

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a year! Here's our final Newsletter of 2022-2023. It's a bumper one, filled with lots of the amazing things your wonderful children have been up to. I also just want to say thank you, for all your support this year. Your children benefit from having such interested and caring parents. To those parents who won't have any children in Grangetown in September, as they will have moved into Year 7, good luck! I know they will do very well indeed in their new secondary schools.

All that remains is to say, I wish you all the very best holiday and I hope it is filled with all that brings you joy!

Best wishes

Sian Chase

Dyddiadau i'r dyddiadur Dates for the Diary



June 30th Y3 every Friday - until the end of term - at 2.15pm Book club for Y3 parents and their children

July 3rd 4P swimming lessons

July 4th Y6 Cathays High School talk

July 5th – 7th Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure

July 7th Y5 Planting trees

July 10th - 13th Y6 rehearsing at Millennium Centre

July 11th 5G – careers visit to Pricewaterhouse Cooper

July 12th 5P – careers visit to Pricewaterhouse Cooper

July 12th and 13th 5pm Y6 Leavers' Performance at the Millennium Centre –tickets at the school office for £1.

July 14th Reception to St Fagans

July 17th Y6 Cathays Transtion Day

July 18th **Y6 Come in and see your children's work – have a chat with the teacher.**

July 19th Y3 Codebreaker Choir at Mount Stuart Primary

July 20th Y6 cinema and popcorn

July 20th **Rec – Y5 Come in and see your children's work – have a chat with the teacher**

July 24th INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Happy summer holidays! Have fun, stay safe and see you all back in September!

September 4th and 5th INSET DAYS – School closed to pupils

Everyone back on Wednesday 6th September – see you then!



Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
RG	84%	RP	89.4%
1G	87.6%	1P	86.3%
2G	86.4%	2P	85.6%
3G	88.6%	3P	90.8%
4G	85.7%	4P	89.9%
5G	89.4%	5P	89.2%
6G	90.9%	6P	90.5%



Article 28: Children have the right to an education.

Attendance for each class so far...

As a school, our aim is to make sure **attendance increases for each child under 98%.**

Classes in green have increased since last month – well done!!

Overall, our attendance is just 89%. This is not high enough. Children must come to school every day unless they are unwell. Holidays should be booked during the school holidays.

We expect your support with this – thank you.

No Planet B! Looking After the Environment Matters to Grangetown!



Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment

Well done to everyone at Grangetown who try not to use the car to come to school.

We came 8th in Cardiff's Big Walk and Wheel, and we were awarded a prize for doing so well!



Ysgol Teithio Llesol
Active Travel School



Extreme Fusion came and did a wonderful trick show!
Huge thanks to them – the children loved it!
Keep walking, riding and scooting to school whenever you can – you know it makes sense!

Year 2 have been learning about how to protect animals. They write...

In year 2 we have been learning about animals and how we can look after them. We need to pick up litter so animals don't get hurt or stuck. We have been trying hard to recycle and put things in the right bins.

Watch their video, using the QR code below, and see what you can do to help!



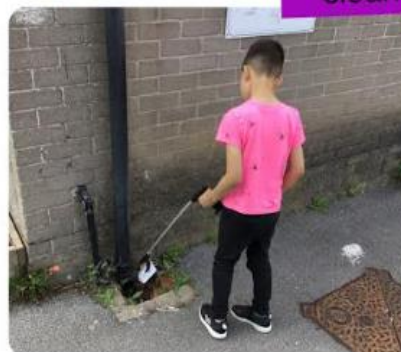
In year 2 we picked up litter from around the school.



We need to put litter in the to keep animals safe.



We want our school to be a clean place.



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School Streets

It has come to my attention that **St Paul's Primary School**, located at the end of Bromsgrove Street, will become a **designated School Street**. My understanding is that this will happen **from September**. School Streets are areas around school entrances that are closed to vehicles during peak drop-off and pick-up times. This helps keep children safe, promotes active travel and reduces air pollution.

School Streets means that **you will need a permit to enter the streets - highlighted on the map below - between 8.30-9.15am and 2.30-3.15pm on school days**. Fines will be issued if you do not have a permit.

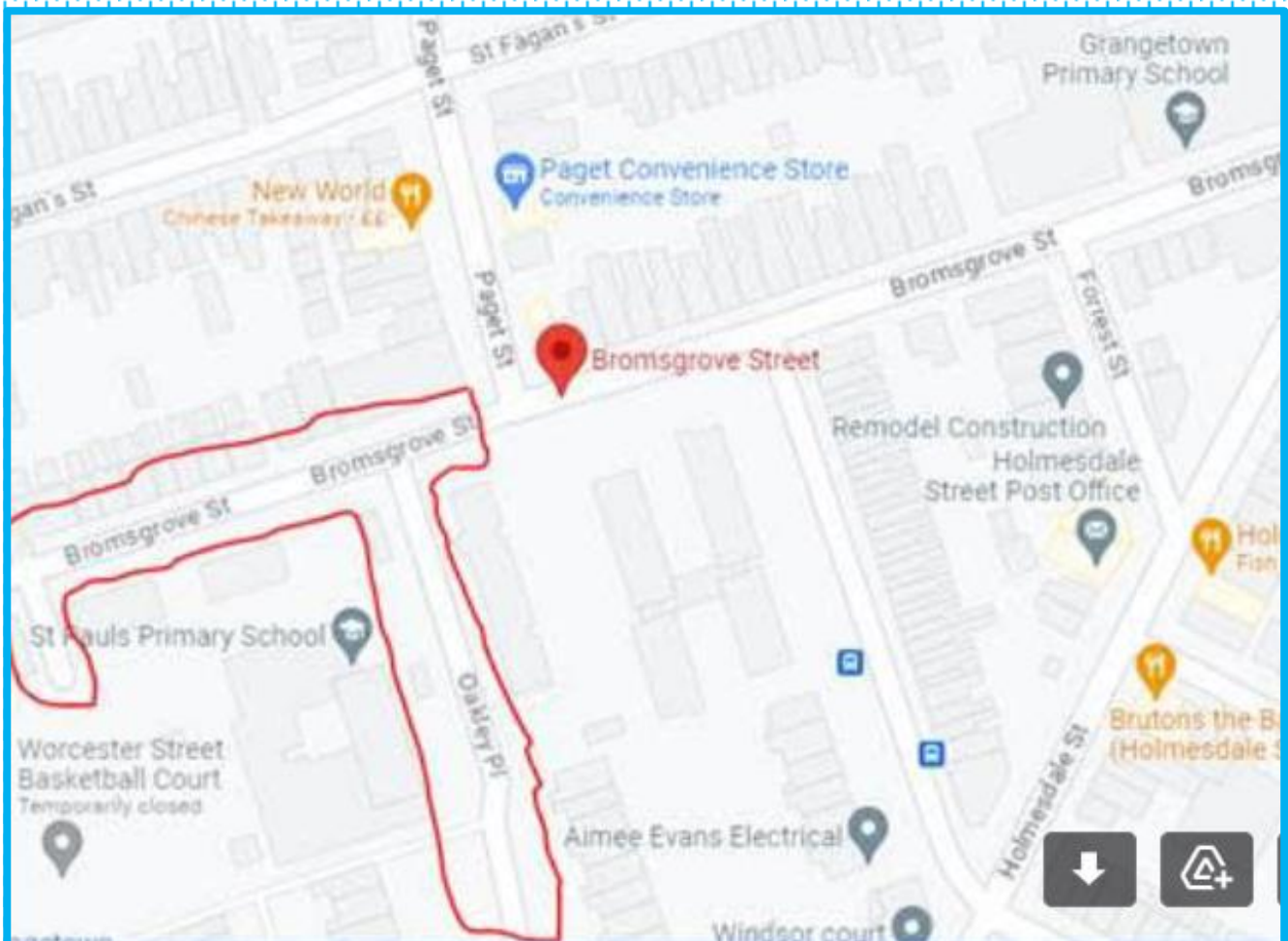
You do not need permits for the streets around Grangetown Primary, but the Council will be monitoring parking in the area - so there's never been a better time to switch to walking, riding or scooting to school.

I have asked the Council for more information, they advise that information has been sent to streets affected. They will also be keeping an eye on traffic around our school from September – so make sure you walk, bike, scoot, if possible.

If you must use the car – arrive with time to park safely and legally.

For further details please see the Council website:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Parking-roads-and-travel/school-streets/Pages/default.aspx#:~:text=%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B,travel%20and%20reduce%20air%20pollution>





No Planet B! *Urgent Message from Eco-Committee*

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment

THERE IS A BIG PROBLEM IN OUR SCHOOL!

Eco-committee has noticed lots of single-use plastic bottles littering our playground.

Eco Committee would like all children and staff to bring reusable water bottles to school instead of bringing a new bottle every day because :

We think that it is important to help our world and to be 'responsible consumers'.

Did you know, it is cheaper to buy a reusable bottle.

If you buy a fruit shoot drink from ASDA:

each drink costs **32p**

If you have a new bottle every school day for a month:

20 bottles x 32p = **£6.20**

A reusable bottle from Asda costs £2.50, or cheaper!

There will be less waste because you can re-use it over and over again!

We spoke to Mrs Chase and she has agreed that we can ban these bottles from the playground.

So, from now on, only reusable bottles can be taken outside.

Diolch, Eco Committee



Don't forget – if you have any good quality school uniform at home that your child has outgrown, please bring it in to Mrs Lalik – washed with names removed. Our Swap Shop will take place at the end of term. Keep an eye out for when. A really great thing to do as it protects the environment – and saves you money – what's not to like!



2023-2024 Grant for Children's Uniform

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Financial-support/School-Essentials-Grant/Pages/default.aspx>

Who can have a grant?

- Children in Rec – Year 6. This is £125.
- Children starting Secondary School. This is £200.
- Children attending special school, a special needs resource base or a pupil referral unit, and are aged 4 to 15
- All looked after children of compulsory school age based in a Cardiff school.
- Pupils with no recourse to public funds and asylum seekers entering any primary age year group; Year 7; Year 8; Year 9; Year 10 and Year 11 in the 2023 to 2024 school year.

What's it for?

The Grant is for families on a low income to buy school uniform, sports kit, uniform for enrichment activities, school bags, stationery etc. Please note IT equipment is excluded from this grant.

How do parents qualify?

The parent or guardian making the application must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less
- Pension Credit (guarantee element)
- Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £740

Working Tax Credit is not a qualifying Benefit and if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to a Uniform Grant even if you get this together with one of the incomes above.

If you meet these criteria, you need to complete the School Essentials Grant application form.

Need help? Call into school at 3pm and ask for Mrs Lalik; she will help you fill in the form.

Expressive Arts Matter at Grange Town!



Year 3 exhibited their work at Grange Gardens this month. We hope you managed to get along and see the children's cyantopes. This is a special type of photograph. The children used their work on the environment for their inspiration. Well done Year 3!

Y6 - Community Mural at Grangetown Baptist Church



Report on the creation of the community mural from Y6 pupil, Lulwa Altahfery

First steps: Lois, the artist in charge, wanted to create an inspirational community mural on the wall of a local church in Grangetown. She asked local schools to join in, like us and St Paul's Primary!! The very first step was to plan out the mural design by collecting all our ideas. Lois came into school with her helpers to do a workshop relating to the mural. We created images of things we thought were part of our community.

Putting the ideas together: After the workshop, Lois put our ideas together to create the best mural to describe Grangetown's local community. The main theme ideas were diversity, lives matter and respecting other people. After that, we were put into teams to actually and physically paint the mural.

Painting the mural: Each day a group of people came together to the local church to paint the mural themselves. Luckily, we had the opportunity to be part of the project.

Experience: I believe that all the people's experiences were positive, including mine, because it was a joyful experience to have - and a fun one! Overall, we are super lucky to have been a part of this project and it was our pleasure to be in it. It was an inspirational project and a touching experience.

Want to see it for yourself? It's on the back of Grangetown Baptist Church. Thanks to all at the church for your welcome and inviting us to participate! An especial thank you to Lois and Rev. Ian Parry for offering the opportunity to the children.



To be, or not to be...! Year 6 performance of Hamlet at the Millennium Centre



If you were lucky enough to have a ticket for Year 6 Leavers' production of Hamlet, you won't need me to tell you what a superb production it was. It took place in the Millennium Centre and had lights, special effects, props, sound and music provided by the team there. A huge thank you to them!

It was the children, though, who had to learn and perform their words and songs – and they did an amazing job!

Of course, all this was made possible only through the hard work and dedication of Mrs Grogan and Mr Davies – huge thanks to them!

Well done Year 6! What an end to your time at GPS!!



*The Cast of Hamlet – and the class of 2023 – we are all so proud of you.
Good luck in Year 7!*

