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Unlocking the potential for every child to become a lifelong learner

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Welcome to the Radyr Report!

Welcome to our latest edition of the Radyr Report, our school newsletter that celebrates the achievements, creativity, and community spirit of our pupils, staff and school. It's been a busy term filled with activities, as you will see as you read through the newsletter. I have also sent out a copy of the results of the parental feedback that was given when pupil progress profiles went out at the end of the summer term. A huge thank you to all parents who have given feedback, the results are excellent and thank you to the parents I have since spoken to who had some excellent suggestions on how we can continue to improve our school. We are constantly looking to improve what we offer so if you do have any suggestions please do let us know, either on the gate, by phone or email.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our school thrive.

Lloyd Thomas
Acting Headteacher

Radyr Primary in Action

Orchestra

Our fantastic new orchestra/music makers group have been meeting every Tuesday at 8:15 and they sound absolutely beautiful. It's a truly unique experience to explore a range of different instruments including the lap harps. They are looking forward to performing two songs during an assembly after half term and we can't wait to hear them!

We are extremely grateful to Mr Crompton and Mrs Fairplay for giving up their time and offering such a lovely music opportunity for our pupils at Radyr. If you are interested in joining the music makers group, please contact the school office.



Epic Explorers in Year 5

In year 5, a highlight of this term has been learning about a variety of diverse and inspiring explorers including Bessie Coleman, Neil Armstrong and Matthew Henson. We have loved learning about their lives, and looking up to them as role models to teach us about essential life skills such as team work, resilience and independence. We have also written detailed biographies of our favourite explorers, using ambitious vocabulary to demonstrate our admiration for their accomplishments and their determination to overcome obstacles. We've channeled this learning to help us become more effective team mates and role models ourselves. We can't wait to continue exploring next half term!

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Year 2 Expressive Arts Project

This term, Year 2 have been taking part in a very exciting 10-week Expressive Arts project – and what a fantastic journey it has been so far! As part of the project, the children have been learning to play two beautiful string instruments: the viola and the cello. Each week, the children have been introduced to new techniques and musical skills, from holding the instruments correctly to playing their very first notes. It's been a joy to watch their confidence grow as they become more familiar with the instruments and begin to play together as a group. The sessions have been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of smiles. There's been a real sense of teamwork and encouragement as everyone supports each other and celebrates their progress. Not only have the children enjoyed the music-making itself, but they've also been developing important skills such as listening, patience, and perseverance. We are only part way through our project, and already it's clear how much everyone is gaining from this experience. Year 2 have shown great enthusiasm and a real love for learning through music. We can't wait to see – and hear – how much more they will achieve in the coming weeks!

Street Wise

Year 6 were very lucky to have a visit from the Street Wise road safety team earlier this term. We watched some videos which highlighted some of the dangers to be aware of when walking. This is really useful to us as lots of us already walk to school and will be walking to High School next year. We went for a walk where we learnt to check where to safely cross the road in our local area and how to check that vehicles had stopped on both sides of the road before using a zebra crossing.

We enjoyed using the app and route planner on the ipads that showed us how we could use the Cardiff Bus timetables to be able to plan our journeys. We have no excuse to be late for school now because we were also shown how to check which number is the school bus and how to plan an alternate route!

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Parking Enforcement on Park Road

For information, 11 Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) were issued in September for parking contraventions on Park Road.

The figures are reducing slowly so that's good news for pedestrian safety.

Parking or stopping to pick up/drop off on the white zig zags at a pedestrian crossing is illegal at any time.

Parking or stopping to pick up/drop off on School Keep Clear markings is illegal Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm.

Parking here restricts access to the school and reduces visibility for pedestrians and oncoming traffic, putting our children and families at risk.
Please help us stay safe by parking legally and responsibly.

Many thanks
Claire Lewis

Swyddog Arweinol (Ysgolion Teithio Llesol) / Lead Officer (Active Travel Schools)
Cynllunio, Trafnidaeth a'r Amgylchedd / Planning, Transport and Environment

Christmas Panto

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council

Present

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Morganstown Village Hall

Weds 17th Dec

6 p.m. to 7.45

Tickets £2 from Michael Graham Young
Station Road, Radyr.

Sporting Success



Year 5 & 6 Rugby Match Report – Away at Llandaff City

An Exciting First Fixture of the Season!

On an energetic afternoon, our Year 5 and 6 rugby teams travelled to Llandaff City for their very first fixture of the season and what a match it was!

From the very first whistle, it was clear that the players were eager to put their training into action. There was a real sense of purpose and enthusiasm on the pitch, and every player whether experienced or new to the game gave it their all. It was particularly inspiring to see several pupils playing in their first ever competitive rugby match. Despite the nerves, they rose to the occasion with determination, courage, and a fantastic attitude. Teamwork was the standout feature of the day. Players communicated well, supported each other at every opportunity, and never gave up. The spirit of togetherness and sportsmanship was a joy to watch, and it made a real difference throughout the game. Every player should feel incredibly proud of their contribution.

We are now looking forward to a rugby festival after half term, where the players will have the exciting opportunity to showcase their talents against other schools. Well done again to everyone involved in a fantastic start to the rugby season!

Mr Richards



Nursery Enrichment Day- Very Messy



This term, our children took part in an exciting and hands-on Enrichment Day, where they had the opportunity to explore the wonders of clay through Froebel's Occupations. The theme of the day was centered around creativity, expression, and learning through play, which Froebel himself championed.

Mrs. Williams and the children were fully immersed in the process, getting their hands, feet and clothes wonderfully messy. Froebel's Occupations are designed to nurture a child's natural curiosity and imagination, and this Enrichment Day gave our children the space to express themselves freely and engage with each other in a collaborative, joyful environment. It was a day full of creativity, laughter, and learning.

Mrs Williams

Sewing and Knitting Enrichment Day



During our first enrichment day of the year, year 3 and year 4 were very productive, making pom pom, weaving bowls, knitting bobble hats and stuffed animals. The patience and resilience on show was amazing. We are hugely grateful to our adult volunteers who helped to make all this possible in one day!



Life of a Chickpea- Year 6



The Life of a Chick Pea

We have been learning about politics in year 6, including finding out about types of government around the world. Visitors from the Dialogue Society came into school to talk to us about democracy and British values. We found the idea of imagining ourselves to be a chick pea as lots of fun. We thought about different recipes and whether the chick pea became blended and lost its flavour or remained distinctive but did not fit together very well. This helped us to understand that we could be like a chick pea - we need to keep our individuality whilst also being able to work together. It was interesting to hear Rev Mary from Christ Church and Mr Yoldas from our local Muslim community share their beliefs. Year 6 had a very thoughtful discussion about tolerance and respect for everyone. We also enjoyed tasting 'Noah's Pudding' which we thought was the perfect chick pea recipe!

Mr Rees, Mrs Turner and Ms Jones

Diwali. New starts in reception



Year 3 have enjoyed learning all about Diwali, the festival of light. We have compared the traditions of Diwali with other festivals. We worked very carefully and showed great perseverance when we made our diva lamps. We are very proud of our creative Diwali elephants.

Mrs Riley and Miss Halder-Beavis

Reception Class

All of the Reception class have settled well into their new classes and school routines. We have enjoyed a half term of playing, getting to know each other and making lots of new friends. We have explored our new environments and have really enjoyed ourselves!



Cycling Enrichment Day- By Effie Year 6



For enrichment day we went on a long cycle to Cardiff Bay and back, it was really fun. One of the great things about this cycle is if your pace isn't as fast as anyone else, teachers will stay back and ride with you. Everyone was really kind and supportive and if you don't have a bike, you can borrow one of the school bikes.

The best part of cycling was the exercise and fresh air but also the ice cream at the end because you can choose ANY flavour (I got salted caramel!). I loved riding along the barrage because we had a race all the way along, it was really cold and the wind was pushing against my face.

To go cycling, you need to have a bike that has working gears as you go up loads of hills and you will need to change them a lot. You can see diverse animals when cycling at Cardiff Bay, including various birds like herons, swans, ducks, and warblers in the wetlands, and fish such as carp, bream, and eels in the water. You might also spot dragonflies and moths and, with great luck, otters along the nearby rivers.

Overall, I recommend Cycling in year 5 and 6 because it is a really exciting experience and something I will never forget. Enrichment days are always lots of fun but this is definitely my favourite. I'm so glad Radyr Primary provide a range of enrichment activities for us all.

Queries and answers

I had a query regarding the voluntary contribution for water from a parent this week.

To explain this charge, the school pay a fee to have water coolers installed so all pupils are able to access cool, filtered water. This comes at a cost so we charge this voluntary contribution to help cover what we are charged. It is not tap water and we do not cover the costs with the voluntary contributions but it does help us use our budgeted money on our pupils.

Several parents have mentioned having dates provided at the start of the year has helped them to plan the year and time off for them. Thank you for this feedback.

We have also had several parents mention having Christmas concert dates early allows them to book in time off. Thank you for feeding this back so we can make things easier and put dates in early. We are reliant on parent feedback very often for this so if there is something we have overlooked or that would make your jobs easier please do let us know. There is no guarantee we can make it happen but it is worth asking the question!

Mission Update - Radyr Primary in Action

Attendance MATTERS

Every day counts and every minute matters!

Attendance is a priority for us at Radyr Primary School. Help us ensure your child achieves their full potential by making sure they are in school every day, on time, ready to learn.

Punctuality

- Our school day starts at 9am. Please make sure your child is on time.
- Just being 5 minutes late every day adds up to missing 3 whole days of school a year.

First Day Back

 Monday, 3 November

 09.00 AM



Here to help!

If you need any help with the cost of living crisis we are here for you.

How?

Food parcels

School uniform

Access to a device and wifi

(with support for filling in forms for benefits)

School uniform

If you don't feel you want to pop in and let us know you need help please email the address below and we will discreetly get in touch.

radyrprm@cardiff.gov.uk

All things PTA



The PTA & Community Parliament have had a very busy start to the term, helping to organise and promote the PTA Quiz night and Halloween Disco. Diolch yn fawr iawn to all of the parents who helped or attended. Altogether so far this term, the PTA has raised over £2500.

Our next event will be the **Christmas Shopping Evening on 27 of November**, please come along to show your support and purchase some wonderful gifts from our stall holders. We are also looking for community groups or organisations that could link with the school in some way, so please get in touch if this applies to you.

The pictures above show what some of the money we raised previously have been spent on, outdoor learning space in the year 1 and year 4 area and outdoor, sturdy blocks for use across the school.

We are now raising money for an outdoor learning space for the year 6 area, as well as a wish list from pupils including new netball posts, rugby kit and various sports equipment.

A huge thank you to parents who have donated prizes to help with our fundraising. Mr and Mrs Hannington who donated afternoon tea and Mr and Mrs Coleman who donated tickets for Cardiff City Vs Reading and a signed football.



Open Day for new reception and nursery parents- please share.

NEW Nursery and Reception parents

OPEN DAY

at Radyr Primary School
13th November 2025



See our vision in action - 'Unlocking the potential of all pupils to become lifelong learners'

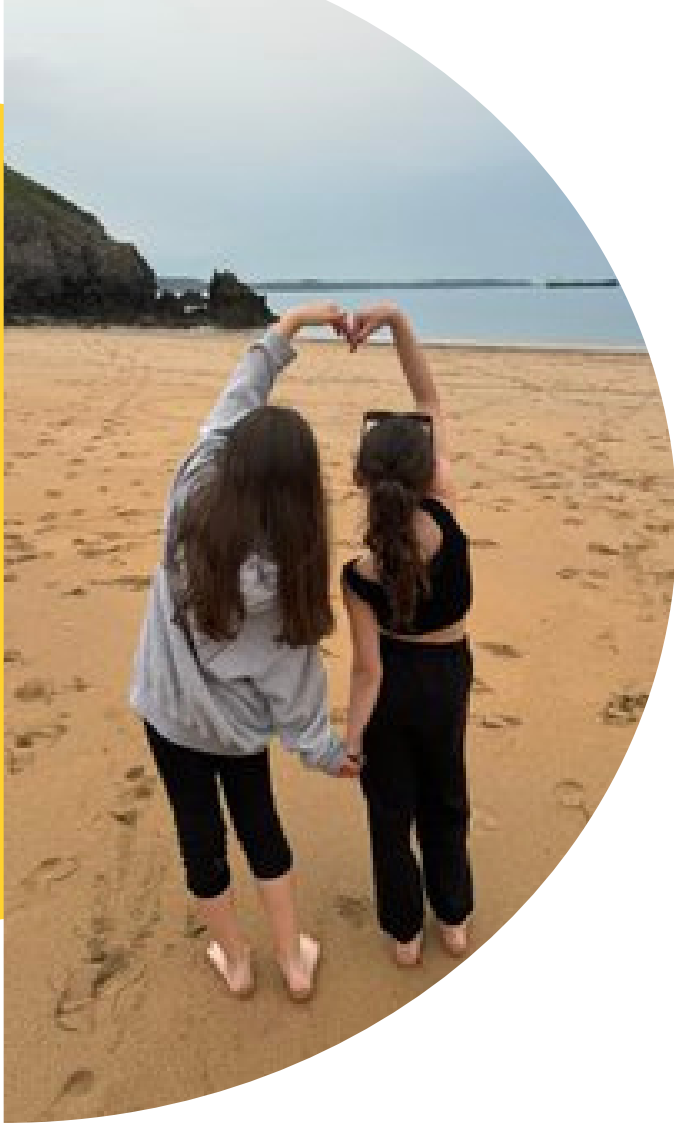
Connect with the Headteacher of Radyr Primary, Senior Leaders, and the Chair of Governors while exploring our fantastic Nursery and Reception settings.

Select a time slot: either 9:30 - 10:30 AM or 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

Fill out the Google form to show your interest in visiting us.

Secure your spot by scanning the QR code or contacting the school office at DHeathfield@cardiff.gov.uk





Keep in Touch

We're here to answer your questions and guide you through through your child's journey at Radyr Primary School. Please keep in touch through the various options below.

Contact Information

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Email - radyrprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Website - [Radyr Primary School](https://www.radyrprimaryschool.org.uk)

Useful Apps to stay up to date

X - @RadyrPrimary School (soon to be replaced with Instagram).

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