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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

by Diane Stones



It is hard to believe that eight weeks has passed since we returned to school in September. Our aim for the school during this term has been very clear; to keep our pupils safe, to make learning fun and to support families and pupils who are not yet able to return to school.

Wellbeing has been at the very top of our agenda, and I would like to give thanks to all staff for continuing to drive this forward throughout all aspects of learning and experience throughout the day. Our pupils have been totally amazing in what must be described as one of the most challenging times in our life, they are coming into school happy, with big smiles on their faces and this has a very positive effect on the whole community within Ty Gwyn.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to you as parents for the outstanding support we have had from you during this period of time. We would also like to thank all the agencies we work with both within Ty Gwyn and also those within the community who have gone over and above to ensure that we provide the best service we can for our pupils. Thank you all for taking the time to log online and join us on Teams meetings, or over the telephone in order for us all to continue with parents evenings and Annual Reviews as an example.

We have all had to learn new skills in order to preserve what I feel is the very best aspect of our school, and that is our caring community with a very strong sense of shared values which drive us all to do the very best for every child.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve communication with you please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a great half term,
Best Wishes,
Diane



Breast Cancer Awareness

Today we are having fun as a school, all dressed in pink!! We had a busy day making pink ribbon keyrings, playing lots of virtual games, Bingo, special gym session with Andy and prizes for the best dressed pupil. Please support the very worthy cause of Breast Cancer Care if you can by donating on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

It is that time of year when the men of Ty Gwyn grow their finest moustaches to raise money for Movember. Last year we raised over £700. If you are interested in taking part please email the school for further details.

What we have been up to

Red Corridor 1

The topic this term for Red Corridor 1 has been 'People who help us.' We have had lots of fun learning about firefighters, dentists, vets, doctors and nurses as well as getting hands on with x-rays and stethoscopes. We have also managed to fit in lots of Autumn crafts and sensory play.



Red Corridor 2

This term Red Corridor 2 have been getting stuck into 'Wellbeing Wednesdays.' Enjoying stress relieving activities such as salon sessions, sensory stress balls and gardening. In Usk we've enjoyed activities linked to the Topic of 'Friendships'. Some of our friends are still at home so we made cards to show them we're thinking of them and we miss them. We chose a 'Rainbow' theme to link with the symbols of 'Hope' we made during Lockdown. As well as the cards we put Rainbow suncatchers in our windows for our friends in other classes to enjoy while they are in the playground. Rainbows make us smile .. and smiling is good for everyone's Wellbeing!

Blue Corridor 1

This term Blue Corridor 1 have taken an active role in helping us prepare for our Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Here they are hard at work making pink ribbon keyrings and pink ribbon decorations.



What we have been up to

Blue Corridor 2

As part of this term's topic we have been learning about 'the community and me.' We have looked at different communities and habitats around the world. As well as different houses and how they are made. Here are some photos of the pupils labelling their houses, building their own igloos and a Halloween inspired sensory science session.



Grey Corridor

This term, Grey Corridor's topic has been 'all about me.' Pupils have been learning about what makes them unique and how they compare to their peers. As part of raising awareness for World Mental Health Day, Dosbarth Arian enjoyed a range of different activities aimed at 'doing one thing' to improve mental health and wellbeing.



New Build

This term we have welcomed four new classes to our New Build: LLeuad, Haul, Seren and Mor. We have had different topics across the classes, ranging from Friendships to People who help us. Here are some photos of the pupils making a 'friendship fish', cleaning our teeth at the dentist and overwriting linked to people who help us.

