Welcome back to school and to the start of the Spring term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas.

**Thank you** – On behalf of all school staff, I extend a huge thank you for the cards and gifts we received at the end of the last term. Your recognition of the commitment and effort that staff make to your child’s learning and wellbeing is appreciated.

**Children’s Christmas fair** – Thank you to everyone who supported the junior pupils by attending their Christmas fair, held in the school hall during the last week of term. The children are rightly proud of how successful the fair was and as staff we were impressed with their self organisation. The fair made £266.77! The children will be organising how that money is spent on new playground equipment over the coming weeks.

**Whole School Topic** – All classes will engage with the same topic of ‘Potions’ this term. Each class will focus on a different aspect of this topic as outlined below. Please look out for individual class topic information letters. If you have any knowledge, resources or experience which you can share with any of our classes please get in touch.

Dosbarth Dale – Muck, Mess and Mixture
Dosbarth Newport Sands – George’s Marvellous Medicine
Dosbarth Whitesands – George’s Marvellous Medicine and Revolting Rhymes
Dosbarth Abermawr – The Aztecs and the history of chocolate
Dosbarth Nolton Haven – The History of Medicine

**Outdoor Learning Environment** – We are currently planning improvements to our outdoor learning environments. If you have any practical skills and time to share we will be holding a series of working party sessions directly after school. A list of items which we are looking for will go onto dojo next week.

**After School Clubs** – Little Fishes and Egyptology clubs commence next week.

**Handwriting Focus** – This week begins a whole school focus on handwriting for all pupils. There will information for parents available over the coming weeks. In the meantime please see the letter formation outlined below:

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**Added to Dojo and the school website this week**

- Inclusion – Understanding and supporting social communication workshop
- Inclusion – ALN parent network groups
**Pupils of the week**

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**Attendance - School target 96.5%**

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**Dates for the diary**

- Tuesday 4th February @ 6:30pm in school hall – Parent and Governing Body meeting
- Week beginning – Mon 17th Feb – Half term break
- Mon 24th Feb – INSET Day – Staff Training – No school for children on this day.
- Mon 2nd Mar – School Eisteddfod
- Thurs 5th Mar – World Book Day

Please see the school year calendar on the school website or Dojo for all dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S. Vaughan
Head teacher