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## End of Half Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to have the entire school back in operation since the building work was completed last term. This half term has gone in the blink of eye and has been packed full of wonderful achievements and developments. However, it is also taking a bit of getting to used to as we once again develop and implement new timetables, rotas, risk assessments and various other procedures needed to ensure the safe use of all school facilities. I would like to thank pupils, staff and families for being so patient and supportive.

Since Easter, we have been able to open the following resources on the main site of the school. These are intended to be used by pupils on main site and our satellites where appropriate:

- Hydro therapy pool – for use by designated classes and specific pupils. All necessary lifeguard training has now been undertaken and pupils will be using the pool immediately after half term.
- School hall – for PE sessions, lunchtime, assemblies and special events. It was wonderful to hold our Eisteddfod celebrations together this year
- New admin block – providing more meeting spaces, dedicated PCP room and SLT rooms. This is already having a profound impact
- Family Room/Training room – for sole use by parents for formal and informal sessions. We held a very productive online safety session earlier in the term and will be hosting many more sessions through the next part of the summer term
- Café Oren – now sits front and centre in the school with many pupils from across all sites accessing regular work experience opportunities
- Brand new wheelchair accessible playground for primary age learners and a wheelchair accessible swing for all learners. We hit a minor installation snag which means this hasn't formally opened yet. Further works are scheduled for half term and we hope to open the playground during the first week back
- Brand new forest school area which is now being regularly used. Our Eco committee held their most recent meeting in the new Hobbit House which was lovely to see
- Brand new Memorial Garden and associated outdoor classroom are also now in full use. We intend to formally open the memorial Garden over the next few weeks in a suitably compassionate way

## Teaching and Learning

Across the school, we are also working hard to implement the rest of our school improvement plan. It's been rewarding to see the development of our new numeracy strategy which was launched on the National Numeracy Day held on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Governors have scrutinised the work and it has also been shared with our school improvement partner. We look forward to seeing the impact of this important scheme in helping pupils develop important functional numeracy skills.

In Literacy, pupils continue to work on their formal and pre-formal literacy skills. Most pupils have been engaging in their annual reading assessments and we already have some wonderful positive news stories in relation to pupils' progression in their reading. The annual book fayre was really well attended and we added some lovely books to our new school library. Thank you to all those who supported.

We celebrated Eisteddfod and all things Welsh during our re-scheduled Welsh week. It was particularly lovely to see the pupils' creative skills on display whilst completing the home tasks.

Our Careers and the World of Work Enrichment Day was also a great occasion. Pupils in the Researchers and Aspire phases of learning really showed of their business skills with each class taking the role of a



different business/shop. I am really proud of the way our Careers and the World of Work education is developing and we have secured some really effective internal and external opportunities for work experience.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Award provision continues to go from strength to strength in the older phases. We are currently busy planning overnight expeditions which promise to be great fun. Earlier in the term, 2 members of staff were able to visit the Palace and met the Duke as part of the school's commitment to this really important award.

We also celebrated National Mental Health Awareness week in true style with some fantastic activities which really raised awareness across the school. The Health and Wellbeing team planned some brilliant activities to promote the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school. This continues to be a key focus for our school.

Our Bike Scheme was absolutely wonderful once again and took place over the last 3 weeks of term. It was so good to see the progression pupils have made and to share in the experiences of pupils riding a bike for the very first time.

I was really pleased with the way the school celebrated the Month of the Military Child. Across the school, many people engaged in 'Purple Up Day' in order to recognise the resilience and sacrifices of Armed Forces Children (and their families).

## Attendance

It is very important that pupils attend school regularly and reliably. However, we of course understand that from time to time, pupils experience difficulty in achieving this aim. I can assure you of our unconditional support to help your child maximise their time in school. Please reach out to your class teacher, Donna Pugh, school nurse or any member of the school's leadership team if you need some further help and support in this area.

As a reminder, we would expect you to communicate your child's absence by phoning school and/or leaving a message on SeeSaw which explains the reason for the absence. If this absence is sustained, we will ensure we keep in close contact with you to offer any further support. If no reason is received, your child's absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

## Youth and Leisure Services

In really exciting news, our new Youth and Leisure Manager (Stacey Turner) will officially take up post on 1<sup>st</sup> June following an incredibly robust assessment from Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). We're really excited about this news and can't wait to start communicating our plans for the Summer scheme with families ASAP.

## Health and Safety

Sun Protection – at the risk of tempting fate, during the second half of the summer term, we look to maximise learning time in the outdoors. It is therefore really important that a strong all day sun cream is applied before children come to school. If you need help with this, please communicate directly with the class teacher.

Transport Management – Polite reminder to parents/carers who drop off/collect their children from school. The start time is 08:45 and the home time is 14:55. However, we of course allow for flexibility within this time as we know some children find the congestion difficult. We are working hard with taxi companies to ensure they don't arrive too early to ensure that queuing on outside roads is kept to a minimum. We would really appreciate parents arriving no earlier than 14:40 in the afternoon as it can be difficult to manage pedestrians and site security in the car park. Could I also request that parents/carers use the pavements and zebra crossings wherever possible when collecting their child.

Mobile Phones – As a reminder, the use of mobile phones in school is generally prohibited. This is to ensure pupils are away from distractions and can focus on their learning. There are some exceptions to this rule e.g. if a child needs to use the phone as a transitional object, but generally, mobile phones are not allowed. We would appreciate your continued support in this area by continuously discussing this rule with your child. If pupils refuse to give up their phone, parents/carers will be called to collect it from school. Please note, the

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school cannot take any responsibility for any phones that are lost, broken or stolen in school. This is consistent with the direction many schools are going in and we really appreciate your support.

## School Budget Consultation

Our new school budget has officially been set. Thank you to parents who took the time to offer their ideas and suggestions for spending. If you haven't already done so, there is still time to share your views on how the school budget should be spent. Please click on this link to access the survey [Budget Planning Consultation – Fill in form](#)

## Diary Dates

- Pupils return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- INSET Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June (school closed to pupils)
- Last day of school year for pupils – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

<b>June</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Seren a Sbarc Day
	17 <sup>th</sup>	'Fields of Rhythm' festival/Diversity Day
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Prom evening
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Progress Evening
<b>July</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Carmarthen GfG Assembly- 10am
	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Aspire GfG Assembly- (inc College and Cenydd)- 10am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Researchers GfG Assembly- 10am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deri</b> GfG Assembly- 1.30pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Adventurers GfG Assembly- 10am
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers GfG Assembly- 10am
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Investigators GfG Assembly- 10am
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Enfys 1 and 2 GfG Assembly-1.30/ 2.00pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Heolddu GfG Assembly– 09:30am
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Prom – evening event
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly 10am school hall

I wish you all a happy and safe half term break. We will see everyone on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June where we will continue our school improvement journey and have lots of fun in the process. As always, if you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the school's leadership team where we will be happy to help.



David Jenkins – Executive Headteacher.

