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## **Welcome Back**

Dear parents, carers and pupils

I trust this letter finds you well after a nice Whitsun break. Welcome back for the last half term of this academic year. The half term before Whitsun was so short but also incredibly purposeful as the school continued to move forward in so many areas.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we enjoyed our official opening of our wonderful extension. We held a very special assembly where we were joined by approx. 20 VIPs who all had an important involvement in bringing the extension to life. They were treated to some exceptional 'performances' from our students including a piano recital, a reading, wonderful singing and a quiz. It really was an event to remember and was a fitting celebration of this outstanding new facility!

Earlier in the term we also enjoyed our regular bike masterclass where many pupils from main site and across satellites were able to improve their bike riding skills. We also thoroughly enjoyed our 'Diversity Celebration Day' which was planned by one of our pupils and their class team. This was another great experience where everyone celebrated their uniqueness together. Pupils also enjoyed the 'Jungle Book' theatre show which was another great way to bring the expressive arts to life. Finally, thank you to the many parents and carers that attended our Ty Hafan Coffee morning. This link is very important to us and it was very rewarding to raise almost £900 for the amazing work undertaken by Ty Hafan.

## **Self-Evaluation and Improvement Planning**

As we enter the final half term of the academic year, our attention will continue to focus on self-evaluation and celebrating the wonderful progress made by our pupils throughout the year. You may well have seen over the last couple of weeks, teachers adding more comments to SeeSaw learning journeys as we complete our formal assessment procedures. These important processes serve as an important record of the progress made by your children year on year and are linked to their formal and ongoing assessments. We hope you enjoy sharing them.

A very important part of the self-evaluation process is analysing questionnaires from parents, pupils, staff and other stakeholders. The current link for parents' questionnaires can be found here <https://forms.office.com/e/xM1nsR1B42>. Please spend a few minutes completing the questionnaire as it gives us important information to continuously improve (if you have already completed the questionnaire, you don't need to do it again).

Towards the end of June, we will formally review all information collected throughout the year to write our new school improvement plan. This plan aims to address areas of work that need to further develop. The plan is linked closely to the budget and we prioritise funding accordingly. It is really important that the plan resonates with everyone in our school and focusses on the progress that pupils make. Therefore, please have your say by completing the questionnaire above and suggesting areas for development.



## Phase 2 of the Roof refurbishment update

Once again, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to parents/carers/pupils for their patience and support as we continue to navigate the challenges of phase 2 of the school refurbishment programme. The first section of the roof replacement is now almost complete and will be handed over to us on 2 dates:

- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Maple and Hazel class will move into their new classrooms along with some re-location of administrative and intervention staff
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Bluebell and Tulip will move into their new classrooms

Please note, until the 7<sup>th</sup> July, we will have limited extra rooms available for meetings etc...Thank you so much for your patience.

Over the summer holiday period, the school will have its main kitchen completely replaced and made fit for the future. The roof programme will also continue at speed and the final snags will be completed on the new extension. The final completion date for the entire roof and where we will return to 'normal operations' is the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Caryll Loveridge** – it is with great sadness that I have to inform parents of the sad passing of our former colleague Caryll. Caryll worked in the school for many years and was an incredible employee. I'm sure you will join me in offering heart felt condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

## Future Diary Dates

Finally, I draw your attention to the remaining important diary dates for this year. More detail will follow for certain events in due course:

June: 9<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

12<sup>th</sup> Seren a Sbarc Welsh Colour Day (pupils may wear red, white or green if they want to)

19<sup>th</sup> Dr Who and MOVE Enrichment Day

25<sup>th</sup> Disability Sports Football Festival

25<sup>th</sup> Pupil Progress Evening 3.30- 6.30

Wb 30<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Days (further info to follow for individual classes)

July: 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Going for Gold assemblies (dates for individual classes to follow)

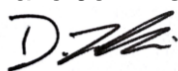
10<sup>th</sup> Trinity Fields Prom at Bryn Meadows 7pm-10pm

17<sup>th</sup> Leavers Assembly

It only leaves me to once again sincerely thank you all for your continued patience and support whilst we navigate the major refurbishment of our school to make it fit for future generations. As always, if you have any suggestions, concerns or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of my senior team.

With best wishes as always

Dave Jenkins



Executive Headteacher

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