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27th March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Keep in Touch Letter **Sharing Good News and sending our best wishes for the Easter Holiday**

It is difficult to believe that the Spring Term is nearing a close and we are about to begin the Easter Holidays. It has been a very busy and highly successful term, building on continued support from you and the local community. Before the holiday starts I wanted to share some of our excellent news with all of you.

Completion of the Estyn Core Inspection February 27th – March 3rd

As you are aware we had a full inspection at the start of this half term. The Inspection Team met with a significant number of students with their books and observed almost every teacher and teaching assistant in the school. They carried out surveys with families, students and staff. They held a large number of interviews across the whole range of teaching, support and leadership roles in the school. Important documentation was considered and the team met the Chair of Governors as well as representatives from different committees. Across the week the inspection felt extremely thorough and included feedback from all stakeholders. On this note I would like to thank all parents and family members who took the time to attend an afterschool meeting with the Inspection Team in support of our school.

The report will be published on May 4th and until then its contents remain confidential and draft. We will ensure that it is shared with you via the School Website and we will celebrate the positives and work hard as we always do to address any recommendations.

We also need to publically thank the students who contributed a great deal to the findings and shared their work with inspectors in a friendly and open way.

School of the Year Award & Student of the Year Nomination - Leader Live Education Awards 2023

Last week we were privileged to attend the Leader Live Awards 2023 due to nominations in two categories. As you may have seen in the local news, we were delighted and proud to receive the School of the Year Award. This award belongs to all of us and reflects support from our local community. I am sure you will be as proud as we are.

Child of Wales Awards

Following on from Serenity Harwood's nomination earlier in the week, we were beyond proud when she received the Child of Courage Award on Friday 24th March. She received her trophy at a prestigious ceremony in Cardiff. A wonderful tribute in recognition of a wonderful girl.

Mathematics Success

On Friday to top off an amazing week, Mrs Nelson, on behalf of our Maths Department escorted 4 talented mathematicians to a regional competition where they came third. Carlie Jones, Oliver Holgate, Efan Powell and Chloe Aston were a credit to the school and will go on to the next round of the challenging GwE competition in Llandudno, competing across the North Wales region. Another amazing success.

Key Stage 4 Students – Examinations

I am sure you will join me in wishing Year 10 and 11 the very best of luck as they prepare for the Summer examinations. A detailed revision programme is on offer from our staff through the Easter Holiday and this will be published on our website and via Parent Text. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck as they complete their revision ready for next term.

Friday 31st March – Non-school Uniform Day and extended lunch

To thank the students for all their hard work, support and successes this term we will extend lunch time on Friday and allow a free non-school uniform day. Please can I ask that casual clothes are appropriate for school so the day can be enjoyed by everyone. Form Tutors will remind students about this through the week.

The extended lunch will provide an opportunity to thank all the staff in the school too. They do such an important job, showing complete commitment and dedication.

Easter Holiday

To close, I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support. We have received some lovely messages in school recently and they are very much appreciated. Enjoy the Easter Break. Pasg Hapus!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ferron-Evans
Headteacher