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South Wales Homeless Walkabouts



Sarah Aubrey, local midwife and founder of the small charity **South Wales Homeless Walkabouts** recently collected a whole car full of donations from pupils, parents and staff.

In a special assembly, Sarah explained why she had set up her charity. Last winter she had stopped to talk to a man sleeping rough in Cardiff and offered to buy him breakfast. Despite her best efforts to encourage him to order anything at all in the café, she was surprised when he just had tea and toast. Just someone taking the time to have a conversation with him was what he really wanted.

It transpired that he had once been a teacher who had fallen on hard times and lost his home. Shunned by his family he had nowhere to go but the streets. Sarah reminded the pupils that homelessness could happen to anyone.

Sarah's charity, **South Wales Homeless Walkabouts** undertakes homeless walkabouts in local towns and cities in order to provide warm clothing, food, drinks and conversation to the homeless. Donations vary from the more obvious items such as blankets, hats, scarves and food and drink to perhaps the less obvious items such as toiletries including travel toothbrushes, toothpaste and suncream.



Sarah drove away with all the tote bags that the pupils had filled with donations before writing special messages on the outside. You can follow the charity on Facebook [@SouthWalesHomelessWalkabouts](https://www.facebook.com/SouthWalesHomelessWalkabouts)

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Developing a global mindset

Did you know that Cognita Schools Group has 70+ schools around the world in eight countries? UK, Spain, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Brazil and Chile.

This term we have continued our focus on providing children with a global education and we have created links with other Cognita schools.



On Monday 3rd June, Year 6 pupils will be flying out to Spain to link up with two other schools in the Cognita group; Oakleigh House and British School of Barcelona. They will gain a tremendous amount from this

experience through sharing language and cultural experiences.

Connecting and collaborating with peers across the world deepens our learning and builds our global perspective.



This was the view from Mrs Smart's room as Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Hier said goodbye to our visitors from Collège Saint-Gilles.



A global education is a truly rounded one

We provide a uniquely global education that goes beyond grades to develop all-round academic excellence, - building resilient minds and encouraging positive, international

perspectives. By collaborating we develop a rich learning environment in our school.

On Wednesday, 22nd May it was a beautiful day to welcome students from Collège Saint-Gilles in Nantes to our school.

All the students had a brilliant afternoon of sport organised by Mr. Gatt, Mr. Martin, Miss. Davies and Mrs. Barnard.

Thank you to all our staff and students that made our visitors feel so welcome. Everyone enjoyed tennis, football, rounders and basketball.



Junior Cross Country medallists



Our juniors (Y3 to Y6) performed really well during every one of the Bridgend Primary Schools Cross Country League 2018/19 on a Saturday morning.



In the final competition at Bryntirion Comprehensive, several of our pupils performed extremely well and were awarded positions in the elite race, and the girls' team for Year 5 and Year 6 came third overall!

Music at St Clare's

The last academic year has been a busy one for the music department.



The St Clare's Prep Choir and Chamber Choir performed as part of the Rotary Club's Christmas Tree festival at All Saints Church. Both choirs then joined forces with GCSE and Sixth form music students, GCSE drama students and Year 7 to perform our biggest Christmas Concert to date, the highlight of which was a 15-minute Christmas medley arranged by Mr Staddon.

Prep School pupils receiving peripatetic music lessons hosted their annual Spring concert in April, with a closing performance from the Prep School Choir.

New music clubs for September

Several new music clubs will be commencing in September 2019. **'Music Jam'** is a Year 7 – 9 group for any musician or singer, and **'Soul Band'** is open to pupils from Years 7 – 13. Please contact Mr Staddon for more information about the groups.



At St Clare's, we offer peripatetic tuition for voice, piano and guitar. This year over 26 pupils have been entered for music exams including ABRSM Classical Singing, LCM Musical Theatre Performance, Trinity Classical Guitar, Rockschoool Guitar and ABRSM and LCM Piano exams ranging from preparatory tests all the way to Grade 8. Pictured left are Isabella, Olivia and Delyth who all received Distinctions for their Step 1 Music Theatre Exams.

Many of our older pupils go on to continue their music studies at university.

If you would like more information regarding peripatetic music lessons at St Clare's, then please contact Mrs Layland. Spaces for lessons will be available from September 2019.

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ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, 9th June

11am—4pm
£2 per adult (with free raffle ticket)
£1 per child
Everyone welcome!

live music
food & drink
rides
stalls
and so much more

Monkey Music Party Wednesday, 12th June 2-3pm



Looking for the right nursery for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make. Let your little one join our Monkey Music Part whilst we show you what makes us a Daynurseries.co.uk Top 20 Recommended Daynursery for Wales (2018). Read our reviews here <https://bit.ly/2JfazKM>

*"Amazing nursery, my little one enjoys going in every day. The teaching staff are supportive. They are simply exceptional."
(Parent of Nursery pupil, 2019)*



Nine year old Chloe's charity walk

Year 4 pupil Chloe undertook a gruelling 24-mile charity walk on Saturday to help a local medical centre's campaign to raise money for a thyroid cancer support group.

She saw that the Porthcawl Group Practice was raising money for the thyroid cancer support group, which plays a hugely important role providing a network of support for people with that cancer.

Thyroid cancer is something that is close to 9 year old Chloe's heart, because her auntie had previously been affected by it.

Local endocrine surgeon, Mr Richard Egan, recently ran the London Marathon to raise money for the charity. Inspired by this, Chloe started her fundraising by baking cakes and selling them to family and friends, raising £38 which she took to the surgery where they were selling raffle tickets for the cause. Several days later she received a letter and thank you card from Mr Egan.

But Chloe didn't stop there and decided she wanted to raise even more money. She decided to do a sponsored walk from Porthcawl Group Practice to Aberavon and back. Richard Egan offered to do the walk with her and contacted the Gem and the Gazette newspapers to cover her story. Also joining Chloe on her walk were mum Clare and dad Darren and supporters of the group. Chloe's auntie also joined them for as much of the walk as she could manage.

Chloe aimed to raise £2,000 for the group but she has already reached her target because so many people have been touched by her sheer grit and determination.

Chloe has a justgiving page.

The link is: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DarrenCollett1/1?>



Happy half-term reading!



This is Year 7 on the last day before half-term, rooting through a load of books from the English department. They were offered the chance of up to 5 books each to take home and keep or to pass on to relatives. We had a clear out in the department to make way for new things. Happy half term reading!

Good luck to Year 11 with your GCSEs!



Farewell Afternoon Tea for Year 13

Good luck to our amazing Year 13 who had their final “official” teaching day last Friday and a lovely afternoon tea in the dining hall. To those who couldn’t be there and whose exams have already finished, have a relaxing summer and for those whose exams are about to begin, we wish you all the luck in the world. Tears were shed, of both joy at what’s ahead and sadness at what’s left behind. All the students received a lucky sixpence from Headteacher, Mrs Helen Hier.



Kwik Cricket Tournament

A fantastic day was had by Year 4, 5 and 6 girls at Newbridge Fields for our cricket tournament last week. Lots of fun, progress and fantastic sportsmanship by all.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition



From 1st-3rd July, Year 10 students will be undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition on the Gower Coast, with the option to stay in a bunkhouse this time, so no need to strike camp

Congratulations!



Year 7 pupil Samuel D played for Pontyclun RFC (his club side) in the final of the Cardiff Blues Cup competition at the Arms Park.

The final was played after a 4 team league format – winners went through to cup competition and runners up went through to plate competition. Pontyclun beat three sides in league: St Peters, Merthyr and Pontypridd. They beat Llandaff North at Merthyr RFC ground in Semi Finals, Cambrian at Sardis Road, Pontypridd in Quarter Finals and finally a fantastic win against the favourites CRICC at the Arms Park, Cardiff.

Pontyclun were presented with individual medals and the Land Rover Blues Cup by the Cardiff Blues player Ellis Jenkins.

The cup final may be shown on S4C – but it is currently on Youtube.

Congratulations!



Y5 pupil Joe P took part in the boys under 10s mini mile in Brighton in April. Out of 152 runners, Joe came joint 6th with a time of 6 minutes and 26 seconds.

Joe will be taking part again next year when he is hoping to beat this year's record.



Don't forget to tell us your news from outside of school. Whether it's on or off the sports field, we want to hear about it! Email holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk so that we can give our talented pupils the recognition they deserve.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	
Monday, 3 rd June	First day back after half-term
	Year 6 Barcelona trip departs
Friday, 7 th June	Nursery Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, 9 th June	Family Fun Day 11-4pm
Monday, 10 th June	Internal exams week (Years 7 – 10)
Wednesday, 12 th June	Open Morning starts at 9:00am Book here https://bit.ly/2izMW2p
	Monkey Music Party 2-3pm
Wed, 19 th to Fri, 21 st June	KS2 trip to Acorn Adventure
Friday, 28 th June	Annual Awards Day (Year 9 – 13 pupils)
Mon, 1 st - Wed 3 rd July	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition to Gower
Thursday, 4 th July	Summer Art Exhibition
Friday, 12 th July	Break up
Thursday, 15 th August	A-Level Results Day
Thursday, 22 nd August	GCSE Results Day
Monday, 2 nd September	INSET Day # 1
Tuesday, 3 rd September	INSET Day #2
Wednesday, 4 th September	Autumn Term begins

REMINDERS

- ✚ If you change your details, please inform the School Secretary immediately.
- ✚ If your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Family Fun Day
Sunday, 9th June 11- 4pm