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Dear Parent / Carer
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Urdd Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our Parti Unsain group who proudly represented the school at the Urdd Eisteddfod on Saturday. They sang beautifully and achieved an excellent third place — a result that truly reflects their dedication and commitment to rehearsals. We are immensely proud of them. Our sincere thanks also go to the staff who trained and supported the children so diligently.

Royal Visit

We experienced a truly memorable day on Thursday when we attended the Royal visit to our town. We were deeply honoured that our Year 6 learners were invited to sing for the Prince and Princess of Wales. Prince William was heard to say, *“The children sang beautifully, beautiful effort singing, all in Welsh — it was lovely, it was perfect.”* Princess Catherine commented, *“It was so lovely to meet the children singing inside — they were incredible.”*

Our Year 6 children represented the school to the highest possible standard. It was heartening to hear so many positive remarks regarding their behaviour, patience and professionalism.

We were also delighted that, despite the short notice, we were able to involve the rest of the school in this special occasion. We extend our sincere thanks to our parents, governors and volunteers who made this possible. The rain certainly did not dampen spirits, and the children waited patiently for the opportunity to meet the Prince and Princess. The visit was featured on BBC Wales News, ITV Wales News and across social media, where many of you may have seen our learners and the wonderful interactions that took place. It was a truly special and unforgettable day, and the children were a credit to our school community.

Hanging Gardens Performance

Congratulations to our Year 6 choir who performed at the Hanging Gardens on Monday evening alongside world-renowned performers Michael Bochmann and Adam Khan. We are very grateful to Lisa Stead and the Hanging Gardens for providing this valuable opportunity. It was also a pleasure to welcome Michael and Adam into school earlier in the day, where they performed and inspired our next generation of young musicians.

Llangrannog Residential Visit

Our Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Llangrannog and were fortunate to have beautiful weather throughout their stay. They participated in a range of exciting activities,



including tobogganing, skiing, go-karting and horse riding. The visit also provided a wonderful opportunity to further develop their Welsh language skills. We are very grateful to the staff who organised and supported this enriching experience.

World Book Day

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5 March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. A range of activities will take place throughout the day to celebrate the joy of reading. We are very grateful to the Great Oak Bookshop, who will be bringing a selection of £1.00 books for children to purchase using their World Book Day £1.00 vouchers, should they wish to do so. The vouchers will be given to the children on the day.

School Eisteddfod, Wednesday 11 March

Our School Eisteddfod is a cherished event celebrating learners' talents in music, art, drama, poetry and dance. Rooted in Welsh tradition, it provides a valuable opportunity for children to build confidence, develop public speaking and performance skills, and share their talents in a supportive and encouraging environment. It is a wonderful way to recognise creativity, effort and achievement across a range of artistic areas.

Parents are warmly invited to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 11 March to celebrate the children's many talents.

- Older learners (Years 3 – 6): 9.15 am start
- Younger learners (Reception – Year 2): 1.15 pm start

An order of events will follow.

Our school café will be run by the Criw Cymraeg, serving tea, coffee and a selection of refreshments.

Please can all children wear their house colour PE t-shirt on the day of the Eisteddfod.

Progress Meetings

Parent, child and teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March from 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Please bring your child to the appointment as this is a valuable opportunity to review progress together in a private and confidential setting. Appointment letters will be sent home tomorrow.

For Miss Rees' class only, meetings will take place on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March.

We are also very grateful to Dawn Owen, our school nurse, who will be available on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March should you wish to discuss any concerns regarding your child's health, including sleep, toileting, anxiety or any other matters.

Powys Schools Swimming Gala and Cross Country

We wish the very best of luck to our swimmers and runners who will be representing the school at the Powys Schools Swimming Gala and the Powys Primary Schools Cross Country Challenge. We look forward to hearing about both their achievements and their sportsmanship.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to all parents who book breakfast club places in advance via ParentPay. This greatly assists us in ensuring appropriate staffing levels and sufficient food provision.

Non-Pupil Days and End of Term

Non-pupil days this term:

- Friday 6 March
- Friday 27 March

The last day of term will be Thursday 26 March. Children will return to school for the Summer term on Monday 13 April.

Theme for the Term – Sustainability

Last week we were delighted to welcome Transport and Recycling Officers from Powys County Council, who brought their new electric van to school. They inspired our learners with practical ways to care for the environment and highlighted how we can all contribute positively to the future of our planet.

We would be delighted to hear from any members of our community who may be able to support our sustainability theme. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any ideas or opportunities to share.

We look forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead. As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Wellbeing

Do you need to tell your child's class teacher something that might affect their emotional wellbeing? Don't forget you can do this on our Pupil Wellbeing Communication form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uJK9341LFK>

Yours sincerely
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