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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely sunshine this week. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some school news and important dates about events coming up.

### **Book an Adventure Week**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book an Adventure week. We held some fantastic events to raise the profile of reading in the school and community. The children went to read in an unusual place in the community, eg. the park and the beach, and we took part in the Great Book Hunt in the community. The Scholastic Book Fayre was very well attended after school last week, and we also held a Masked Reader competition which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a Story Swap where children and staff read to groups of children. We ended the week with a World Book Day Parade in the yard. Thank you everyone who supported us.

### **Welsh Week and Eisteddfod**

We held our St. David's Day Eisteddfod in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, and the children had an amazing time reciting their poems and singing Welsh songs in the hall. Yesterday, a group of children visited Ysgol Bryntawe to compete in the Eisteddfod. We are very proud of the children for performing in front of an audience and we congratulate all the children, and a special mention must go to those who have progressed to the next round.

### **Sports News**

Our Swimming Team attended a Gala Competition at the Wales National Pool on 20<sup>th</sup> February. We were competing against some very strong swimmers from schools across Swansea, and we are extremely proud of the team's efforts.

Our A and B Football teams played a match against St Thomas Community School on 6<sup>th</sup> February, and we won both games 1-0, so congratulations to the teams on their achievements.

### **Important Dates**

Next week, beginning **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be holding our **Parents' Evening** meetings. Please look out for the appointment slips that we will be sending home with your child this week. If you cannot make the appointment we provide, please contact the school office before the end of the week.

Our Year 6 children will be visiting **Cefn Hengoed Community School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** this week to take part in the **Cluster Primary Schools Sports Tournament** as part of the transition arrangements between primary and secondary school.

On **2<sup>nd</sup> April**, **Design To Smile** will be visiting to carry out fluoride tooth varnishing for our **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and FSTF** children. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Our **Easter Competition** will be running between **31<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Mrs. D'Auria will be sharing details of how the children can enter, and the prizes they can win, in the weeks ahead.

Our annual **Easter Bonnet Parade** will be held in the yard at **9.00am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

Our **Year 6** children will have the opportunity to attend a **2-night residential visit to Llangrannog**, West Wales, from **21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Mr. Field and Miss Griffiths will be in contact shortly with details of a parents meeting to share information regarding this visit.

This year, in 2025, we are celebrating Danygraig Primary being at the heart of our community and educating children for 150 years, since 1875. To celebrate this milestone, we have some events planned and would like to invite you all to a '**Summer Breeze**' Community Disco and Party in the school grounds at **5pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. More details to follow nearer the time.

This term ends for children for the **Easter Holiday** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. This is the last day for children. We will return to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

The **Summer Fayre** will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** in the school hall and grounds.

Our next confirmed **Inset Day** is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. The school will be closed to children on this day.

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies order for current Year 5**

Our current **Year 5** children will be able to order their red leavers' hoodies for when they are in Year 6 in September from the week beginning **5<sup>th</sup> May**. Please speak to Mrs Lancey in the office to place an order after 5<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Fruit Tuck Shop**

As a Healthy School, we promote healthy eating at lunch time and at break time. We have a Healthy Eating Fruit Tuck Shop, which is run by our children, that sells fruit at breaktimes. We offer, apples, satsumas, bananas, pears and carrot sticks at a cost of 30p per item. Please support us to be a Healthy School.

#### **New School Website**

Exciting News! After listening to feedback from you in our parents' surveys, our new school website will be launched in the next few weeks. We are currently populating the pages with useful information, and the website has features such as a live calendar with events, and also the whole website can be translated into a range of languages to improve our communication with all parents. We will share the website address soon, and the site will continue to grow and develop over the months ahead

Thank you again for your continued support throughout the year, and please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I or the school can help you with, Please email me on [daviess273@hwbcymru.net](mailto:daviess273@hwbcymru.net) or the office on [danygraig.school@swansea-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:danygraig.school@swansea-edunet.gov.uk) or telephone the office on 01792 650946 and I, or the staff, will do our best to help if we can.

Yours sincerely,



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