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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may well have remembered, the school has been in a follow-up category for Estyn, which has meant we have had regular progress meetings with the Local Authority with our final progress report being sent to Estyn in December. They have considered the progress report, as well as feedback from the local authority, and their outcome was that the school was judged to have made sufficient progress in respect of the key issues for action following the recent Estyn review. The school will now be removed from the list of schools requiring Estyn review, and there will be no further Estyn visits in relation to this inspection. As a school, we are delighted with this and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the staff and children over the last 18 months or so, for which I'm extremely grateful. We would also like to thank the Governing Body and parents for all their support as well during this time.

Well done to all the children who competed in last weekend's Valero Festival at Ysgol Caer Elen. In Grade 1 Violin, Imogen Gray was placed second and Grace Tilbury was third, so congratulations to you both. Mrs Verity Evans will be organising a school concert in the summer term where all our musicians will have a chance to perform.

It's been another busy week at school so thank you for supporting our efforts with Sport Relief, where we've raised over £800. The children particularly enjoyed the mud run on Monday so apologies from me for that. Thank you Mr Jenkins and the Sports Ambassadors for all your hard work.

Today, we celebrated World Book Day and the staff and children all looked fantastic. Mrs Bruce and Miss Wainwright led a very interesting assembly that included a staff performance of Room on the Broom, with Red and Yellow Class, Dosbarth Gwyrdd a Dosbarth Pinc as narrators. It was also the official launch of 'Reading for Empathy' which you will hear much more about in due course.

Please note that the Urdd Eisteddfod planned for Monday has been postponed!

The Statutory Notice letters went out yesterday which stated that the new Welsh School is due for completion for the start of the Autumn Term 2022. Objections for these proposals must be made by 7th April 2020, and should be sent to: The Interim Director for Children & Schools, County Hall, Haverfordwest, SA61 1TP or email: educationconsultations@pembrokeshire.gov.uk Any objections, however, must be to do with the process of the consultation. You cannot object simply because you don't like the decision.

Coronavirus Update

An update letter was sent out yesterday with a copy also being put on the website, Facebook and Our School App. We have, as a school, been taking this very seriously through our cleaning procedures, including the use of our support staff with anti-bacterial sprays. The children are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly and for an appropriate length of time. The caretaker checks all the soap dispensers every morning and we are informing the children to tell us when they're empty. Hand wash dispensers are also, if necessary, available in the classrooms. For our very youngest children, the toilet areas are very open and staff can see them use the soap dispensers. If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. We don't believe it's in the best interests of the school for a negative spin on any of this to be placed on Facebook.

Yours sincerely

A Williams
Head Teacher



