

GASC Newsletter

Taflen Newyddion GASC

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Appropriate Clothing

Hopefully, after some indifferent weather of late, the weather is going to improve. The Welsh weather being so unpredictable, please could you ensure that your child wears practical footwear and a coat to run about and play outside. GASC likes to embrace the outside as much as possible. It can be glorious one minute and pouring down the next.

Ice Cream Fridays

To ensure that the children that attend the Friday afternoon session at GASC don't miss out on being able to buy an ice cream from the school gate sold by the school's Frogs committee, the children coming to GASC will be able to have some ice cream at snack time free of charge.

Fund Raising

GASC will have a stall at Goytre Village Hall on Sunday 7th of May for the coronation celebrations. Any unwanted gifts would be appreciated for our stall.

Why don't you come and visit us on our stall. GASC is a charity so we take every opportunity to fund raise. Any money raised will be used to purchase items to enhance our outside space.

Incidental Welsh Language

GASC continues to use incidental Welsh e.g. bore da (good morning), diolch (thank you), rhifau (numbers) 1 to 20, lliwiau (colours), coch (red), glas (blue), du (black), melyn (yellow), etc.

Some bi-lingual posters are on display and a book or game, which will be either bi-lingual or in the Welsh language, will be out each session.

When GASC had its last inspection the use of the Welsh language was highlighted as needing to be improved, so all the staff are trying to increase the amount of the Welsh language being used.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 25th of April at 6:15 pm. in the Community Centre.

The AGM is open to all members of GASC, i.e. the first named parent on the registration form.

Anyone interested in joining our committee please come along and have your say and put forward your ideas for the running and development of GASC. Meetings are held once every half term.

Numbers

Some sessions at GASC are full especially Tuesday afternoons. GASC is registered for no more than 32 children at each session. The ratio of one member of staff to eight children for the under 8s and 1:10 for 8 and over. These ratios are set in law by the Welsh Government and are enforced by the CIW (Care Inspectorate Wales).

Bookings are allocated on a first come first served basis and GASC would be grateful if you would book and pay half termly in advance, which would reduce the amount of administration considerably, however, GASC will always try to be flexible. If you just turn up at the gate GASC cannot guarantee a place.

Sheds

GASC was successful in applying for grant to supply two sheds, one is a shelter to provide a place for children to play when the weather is inclement, complete with benches. The other to store outside play loose parts.



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Online Booking

GASC is now using an online booking system, and there are a few glitches.

If you have problems using the system, please take a note of the problem and email Roger with the details.

Please do not use it to make it last minute bookings, instead contact Joan, we could be full.

Junk Modelling

Any arts and crafts materials, small boxes, shoe boxes, plastic milk bottle tops, cotton reels, ribbon, fabric scraps, straws, paper, wool, etc. that are clean and safe for the children to use would be welcome for our large junk modelling / craft corner. GASC is continually on the hunt for interesting items to spark the children's imagination to make wonderful art and sculptures

Cameras

Please could I remind all parents/carers GASC does not allow any cameras to be brought into the Club and used by the children. Some parents have not given their permission for their child to be photographed.

Staff Vacancy

GASC is looking for a new member of staff to help in the Before and After school club.

The position is for a person to help with the catering of snack time and breakfast, also help support the play workers if needed.

It is a part time permanent post working Monday to Friday in term time and in the school holidays for about 10 hours per week.

The person needs to be 18 or over and be willing to undergo training. An Enhanced DBS check will be required.

Joanne

Joanne continues with her level 3 certificate in Play Work at a pace. She has just had her Play Sector online study course entry level 1 certificate from Work Welsh Camau This is now a requirement to complete the diploma in Play Work Level 3.

Now all staff have been on courses at various levels to learn Welsh.

If we are stuck Mr Small from the school is willing to help, as well as some parents who are fluent in Welsh.

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Bank Holiday

GASC is **NOT** open from the 29th of May to the 2nd of June

Inset days

Friday 30th June 2023

Summer Holiday Club:

Monday 24th of July to

Friday 18th of August 2023

5 days a week for 4 weeks

New Academic Year

GASC will reopen Monday 4th September

Questionnaires

Parent /carer questionnaires will soon be available to provide GASC with feedback on the service provided. The feedback is a requirement of CIW and is used to complete the Quality of Care report.

The children also have a questionnaire to complete on how they think of their time at GASC.

GASC is also going back to evaluating activities with the children.

Hopefully, GASC can revive the children's committee in September so they can have their say.

Enquiries

All enquiries to: Joan Howells, Senior Play Leader, GASC, School Lane, Penperlleni, Nr Pontypool, Monmouthshire, NP4 0AH. Telephone (01873) 880342 Mobile 07855 706173

Opening Times

Before School Club

7:30 a.m. to 9:00a.m. Cost £3.60

After School Club

3:30to 6:00 p.m. Cost £7.20

All Day Club

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

half a day (5 hours) £14.40

school day £18.00

full day £21.60 .

Holiday Club

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

half a day (5 hours) £14.40

school day £18.00

full day £21.60.

Staff

Senior Play Leader

Joan Howells

Play Leader

Diane Griffiths

Play Leader

Joanne Jones

Catering Assistant and Play leader

Linda Robinson

Committee

Chair	Mike Page
Vice-chair	Rhianne Pollard
Secretary	Kate Morris
Treasurer	Kate Sheppard
Members	Joanne Child
	Michelle North-Jones
Registered Person	Roger Howells

Non-voting Members Joan Howells

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