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End of Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and exciting developments that have taken place at Trinity Fields School. As you all know, I am exceptionally proud to lead the school and whilst the building work has meant making some compromises, I am very excited about the facilities that will be available across all sites during the Spring. I am so sorry that our Christmas concerts looked different this year and we couldn't host parents in school. This was because the hall is under major construction. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Building and Facilities

Our roof replacement programme is progressing well and remains on schedule despite some challenges caused by recent flooding. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this essential work. I will write with further specific information in due course but phase 4 of 5 will start on 5th January with phase 5 starting on 19th January. We will make the necessary moves over the holidays and during the INSET Day on 5th January. The entire project is still due for completion in mid-March. I anticipate the hydrotherapy pool coming back into use in mid-January.

In other developments, we have nearly completed our new pond/forest school area on the main site. I can't wait to see pupils engage in further outdoor learning opportunities including Forest School, shelter building, pond dipping etc... In addition, we have upgraded a number of hygiene areas and redecorated another corridor and associated classrooms. In Heolddu, Ty Isaf and Deri satellites, we have worked with the host schools to improve facilities in playgrounds. We have also completed designs for improvements to the Pontllanfraith satellite external areas which will be implemented in the Spring term.

Staff Achievements

We are proud to share that one of our teachers has been published in the *PMLD Link* journal, showcasing the expertise and dedication within our team. In addition, we have continued to invest heavily in staff development with many members completing important mandatory training in addition to specialist interventions including MSI Intervenor, Colourful Semantics, Read, Write Inc, Elklan, Lego Therapy, Trauma Informed School Diploma, Attention Autism, PDA to name but a few.

Technology and Learning

We are delighted to announce the arrival of five new Eye Gaze devices, which will further enhance communication and learning opportunities for our pupils. I am also delighted with the way our ICT



and digital competence provision is developing across the school. We have a specialist teaching assistant who works as part of the N-GAGE team who champions ICT and provides support and amazing lesson ideas. I was particularly impressed with the recent 'Drone School' programme which has been launched in Heolddu satellite class. This work will continue in the Spring Term as we continue to try and develop our pupils as creative contributors

Sporting and expressive arts Success

This term has been full of sporting activities to ensure our pupils develop as healthy, confident individuals:

- Pupils in the Investigators phase took part in a **netball tournament**.
- Pupils in both the Investigators and Researchers phases enjoyed a **football tournament**. We are also grateful for the generous **donation of sports kit**, which will benefit our teams in future events.
- In the Spring term, we will also be engaging in further sporting events with inter-school Boccia tournaments planned.
- Our music and Expressive Arts provision also continues to develop and it's been wonderful to see the work Rebecca Gerrish has undertaken with our pupils. The Christmas concerts are a great example of this but we've also enjoyed Moonbeam Theatre and Opera sessions in addition to normal music lessons.
- We were also delighted to welcome Aaron Ramsey (Wales, Cardiff City and ex-Arsenal footballer) to school for an unannounced visit. Aaron is a local celebrity and a huge friend of the school having provided our Cruyff football pitch a couple of years ago.

Enrichment and Creativity

- Pupils enjoyed a wonderful performance from **Moonbeam Theatre**, bringing drama and creativity to life through sensory activities.
- Many of our pupils have achieved their **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**, a fantastic accomplishment that reflects their resilience and determination.
- Trinity Outdoors and Caerphilly Adventurers – continues to provide excellent outdoor learning and independence activities for our pupils.

Community and Fundraising

Our **Christmas Fayre** was a huge success, raising nearly **£2,000!** Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended. We also supported **Children in Need** with enthusiasm and creativity. We raised £2112.55 in the process! It's really important that pupils continue to develop these skills to ensure they continue to develop as creative and enterprising young people.

Celebrations and Enrichment

The **Christmas concerts** brought festive cheer to the school, and our **Day of Game, Science and Technology enrichment day** provided pupils with exciting opportunities to explore and learn in new ways. Although our Christmas celebrations were a bit different this year (due to the hall being under construction), they were none the less very special and appropriate. In addition to our Christmas activities, we took part in 'Show Racism the Red Card' and a variety of cultural celebrations to ensure our pupils develop as ethical citizens.



Youth and Leisure Service

In collaboration with social services, the search for a new manager continues. At the time of writing this letter, we have undertaken a 2nd round of recruitment with interviews scheduled for 22nd December. We really hope to get a suitable person in place and then proceed with a consultation to ensure the service remains fit for purpose and continues to develop to reach even more pupils. We hope a service will be in operation ASAP! Thank you once again for your patience.

Spending Consultation

Occasionally, we are able to access additional funding throughout the year (either through charity, further government grants, fundraising, donations etc...). I am delighted to inform you that through the brilliant efforts of the PTA, school staff and partners of the school, we are planning to spend a sizeable amount of money on further improving our school (main site and satellites).

I would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes completing this simple form to help us understand your priorities. (please click this link - [Spending Priorities – Fill in form](#)).

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support. Over the course of the Autumn term, we are nudging 86% which is just under our target of 86.3%. if you require any support regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Hair Cutting

The initial pilot has gone really well with bookings outstripping the availability. Sarah will continue to offer as many appointments as possible moving into the new year. The feedback has been outstanding and this is clearly really helpful for families. The booking form will re-open in the new year.

Happy Christmas

It only leaves me to wish you and your lovely families a very Merry Christmas. 2025 has been a memorable one for the future of the school as we develop facilities that will future proof our wonderful provision for years to come. Sincerest thank you to pupils, parents, staff and the community for the compromises that have been necessary to co-exist with substantial building works. I am in awe of our school community for constantly smashing through barriers and having such an amazing growth mindset. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

Reminder that Monday 5th January is an INSET Day and school is therefore closed to pupils. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Very best wishes



David Jenkins
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