

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, October was a busy month! We were so pleased to be able to welcome our Foundation Phase parents back into school for Harvest Festival. We are also delighted to return to our pre-Covid practice of inviting all parents to come and see your children's classrooms and their books. The children love showing you their work, as much as you enjoy seeing it! There will be lots more opportunities to come into school – see the Dates for the Diary for further details.

Mrs Lalik has been working hard to get our classes for parents up and running again. Attending these classes is a great way to come into school, improve your skills and make new friends! See the timetable below for further information.

We continue to build our new curriculum, and the children have been working hard on their new Learning Unit – **Story Listener, Teller, Maker**. Ensuring children have access to meaningful experiences is a key element of Curriculum for Wales, and so the Y6 teachers arranged for Big Foot Arts Education group to come into school to deliver a wonderful workshop to the children. This introduced them to Shakespeare. We ended the term with a Spook-tacular Hallowe'en Disco. School Council wanted this, and they organised it – well done, and thank you, to them!

Best wishes

Sian Chase



Our savings club is up and running again. Children can save every Wednesday morning. Little prizes can be won each month, via a raffle. Everytime a child saves, they have a raffle ticket and, each month, we pick out a winner. Saving is a great habit for children to learn while they're young. Children can get applications forms from Mrs Ali or Miss Lewis.

Y6 Parents Apply for High School

Last few weeks to apply - CLOSING
DATE 21st November 2022

More children are applying this year than last
– so get your application in as soon as possible. To apply for a school place please go [here](#)

Apply online for your child's high school.
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

[Read more here](#)

Need help – call into school, Mrs Lalik can help.
Visit any Council Hub where staff will be able to help, or call C2C on 029 20872087.

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



Please park safely and considerately.
Cars are being double parked and stopped near zebra crossings, with drivers saying:
'It's just for a moment'
A moment is all it takes, for an accident to happen.

You must park safely.

Please also keep driveways clear on St Fagans' Street. Do not block our neighbours in.

Thank you for your support.

Dyddiadau i'r dyddiadur Dates for the Diary



November 8th and 15th: Parents/Carers' Evenings. A chance to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Keep an eye out for the appointment slips.

November 9th – 6G Cricket at Sophia Gardens

November 10th Football World Cup – children will be joining with the Urdd to celebrate Wales' entry in the finals. Children will be singing Yma o Hyd at 10.30am. Have a look here: <https://jambori.urdd.cymru/>

November 10th – Y5 Bad Wolf Studio - workshop

November 11th: School photos – families welcome to come along from 8.30am.

November 14th: Anti-Bullying Week. Wear your odd socks to show you support the anti-bullying movement.

November 14th – 18th: Y5 and 6 - Open Your Eyes Week – Part of our Careers and Work Related Experiences curriculum theme. People, from a range of careers, will tell the children all about their jobs.

November 16th 2.30pm infant hall – Parents and carers come and join us for afternoon tea. Come and have a cuppa a biscuit and a catch up.

November 18th: Children in Need

November 21st: Y4 – Vue Cinema

November 21st: LAST DAY to apply for high school.

November 28th: Governors' Fortnight starts – our governors come into school to talk to staff and see the work we are doing.

November 28th: Morning visits to The Sherman Theatre for all children to see Christmas productions. Dates will be sent home. The cost for this has been covered by Mr Upton – huge thanks to him!

November 28th: Y1, 5 2.30pm Family Monday. Come in and see your children's work. Chat with the teacher.

November 29th: Rec, Y4 2.30pm Family Tuesday. See above.

December 2nd: Y2, 3, 6. 2.30pm Family Friday – see above.

December 19th: Christmas performances – dates to be confirmed.

December 23rd: **INSET DAY – School closed to children**



26th December - 6th January: Christmas Holidays.

Everyone back on Monday 9th January



Family Engagement - Classes for Autumn 2022 See our Family Liaison Officer - Mrs Lalik - for more details



	Morning Classes for parents	Afternoon Classes for parents
Monday	9.30-12pm: Classroom Assistant	12.30 - 3pm: Classroom Assistant
Tuesday	9.30-11.30am: Sewing Class beginners 9.30-12pm: Counselling Skills Level 2	12.30-2.30pm: Driving Licence Theory 12-2pm: Sewing Class advanced
Wednesday	9.00-11.30am: Rec and Year 1 Families Learning Together 9.30-12.30pm: Essential skills	12.30-2.30pm: Driving Licence Theory 1-3.00pm: Year 2 and Year 3 Families Learning Together
Thursday	9.30-11.30am: Computer class beginners	12-2pm: Computer class advanced

Ethical, Informed Citizens

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed our favourite songs for the Harvest Festival. Year 2 produced this lovely pic collage showing how they used the event as a learning opportunity – well done Y2!

Thank you to all families who came to watch and contributed food for the local foodbank.



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HARVEST APPEAL
HELP SUPPORT CARDIFF FOODBANK

THANK YOU

Grangetown Primary School

You have collected 122kg as part of our harvest appeal.

This will provide 12 local people with a three day emergency food parcel.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Cardiff Foodbank sent us this message:

We are so thankful that even in these challenging times everyone is doing what they can to help others. Please pass on our grateful thanks to the children and their families and the staff who contributed to this year's collection. You really are helping to make a difference to those who are struggling at this time.

*Kind regards
Cardiff Foodbank*

Ambitious, Capable Learners

We know that children, who have parents or carers that support and encourage learning, do well. We're so pleased to see our Families Learning Together class up and running again, with parents learning how to support their children with maths.



We were also delighted to welcome parents and carers back for our Family Afternoons.

Your children loved sharing their books with you.



Support for families in Place2Be schools



Being a parent is probably one of the hardest jobs around! If you're struggling, and need some support, have a look at what Place2Be can offer. Any questions, or if you just need a chat – email Bonita James, the school's P2B Project Manager. Please include your child/children's name/s: bonita.james@grangetownprimary.com. Or, call the school and ask for an appointment to speak with Bonita. This can be on the phone, or in person. Bonita works Mondays – Wednesdays.

Overview

As part of our mental health support for the whole school, Place2Be is proud to offer advice and resources for families. We do this through:



Family Practitioners

Each Place2Be primary school has access to a dedicated Family Practitioner offering specialist support and training.



Parenting Smart

Our website full of practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary-age children.



Parenting Smart - Online Course

For parents and carers of children at Place2Be schools, our free course will help strengthen relationships with your child.

As a Place2Be partner school, your families are able to access these free resources which can help them to support their child or young person's wellbeing. Your Place2Be school-based staff member can refer families to a dedicated Family Practitioner, and any parent or carer can access Parenting Smart and the Parenting Smart - Online Course.