

Newsletter 13 – 20th December 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Please see the following latest news:

- 1) The front of the school now has the **new and improved play area**. This is open to use and will be officially opened in the new year.
- 2) **A grant from Hafren Dyfyrddwy** (water company) will complete the area under the beech trees.
- 3) The **Powys Schools Safeguarding Fencing** is progressing. This will be completed in the new year.
- 4) The **concerts were a GREAT success**. Thank you to our amazing actors and actresses (pupils), staff (producers) and all who were involved in ensuring all went so well. Thank you for the fantastic feedback. Each child will receive a programme to bring home tomorrow, as a keep sake. I am hoping to put some pictures in HWB. You will have an email to explain.

5) **Christmas Card – Winner!** (My Welshpool)

The UK Prime Minister has a copy of a Christmas card in his office designed by a pupil from Ysgol Meifod.

Alfie Pritchard won a competition run by Montgomeryshire MP, Craig Williams, to design his Christmas card, which was delivered by hand to Rishi Sunak by Mr Williams at the Houses of Parliament.

Alfie won a £20 National Book Token, which was presented to him by the MP along with a copy of the card dedicated to him by the Prime Minister.

Mr Williams said: "It was fantastic to have received so many brilliant entries from pupils across Montgomeryshire for my Christmas card competition, and picking a winner was one of my hardest decisions of the year!"



6) **Tomorrow – Wear own clothes or Christmas jumper. No charge / donation required.**

Dates for next term

Spring term:

- Tuesday 9 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- **Half Term - Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024**
- Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

Beginning Tuesday January 9th 2024

7) Breakfast Club – Change

As Mrs Evans has finished as Breakfast Club Leader (Thursday 21st December) a few people have shown interest, but unfortunately no-one has come forward to take it on. As a result, the following will be in place:

- An advert will be put on the Meifod Community Group and in the shop (over Christmas and into January) with the hope of attracting a new leader, to start before the end of January.
- **Breakfast Club will be available from 9th January, for those who need it to go to work.** It will be in class 3 as it is now. It will be free. **It will run from 8:25-8:40am. It will NOT include any food.** It will be overseen by Mr Jones.

I hope we can find a new leader to take over in January so that it can return to normal. You will be kept informed of any updates.

8) New topic – Where has the time gone?

We will be looking at how things have changed over time. E.g., Clothes, Toys, Telephones / IT equipment, music, sport, items in the home, transport...

If you have any items or knowledge that could help, then please could you email the school office.

I hope you all have a GREAT Christmas break and new year.