



St. Andrew's Primary School
learning together,
we reach for the stars

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Estyn Inspection

As you are all aware, our Estyn Inspection report was published on the 3rd April. You should all have received a copy of the Parent Summary via e-mail last week and a link to the full report. Links are also available on our school website www.standrews.wales

I just wanted to share my thanks to the whole school community for all your hard work and support..... this report is for our fabulous pupils, supportive parents and community and hardworking and dedicated staff.

What a great team! There really is no place like St. Andrews, I am so very, very proud.

Thank you, Jo Giles

Link to report:

[St Andrew's Primary School | Estyn \(gov.wales\)](http://www.standrews.wales)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th April: Year 5 Girls Menstruation talks throughout week

Thursday 18th April: Eid Celebration day – wear traditional costumes / party clothes

Thursday 18th April: 5AK class assembly – parents to attend at Connect Sports Hall

Tuesday 23rd April: TAG Rugby Tournament (girls) at Rodney Parade

Tuesday 23rd April: Farm animals (lambs) to visit Nursery sessions

Thursday 25th April: 2AL class assembly – parents to attend in Milner Hall

Tuesday 30th April: Y5/6 Cluster Sports Tournament

Thursday 2nd May: RBJ class assembly – parents to attend in Milner Hall

Friday 3rd May: School circus workshops

Saturday 4th May: Circus event on Miner field (PTFA)

Monday 6th May: School closed – Bank Holiday




Thursday 9th May: 1GH class assembly – parents to attend in Milner Hall

Attendance Prize Winners

Each week, all children who have been in school every day get entered into a 100% attendance prize draw for that week. The aim is to celebrate and reward good attendance. Every child has a fresh chance each week to win a prize.

We call this our 'Top Hat Prize Draw'!

Last week's winners were:

Foundation Phase	Key Stage 2 
	

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos - Phrase of the Week

Dere 'ma os gwelwch yn dda

Click the link below or scan the QR code to hear a member of Criw Cymraeg pronounce the Phrase of the Week and explain

when it can be used. Use this phrase at home and share a video or picture through Seesaw to earn a Dojo point.

[Phrase of the Week – Dere 'ma os gwelwch yn dda](#)



Attendance Summer Term

The summer term is a really busy time for pupils with a lot of exciting opportunities including:

- Year 6 leavers photos
- Sports days
- High school visits
- Move up morning
- School trips / onsite experiences
- Eid celebrations
- ... and so much more.

Thank you for your continued support to improve our rates of attendance. If you wish to discuss attendance at any point please make an appointment to see Mrs Small via the main office. By working together, we can ensure our pupils achieve their best.

There will be an exciting summer term attendance prize for the classes with best attendance.

Previous prizes include:

- Circus skills workshop
- Skateboard Academy
- Animal Encounters
- Speed Stacking
- Bowling

If you or your children have any ideas we would love to hear them.

Change to dinner menu



St. Andrew's Staff Visit IQRA Community Centre Mosque

On Saturday 6th April, Mr Martin, Miss Hurley and Miss Evans visited the local Mosque. A representation of staff from St. Andrew's were invited to join the local community for Iftaar. Many of our families will understand the importance of an Iftaar during Ramadam as it is when Muslims break their fast at sunset. The staff of St. Andrew's were very interested to meet with members of the local mosque as so many of our children and families from St. Andrew's attend on a regular basis. The occasion was a truly memorable!

Members of the IQRA Community Centre Mosque made staff of St. Andrew's feel most welcome and the school was able to discuss how we can collaborate further with future events and celebrations. Furthermore, the school will be inviting members from the mosque to attend St. Andrew's Eid celebration on Thursday 18th April, where members of the community will be able to attend our MUGA celebration at 2.30pm.





Termly Senedd



We held our 'Senedd' meeting last week with Mrs Giles, Mrs Charles, Mrs Nicholas, Miss Desmond, Mrs Nowaczyk, our First Ministers and our School Council representatives. We were so impressed by the amazing things accomplished by our Learning Leaders during the spring term. Take a look below to find out why!

The Learning Leaders - Senedd Update



- ★ ATTENDED 'CHWARAE YN GYMRAEG' DAY WITH THE URDD TO LEARN WELSH PLAYGROUND GAMES
- ★ ORGANISED AND SUPPORTED THE EISTEDDFOD
- ★ JUDGED EISTEDDFOD COMPETITIONS



- ★ SHARED PUPIL VERSION OF POLICIES
- ★ CAPTURED CONNECT CLASSES VIEWS TO FORM EVALUATIONS
- ★ CREATED AND SHARED QUESTIONNAIRES AND A VIDEO FOR ASSEMBLIES



- ★ SUPPORTED COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRES AT MORRISONS
- ★ VISITED MILNER CLASSES TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES



- ★ POSTERS CREATED FOR RECYCLING.
- ★ ENQUIRED ABOUT PALM OIL AND SUSTAINABLE FISH WITH CHARTWELLS.
- ★ AIR TUBE INSTALLED IN FOREST SCHOOL TO COLLECT AIR POLLUTION DATA.



- ★ MET WITH ALEX DONNE AND COMPLETED SESSIONS
- ★ POLICED BUSES TO AND FROM CONNECT
- ★ TESTED SAFETY WATER ON ITEMS TO TRACK THEM
- ★ JOINED A COMMUNITY WALK



- ★ COMPILED AN APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS AT THE CONNECT
- ★ WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE NEWSLETTER WITH SPECIAL FEATURES SUCH AS WORLD BOOK DAY AND EISTEDDFOD



- ★ CONDUCTED A SAFER INTERNET DAY COMPETITION THAT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL
- ★ CELEBRATED SAFER INTERNET DAY ACROSS THE SCHOOL
- ★ MONITORED GOOGLE CLASSROOMS AND GAVE FEEDBACK



- ★ PUBLISHED QUESTIONNAIRE TO STAFF AND LEARNERS, ANALYSED RESPONSES
- ★ VISITED PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE ICC AND RODNEY PARADE
- ★ WELCOMED NEW APPLICATIONS AND CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS FOR NEW DJS.



- ★ CONDUCTED ASSEMBLIES BASED AROUND BEING THE FIRST MINISTER OF WALES AND OUR OPINIONS ON SCHOOL DINNERS.
- ★ COLLATED OWN OPINIONS ABOUT THE MONTHLY MATTERS.
- ★ SET MISSIONS FOR CLASSES AND COLLATED THEIR OPINIONS.



- ★ VISITED CLASSROOMS AT MILNER TO INTRODUCE PLAYGROUND LEADERS
- ★ ENGAGED IN PLAY MAKERS TRAINING
- ★ SUPPORT PLAYTIMES ACROSS SITES AND TEACH NEW GAMES FOLLOWING TRAINING.

POLITE REMINDER - Parking / Dropping off and collecting children

The roads around St. Andrew's Primary school are very, very busy. We are doing our best to ensure pupils are safe at all times however parents rushing to drop children to school / collect them are causing many near misses with their vehicles.

Please could we ask that wherever possible ALL families walk to and from school. If you have to bring a vehicle, please park a few streets away from school, leaving Jenkins Street, Milner Street and Corporation Road directly outside the front of the school clear.

Please DO NOT use staff car park entrance, Milner Street gated area or resident driveways for turning cars around.

We have requested support from the Parking Enforcement Team and local Police Community support Officers – we really don't want anyone to get hurt or receive a parking fine so please be respectful.

Thank you for your continued support with this issue.



Parent / Family Information

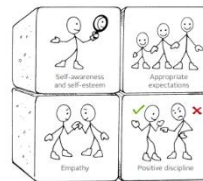
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it, and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



How Nurturing Programme parent groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now"

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a bit calmer"

"The group was fun, it's the only two hours I have for myself each week"

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected"



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including

- Understanding** why children behave as they do
- Recognising** the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring** different approaches to discipline
- Finding** ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning** the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

6-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

We provide a creche

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

where:
St. Andrew's Primary School Jenkins Street NP19 0GR

when:
Coffee morning Thursday 25th April 2024 9.10 - 10.30am

contact details:
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