

13th October 2023

Consultation Update – a letter from Cardiff LA

I have highlighted relevant St Monica's content in yellow

Dear Parent/Guardian

Primary School Places to serve Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd

We wrote to you previously regarding the consultation on revised proposals for primary school provision to serve Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd.

A report on the consultation will be considered by the Council Cabinet at its meeting on 19 October 2023.

The report informs Cabinet of the responses received during the consultation, the issues raised, the Council's response to these and recommendations on the way forward.

In the report the Cabinet is recommended to authorise officers to publish a statutory notice to:

- Transfer Ysgol Mynydd Bychan to the current Allensbank Primary School site.
- Increase the capacity of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan from 192 places (0.9 Forms of Entry) to 420 places (2 Forms of Entry) and increase the number of nursery places at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan from 64 to 96.
- Amalgamate Allensbank and Gladstone Primary Schools:
 - Formally Close Allensbank Primary School.
 - Formally Close Gladstone Primary School.
 - Establish a new 420 place (2 Forms of Entry) English-medium Primary School with nursery on the current shared Gladstone Primary School / St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School site.

The proposed changes would take effect from September 2025.

The publication of the statutory notice is subject to the agreement of the Governing Body of St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School to also proceed to publish its proposals to transfer St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School to the current Ysgol Mynydd Bychan site and establish nursery provision at the school, from September 2025.

An update on the proposals will be provided following the Cabinet meeting.

The report is available to view on the Council website from 6.00 pm on 13 October 2023 and can be accessed via the link below:

www.cardiff.gov.uk/CathaysGabalfaPrimarySchools

An update on the proposed changes will be provided following the consideration of the consultation reports by the Cabinet and the Governing Body of St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School respectively.

If you have any queries regarding the proposed changes, please contact the School Organisation Planning Team on 029 2087 2720 or via email at schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Yours faithfully



Brett Andrewartha
School Organisation Programme Planning Manager

Thank You Miss Meyer!!!

If you would like to also help Miss Meyer meet her fundraising target for St Monica's please click on the link to her GoFundMe page – she's raised a whopping £630 so far already!!!.

Supporting St Monicas!

£630 raised of £1,000 target

22 donations

Share

Donate now



 Emma Meyer is organising this fundraiser.

Hi, I'm Emma (Miss Meyer) and I will be taking part in the Nice half marathon on Sunday 5th November. I will be running to help raise money for St Monica's CIW Primary School. I recently joined St Monica's in September and it is where I will be undertaking my placement for the academic year.

Since joining the school I have been able to see how much all the amazing staff care about all of the wonderful children who attend St Monica's. The teachers put so much effort into making the school amazing and this does not stop with just the lessons they deliver, teachers spend their money on resources for the children to make the most of their learning. I would love to be able to help the teachers and the children out, by raising some money in order to provide some extra/ necessary resources, be it equipment for after school clubs or general class resources.

Please help me in supporting this wonderful school & help me raise some money to be spent on some resources to give the children.

Thank you!!

Ever wondered what teachers get up to on an INSET day...?

All staff in St Monica's went to the National Education Show where they went to at least 3 seminars each, covering a really wide range of topics from literacy and numeracy teaching to attachment disorder and improving children's wellbeing. They also visited all of the stalls, tried to get some freebies for school. Everything that staff have learned is now being shared within each Step, it's wonderful to see how everyone learns and SHINES in school!







VOTE FOR US!!!

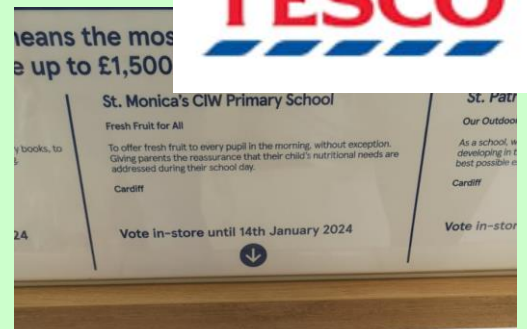


We are delighted say that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts as been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. **Vote now until Mid January 2024.**

St. Monica's CIW Primary School - Fresh Fruit for All

To offer fresh fruit to every pupil in the morning, without exception. Giving parents the reassurance that their child's nutritional needs are addressed during their school day.

All you need to do is pick up a blue voting token – in any Tesco store in Cardiff, and drop it into the St Monica's slot in the plastic voting station which is usually by the entrance of each store.



Booking Lunches

Please could parents **book lunch for their child the day before they need it** – it takes up a huge amount of time each day for teachers to ask each child what they would like. Parents are able to book lunches and make menu choices a week in advance. **Please do this using Parent Pay.**

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



Booking your child's meal is essential!

Snack Money

We provide a daily fruit snack for each child in the school for **£1 per week**, this is subsidised by the school. Please can any payments be made via Parent Pay. Payment can be made either weekly or half termly and a reminder text goes to all parents each week – if you have already paid please do not be offended. If you do not wish for your child to have a fruit snack please let us know.



St. Monica's STEP 1



St Monica's Step 2-Year2 & 3
WhatsApp group



ST. MONICA'S STEP 3 GROUP
WhatsApp group



Weblinks to important parts of the school website – click on the pictures

The St Monica's Curriculum

A Parent's Guide

Helping Hands

**St Monica's Pupil
Voice**

Contact details for staff

We MUCH prefer a face-to-face chat rather than an email, however, we know that for some parents, getting hold of us at the right time can be tricky.

For questions about Parent Pay or music lessons contact Mrs Fedorova:

Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk

To make an appointment to speak directly with (or see) the Head Teacher contact Miss Williams:

Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk

To email the Head Teacher: [Mrs Cuthbert](mailto:Mrs.Cuthbert)

To email the Deputy Head Teacher: mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Miss Hampson: misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 3 Mr Thomas: mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Mrs Irwin: mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk

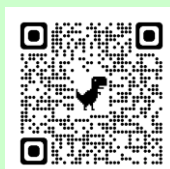
We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp group for their child's year group really helpful too.

Links to the School Website – for up to date information about what your child is learning in school, PE days and ANY homework they may have

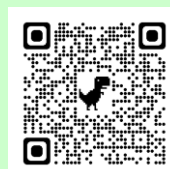
Step 1 Web Pages



Step 2 Web Pages



Step 3 Web Pages



Dates for your diary

Children have missed so much face-to-face teaching time already due to the pandemic and no one is sure of what may happen regarding future lockdowns or strike action. I will not authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday 16 th Oct	Tuesday 17 th Oct	Wednesday 18 th Oct	Thursday 19 th Oct	Friday 20 th Oct
Colorfoto – individual and family portraits Y6 swimming	10.35 Mr Gidney for Worship Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming
Monday 23 rd Oct	Tuesday 24 th Oct	Wednesday 25 th Oct	Thursday 26 th Oct	Friday 27 th Oct
Y6 swimming	Step 1 and Y2 Designed to Smile – fluoride varnish Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming 2pm Step 2 Parents – Space Afternoon with children	11am Vision & Values GB meeting Y6 swimming 4pm Standards GB meeting 5.30pm Extra GB meeting re consultation	9am Helping Hands at The Table Y6 swimming
Half Term Break – no school for 1 week				
Monday 6 th Nov	Tuesday 7 th Nov	Wednesday 8 th Nov	Thursday 9 th Nov	Friday 10 th Nov
Breakfast Club doors open at 8.10am		Film Club & Y6 to the Film Festival 10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 3.30 – 4.30 Maths for Parents workshop (CLIC and SAFE)	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	

Monday 13 th Nov	Tuesday 14 th Nov	Wednesday 15 th Nov	Thursday 16 th Nov	Friday 17 th Nov
		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		Children in Need Day Spotty Dress Up / wear a spotty mask Suggested donation = £1, money raised to Children in Need
Monday 20 th Nov	Tuesday 21 st Nov	Wednesday 22 nd Nov	Thursday 23 rd Nov	Friday 24 th Nov
Universal Free School Meals start for children in Year 4	Y1, 2 and 3 to the Film Festival	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship	Y6 to Crucial Crew in Llandaff 4pm Full Governing Body meeting	9am Helping Hands at The Table
Monday 27 th Nov	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Thursday 30 th Nov	Friday 1 st Dec
	9.30 Bumbles of Honeywood Y3 10.35 Mr Akrill for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		
Monday 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 4.30 Family Film Night	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec
Dress rehearsals	2pm Step 2 Christmas production	10am Step 2 Christmas Production 2pm Step 1 Christmas Production	10am Step 1 Christmas Production 2pm Step 3 Christmas Production	10am Step 3 Christmas Production
Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec	Wednesday 20 th Dec	Thursday 21 st Dec	Friday 22 nd Dec
		1.30 Community Carols at The Table 6pm School Carol Concert at St Michael's Church	10.30 Step 3 to Sherman Theatre to see Peter Pan 11am Steps 1 & 2 to Sherman Theatre to see Hansel & Gretel	Last day of term – no school for 2 weeks
Christmas Break – no school for 2 weeks Children return to school on TUESDAY 9th January				