognised by lots of the children - Joe Tasker, a youtuber and presenter, and Shanequa Paris best known for presenting Newsround. Years 3 to 6 came together in the hall and were shown a video about all the work the BAFTA roadshow does across the country. An **actual** BAFTA trophy was shown to the children. Who knew there were pictures on the back of it showing a TV and swirls - all of which represented science and the arts. Who knew it was made from bronze and marble! Wow!

The children also enjoyed a talk from John, an animator who works in Cardiff. He gave the children some advice as to how to work in that job. English and maths are very important, as is editing to improve work. Mrs Herbert reminded children that when we edit our work we also try to improve it! The children asked John what his favourite thing is, and he said that showing animations he has created, for the first time, and then getting great feedback is what he really enjoys.

The children asked the presenters who inspired them. Shanequa said presenters on Nickelodeon. Joe said his mum inspired him because she took him to rehearsals after she finished work. The children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly. Years 5 and 6 were then lucky enough to complete workshops with Joe and Shanequa – they all had a great time!



Shanequa Paris



Joe Tasker



The children had also competed in a competition and the winners were announced:

**Tamim, 3P; Sumayah 3G;
Candida 4G; Maria 4P;
Mazin 4P; Mohammed A 5G;
Abigail 6G and Hamda 6P.**

They each had a goody bag from BAFTA. Well done children!!

