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## End of Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting half-term I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some of the wonderful developments and achievements across our school community.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to undertake lesson observations and celebrations of pupils work this term. This forms an important part of our evaluation and improvement planning and is always a great experience. I would like to thank all staff members for their dedication and professionalism.

It has also been really rewarding to see the high level of professional learning that staff have been engaged in. Some highlights include: Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), TEAM TEACH, Lego Therapy, Trauma Informed Schools (TIS), symbolic development, approaches to reading and the development of a communication profile.

### Building Progress

We continue to work through phase 3 of our roof replacement programme. The project continues to be on schedule. I would like to thank all classes who moved locations at the start of the year. Pupils have been so resilient and coped so well. Early in November, we will move to phase 4 (out of 5 phases). This phase will see Buttercup and Blossom move classrooms. Parents of pupils in these classes will have more information early after half term but as before, I can assure you that any moves will be exceptionally well supported. The final phase will begin in January 2026 and the entire project will be finished in early March 2026.

In addition to the building work, we have invested heavily in our Pond area on the main site and hope to open this area to students shortly after half term. We've also improved the outside provision in Heolddu Satellite and are currently finalising plans to improve the outside areas in the Pont satellite class.

### Trinity Outdoors Scheme

You may have read on our school development plan that we are really keen to use community more in our learning. To that end, I am delighted to inform parents that 'Our **Trinity Outdoors scheme**' continues to grow, offering pupils enriching experiences in nature. From sensory walks to outdoor learning sessions, we've seen increased engagement and wellbeing. We're excited to expand this further in the coming months.

### New Literacy Strategy

We've launched a **new literacy strategy** across the school, focusing on personalised reading journeys, communication-rich environments, and multi-sensory approaches to literacy. Staff have received training to ensure this strategy is embedded in every classroom, and we're already seeing positive outcomes. This will continue throughout this year.



I'm also delighted to announce that we've re-opened the school library and it's great to see pupils enjoying this lovely provision.

### New Rules and Rewards System

We've also just introduced a refreshed **rules and rewards system** to promote positive behaviour and celebrate pupil achievements. Pupils are responding well to the new structure, and we've seen a noticeable increase in engagement and motivation. This system has been developed by the student council who agreed the following school wide rules:

1. Work together
2. Try our best
3. Stay safe
4. Be respectful

Where appropriate, each pupil will have a 'rewards passport' and all staff will be issued with a stamper. The idea is for pupils to earn stamps by following the rules and then select a reward which is appropriate and motivating for them. We will continue to roll out this system across all sites of the school.

### Diary Dates

We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. I'm already looking forward to next half term where we will turn our attention to Christmas at an appropriate time. We recognise that Christmas is not an easy time for everyone so our plans will be very person centred.

I thought it would be helpful to summarise some important dates after half term. Please note that more information for each event will follow:

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – Pupils return to school                                                                                            | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fayre – to take place in Penallta Rugby club and main school site            |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November – Science and Technology enrichment day with an online safety/gaming theme                                       | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas shopping trip to Worcester. Please see Leanne Boardman for more details |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November -Children in Need                                                                                                   | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December -Christmas Jumper Day                                                                  |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November – Charity football match to raise funds for Movember charity                                                        | Christmas performances – TBC as we will need to consider alternative arrangements in the absence of the school hall       |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November at 10am – Coffee morning for parents to hear more about our Relationships & Sexuality Education (RSE) curriculum |                                                                                                                           |

As we head into the half-term break, we wish all our families a restful and enjoyable time. School will reopen on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term.



Dave Jenkins – Executive Headteacher