



## Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Pennaeth Dros dro / Acting Headteacher: Mrs Louise Rees*

Dear Parent/Carer,

*December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

### **Christmas DVD**

Many thanks to everyone who purchased Christmas concert DVDs. This was a very challenging project for us as a school which has taken hours of work to produce. A huge thank you to every staff member, pupil and parent in enabling us to make this whole-school project such an outstanding success. A total of 133 DVDs were sold – it's certainly kept Mr Williams busy! For those of you who wish to receive your DVDs before Christmas, please collect them from the school between 9 and 11.30 a.m on Friday (18<sup>th</sup> December). Please remember to wear a mask and keep 2m distancing on school premises, as usual.

### **Eco-Award**

We are proud to announce our great success in renewing our Platinum Eco-Schools Award this week. A big thank you to the School Council and Mrs Davies for their excellent work in leading the project in order to achieve this wonderful award.

### **Staffing Update**

Sadly, Mrs Anne Davies has announced her retirement from her work as Lunchtime Supervisor and Breakfast Club Supervisor at our school. Anne has been a faithful and popular employee at Tycroes for very many years. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Anne for her all her support and dedication throughout her time at the school.

Good luck to Mrs Tanya Isaac, who will be starting her new role as a Breakfast Club Supervisor in Ammanford Nursery in January.

### **PTA**

The PTA have worked tremendously hard to support the school again this term, despite being unable to hold face-to-face events involving parents and the community. We are extremely grateful to the PTA committee for their continuous efforts in raising much needed funds for our school. A massive thank you for the delightful robin plant-holders the PTA donated to all staff members on behalf of all parents as Christmas gifts. This was a truly thoughtful gesture indeed!

### **Dates**

Remember that Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> is an INSET Day for staff. This means that pupils will return on **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Thanks**

At the end of an extremely busy term, I wish to thank every member of the school staff - teachers, support staff, cleaners, cooks and admin staff - for their continued commitment to the school. They have ensured continuity of learning and supported pupils' well-being very effectively in a safe environment over the past months. Well done to you all!

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My second thank you is to parents and families. Your support, understanding and encouragement over the past weeks has been remarkable. You have all worked together to become a real close-knit community during these difficult times. Give yourselves a pat on the back!

My biggest thank you of all is to the children. They have all been amazing since the start of term. They have shown resilience, determination and character that has enabled us to thrive as a community this term. They have met every challenge and everything asked of them with such enthusiasm.

We are not out of the tunnel yet. The first few months of 2021 will again be a challenge. However, I have every confidence that as staff, parents and pupils, we will again rise to this challenge and ensure a successful start to 2021!

Have a great Christmas, everyone, and I wish you all a very happy new year.

Best regards,

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