

Dear Parent or Guardian

Following a successful 'Well-being' week and Sports' Day, we are thrilled to host a visit from a Great Britain athlete on Thursday 25th June. We are excited to announce that **Nerys Pearce, a Commonwealth Para-athlete**, will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit** with all pupils, followed by a **motivational assembly** and **Q&A** session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their **passion in life**.



NERYS PEARCE

Commonwealth Games Athlete

Nerys, a multi-talented athlete, has won medals in track and field, handcycling, swimming, basketball and weightlifting at the Warrior and Invictus Games. She represented Wales in Para-Powerlifting at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and smashed British and World records in indoor rowing, showcasing her diverse talents and relentless drive.

Nerys served as a Medic in the army however was left paralysed from the chest down following an accident in London in 2008. Her top tip is "Always try again: success comes after many failed attempts". Her motto is "Be better tomorrow than you are today" and her next project is to swim the English Channel solo.

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Their athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end!

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and **raise money to purchase new sports equipment** in our school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

Fundraising for the event will begin TODAY when the children will be bringing home a **sponsorship form** so make sure to check their bags for this! There are even some fun games on the back of the forms – don't forget to enter the Great Athletes competition by emailing a photo of the completed sponsorship form to hello@greatathletes.org.

To sponsor your child, you can bring in cash with the sponsorship form, or you can donate online by following this link: <https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing> and following the instructions below. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- **Raise any money:** an A5 sheet of motivational stickers
- **Raise £10 or more:** a blue Great Athletes wristband
- **Raise £25 or more:** a blue wristband and a red wristband with Nerys Pearce's signature
- **Raise £50 or more:** all of the above, plus a signed Nerys Pearce poster

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1 week** after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on Thursday 25th June in their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event which will allow us to buy more sports equipment.

Kind regards

Mrs Wiffen

To set up a fundraising page for your child to kickstart their sponsorship journey! You can follow the instructions below, or watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/1148909287>

1. Go to the Great Athletes website <https://greatathletes.org/>
2. Click on 'set up a fundraising page':



3. Click on 'find my school'.
4. Start typing your school name and select your school from the dropdown – check that the postcode matches!

Find your school's event

1. Start typing your school's name or postcode.
2. Once your school's name pops up - click on it (it can take a few seconds, please be patient).
3. Click 'Go to event'.

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Go to event

5. This should take you to a page with your school's name at the top and information about your visiting athlete. Click on set up a fundraising page.



6. Create an account by filling in your details.
7. Enter your child's details and click publish. You can sponsor your child straight away so type in your name and the amount you'd like to sponsor and you're all set - you can also share this page with friends and family!

