



**Ysgol Gynradd Grangetown Primary School**  
*Learning Together for A Bright Future*  
**Cylchlythyr Medi 2023 September's Newsletter**



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Welcome back to the autumn term here at Grangetown. I hope you have had a lovely summer – even if the weather hasn't been as sunny as we'd like! If you are a new parent, and your child is just starting with us, a very warm welcome to you. I hope your child settles quickly and happily into school life.

This Newsletter is full of information – both from the end of the summer term, and information that looks forward to this new term. As usual, the Newsletter will be posted onto the website at the start of every month. Please do check in, as dates, information, and all we've been up to will be shared each month.

At the end of this month's Newsletter, I have included an overview of dates. Please be aware that these, particularly dates later in the school year, may change. Check out the Newsletter, as I will update the calendar every issue.

As ever, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: [sian.chase@grangetownprimary.com](mailto:sian.chase@grangetownprimary.com) I am always happy to help.

Here's to a happy and successful year at Grangetown Primary!

Best wishes

*Sian Chase*

Headteacher



**Senior Administrator:** Nicola Manfield **Administrator:** Nicola Cox

**Headteacher:** Sian Chase;

**Deputy Head:** Nicola Herbert

**ALNCo:** Alyssa White

**RG:** Hannah Trevelyan

**RP:** Phoebe Rees

**Reception LSAs:** Ifrah Mohamud, Jessica Singh, Laura Lewis, Sian Willis, Telma Rodrigues, Wilf Howlett

**1G:** Sarah Minkowski

**1P:** Adam Marsden

**Y1 LSAs:** Helen James, Nadwa Said, Shazia Shahid

**2G:** Louise O'Brien

**2P:** Shazia Zahoor, Hannah Whittle

**Y2 LSAs:** Muna Ahmed, Yasmin Riaz, Ann Ali

**3G:** Erin Lock

**3P:** Brenda Thompson

**4G:** Lucy O'Connell-Beech

**4P:** Anna O'Brien, Katrina Coles

**5G:** Kathleen Marck-Wilson

**5P:** Bethany Morgan

**6G:** Hannah Grogan

**6P:** Grant Davies

**Y3-6 LSAs:** Annette Cox, Jo Richards, Sheila Hirani, Rose O'Mahoney, Tara Ahmed, Joe Baxter, Ekhlas Dirawi, Chloe Gallivan

**Family Liaison Officer:** Helena Lalik

**PPA leads:** Aysha Roap, Thoby Davies

**Caretaker:** Mark Baldwin

Be a School Governor



**Parent Governor Vacancy**

Being a governor is a great way to see how the school works and contribute to improving it. Interested? Keep an eye out for the election papers. Contact the Headteacher for a chat.

IF YOU CHANGE ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS



**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

# Year 3 at the Codebreakers Unveiling Ceremony

## A statue celebrating three legendary Welsh 'Rugby Codebreakers' was revealed in Cardiff Bay on 19<sup>th</sup> July

Eleven of our pupils attended the unveiling in Landsea Square in Mermaid Quay. They sang in a combined schools' choir along with other local schools. They were lucky enough to get a photo with Billy Boston. Born in Butetown, Billy is 89 yrs old and is one of the men in the statue. Along with Mr Boston, the statue celebrates Clive Sullivan, and Gus Risman. All three players featured on the statue grew up within a three-mile radius of the Cardiff Bay area, and went on to become some of the country's greatest sporting heroes. It is the first statue in Wales to feature named black men.

Established in 2020, the 'One Team. One Race: Honouring the Cardiff Bay Rugby Codebreakers' project behind the statue was inspired to begin fundraising for a statue following calls from the Butetown and wider Cardiff Bay community for a fitting tribute to the players who did so much to improve race relations across Britain. The statue is the result of all their hard work.



## School Lunch

Welsh Government is rolling out free school lunches to children in Wales. Rec-Year 2 children already receive these. Remember, you still need to order your child's meal.

**Staff cannot take responsibility for this.**

If you don't order, we may not have enough food to provide a meal for your child.

If you need any help with your Parent Pay account, please contact the office.

## Uniform to be worn by all children.

**All children are expected to be in uniform from September.** Grants are available, and Mrs Lalik ran a Uniform Swap Shop in July to help. Wearing the school uniform is cost effective – no need for fashion or pricey items. It is practical, sensible and helps all children to feel like they belong to Grangetown Primary School.

***We look forward to your support.  
Thank you!***



## Reminder from Eco-Committee

Single use bottles are banned from the playground - only reusable bottles can be taken outside.

***It is cheaper to buy a reusable bottle.***

If you buy a drink, like a Fruit Shoot, every school day for a month:

20 bottles x 32p = **£6.40**



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



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

***Díolch, Eco Committee***



# July 2023 Upton Awards

**Music Award  
Siyam**



**Sporting Award  
Abigail**



**Kindness Award  
Phoenix**



**Art Award  
Ilav**



**Y6 performing their Leavers' Performance song  
for the Uptons**



## **Well Done to All Our 2022-2023 Upton Award Winners.**

Every year, Robert Upton comes to school to present awards made in memory of his mum, Betty Upton. Mrs Upton left a legacy that included a wish for Grangetown's children to be recognised for their talents and efforts.

This year, Mr Upton brought his daughter, Lucy Upton, and we were delighted to welcome her. The winners have shown themselves to be worthy winners, and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

However, I must just add a special note about Phoenix. This is the second time Phoenix has won the Kindness Award - the first double winner in any category. This award is nominated by the children in School Council, and just shows how Phoenix is kind to everyone in the school.

*A truly wonderful quality, Phoenix – well done!!*





**Article 19: Children have the right to be protected from harm.**

# Safeguarding Children

**Keeping your child safe is our key priority at Grangetown Primary School.**

**The needs of the child come first, and in Wales, it is against the law for anyone to physically punish children.**

If your child tells a member of school staff that they have been hurt by another adult, or they are going to be hurt, then that member of staff has a duty to report this to one of the School's Designated Safeguarding Persons (DSP), Sian Chase, Nicki Herbert or Alyssa White

The DSP will sometimes need to share this information with Cardiff Children's Services for advice and support. You may be informed that this is happening unless Children's Services advise us otherwise.

**Please understand that when we do this, we are following the Wales Safeguarding Procedures and we are not making any judgements about families.**



**Think before you click  
We need your help**



When you attend a school event and we ask you to not share images on social media it really is for a good reason.

Not all families want their children's images to be shared on social media (including WhatsApp) and some families must not have their children's images on social media. There may be children in school who might be adopted, or living in foster care, or fleeing domestic violence and revealing their identity could put the child at risk of harm. This could result in the child having to move schools.

You may not know the child's background so  
**PLEASE do not share images of anyone else's child other than your own.**

We must respect that all families are entitled to privacy.

**parent line**  
If you're a parent or carer of a 5-11 Year Old  
Text your school nurse on  
**07312 263178**  
For confidential advice and support

ChatHealth CIG NHS

**New health service to support parents.** Text a school nurse, 07312 263178. Messages are monitored between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) only.

A school nurse can offer help and support for a wide range of topics, including:

- Emotional wellbeing
- Day and night time wetting
- Soiling
- Healthy eating
- Behaviour
- Relationships

The team can also arrange for you to speak with your child's school nurse if preferred.

The collage features several leaflets from the Welsh Government. The top leaflet is titled 'Ending Physical Punishment' and includes the text 'Physically punishing children to give them the message that they are wrong is against the law in Wales'. Below this, there is a leaflet titled 'Information for Parents' which discusses the legal framework for physical punishment. The bottom leaflet is titled 'Ending Physical Punishment' and includes the text 'Ending physical punishment is a key priority for the Welsh Government'. The leaflets are presented in a way that shows they are part of a larger campaign to end physical punishment in Wales.

**More translations available here:**  
<https://www.gov.wales/ending-physical-punishment-wales-information-parents>

# Health and Wellbeing at Grangetown

## Place 2 Be and Parenting Support



Hi,  
My name is Elena Popa, and I am the new Place2Be School Project Manager or, as some children call me, 'The Place2Be lady'. I haven't had the chance to meet you all, but I am looking forward to meeting you at some point in September.  
As a parent, and a play therapist, I know how hard parenting is and how much you want to help your children to achieve their best. I am grateful to be part of your children's journey through school.  
At Place2Be, we focus on helping children to make sense of their worries and difficulties and build their self-esteem and resilience for their life experiences. We are extremely proud to work in partnership with Grangetown Primary and offer our services from the school's premises.  
Place2Be has a playroom inside the school where children come to talk and think about their worries, using talking, play and creative work. Our team of counsellors support children by helping them to find ways of coping with their difficulties or troubles, so they can focus on their learning and friendship building.

**At Place2Be, we offer various services for a wide range of issues such as:**

- bullying,
- unhealthy friendships,
- low self-esteem and lack of confidence,
- bereavement and/or loss,
- parent or family breakdown,
- transition from one country to the UK, or from one school to Grangetown Primary,
- refugees and/or asylum seekers,
- neglect and/or abuse,
- war victims or witnesses, and many other issues.

Parents and carers of children in Place2Be schools can access free advice, resources and services as part of our mental health support for the whole school. Find out more at: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/>

If you want to know more about Place2Be and how we can help you and your child, please get in touch with us. Our Place2Be Team includes:

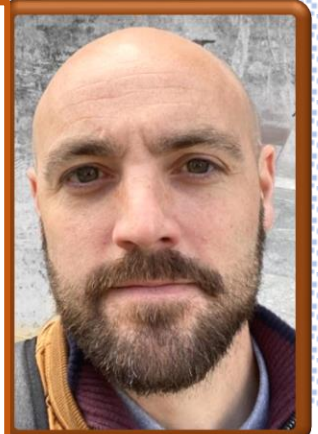
- **Elena Popa**, School Project Manager
- **Gary Carr**, Family Practitioner
- **Fatima Saleh**, Trainee Counsellor
- **Shannon Chadwick**, Trainee Counsellor
- 2 x Trainee Counsellors to start in September (TBC)



### **Gary Carr is the Family Practitioner from Place2Be**

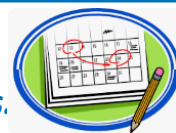
Gary supports parents at Grangetown Primary School on Thursday mornings. Gary delivers Personalised Individual Parent Training (PIPT). PIPT aims to promote positive child/parent relationships and has proven especially effective with children between four and eight years old. It involves a series of sessions, including dedicated time focused on parent and child playing together.

Gary can see parents up to 5 times between Sept-July, for parent partnership meetings. These meetings are to support you with the challenging bits of being a parent.





## Dyddiadau i'r dyddiadur Dates for the Diary



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

**September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>: INSET DAYS – School closed to children**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>: 2.15pm** infant hall – Parents/carers join us for afternoon tea and catch up with me, Sian Chase the headteacher, along with: Elena Popa our Place 2 Be Project Manager, Nicki Herbert our deputy headteacher, Alyssa White our Additional Learning Needs coordinator and Helena Lalik our Families Liaison Officer.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Y6** Swimming lessons

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sports Days for Y1-Y6** held in this week, weather allowing. Dates and times will be sent home.

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am** Parents/Carers come along, have some coffee and cake, and **meet the School Attendance Officer**

**September: Y6 parents – High School application process starts – DATES to be confirmed**

**September 28<sup>th</sup> 9am** Parents/Carers come along to a **Macmillan and flu nasal spray immunisation coffee morning** – help support a wonderful charity and have a chance to talk with the nurses about the flu immunisation.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival. Parents/Carers of Rec- Y2** welcome to attend. Donations for Oasis charity invited.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** BAFTA Kids Roadshow - visit and workshop for Y5 and 6

**October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Parents/Carers' Evenings.** A chance to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Keep an eye out for the appointment slips.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>: Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon.** Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 9am** Parents/Carers come along to a **Macmillan and flu nasal spray immunisation coffee morning** – help support a wonderful charity and have a chance to talk with the nurses about the flu immunisation.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>: Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon** – see above.

**October 19<sup>th</sup> Rec – Y6** Nasal spray flu immunisation

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

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



**October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> Half Term**



**November 13<sup>th</sup>: 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* [sian.chase@gramgetownprimary.com](mailto:sian.chase@gramgetownprimary.com)

**November 17<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need** – wear something spotty, and we invite donations for this great charity.

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

**November 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Inset Day– School closed to children**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>: Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon.** Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>: Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon** – see above.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas performances – dates to be confirmed.**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Parties – wear your Christmas jumpers, your smart clothes, your sparklies – or just your usual uniform!



**25<sup>th</sup> December-5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Christmas Holidays**



**February 5<sup>th</sup>: Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon.** Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>: Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon** – see above.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Inset Day– School closed to children**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 Half Term**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** St David's Day – Eisteddfod.

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

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Class photos



**March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 Easter Holidays**



**April 17<sup>th</sup>: Y1, Y3, Y5 Family Afternoon.** Come in and see your children's work. Have a chat with the teacher.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 Family Afternoon** – see above.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 Half Term**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Inset Day– School closed to children**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** Refugee Week

**June 24<sup>th</sup> 4G** – Swimming

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 4P** – Swimming

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** Provisional dates for Y6 Residential – to be confirmed

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 – Inset Day – School closed to children**