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**...Together we achieve.....Cyflawni gyda'n gilydd...**



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Annwyl Rhieni

The festive season is quickly approaching us and, as always, it's an important time of year for everyone and we will be keen to make it as enjoyable as possible here at Frongoch.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

As you know, Attendance is a school priority and indeed a national priority. We monitor attendance data closely and I would like to ensure that parents/carers are aware of the importance of good punctuality too.

To this end, ***I would like to remind parents/carers that the school day starts at Frongoch at 8.45am.***

***If a child arrives later than 8.45am, they are marked down as late.***

***If a child arrives later than 9.15am [30 minutes after the school day starts] they are marked down as being absent for the morning session.*** This will be unauthorised, unless we have a valid and reasonable reason given to us by the parent/carer. The unauthorised sessions will go towards the child's overall attendance figures and once they hit trigger points from the attendance policy, further action will be taken. For further information please see our attendance policy which can be found on our school website [details above].

### **Children in Need Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Today, we supported Children in Need by allowing children to wear non uniform. We had lots of Pudsey's! This year, the collection was collected via ParentPay and the total raised so far is £163.

### **Breakfast Club plea!**

Our Breakfast Club is in need of further Board games for the children to play in the mornings. If any parent/carer has any board games which they no longer need at home, we would welcome them as donations for our Breakfast club to use. Many thanks, in advance, for your donations.



## Christmas Show – further details

As you know, our Christmas shows will take place during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 3 shows will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 4/5 shows will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 shows will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

There are two shows- one at 9.15am and one at 2pm.

*Please note, we are asking parents/carers of children in Years 4/5 to contact school, via the office on the above details, to reserve their seats for either of the shows. Due to the numbers involved, we may need to restrict numbers for either of these shows. Please contact the school office as soon as possible to inform us of when you intend to attend and the numbers. For now, we ask that no more than 2 people come for each child for each show.*

*We do **NOT** need parents/carers contacting us for either Year 3 or 6 shows. Many thanks.*

## Parental questionnaire results and feedback

Huge thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Parental questionnaire, either on Parents' evening itself or in the following few days. 126 Questionnaires were returned [either completely or partially filled in]. Please note we have included all responses, with the blank responses explaining why the total does not always add up to 100%. We have collated the questionnaires and here are the key data and advice/reminders which addresses any potential concerns.

Question	Feedback	Advice/ reminders
My child likes this school	96% answered Agree, with 3% answering Do not know	
My child was helped to settle in well when he/she started at the school	96% answered Agree, with 3% answering Do not know	
I believe my child is making good progress at school	94% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 2% answering Do not know.	Please remember that parents/carers can request a meeting to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher at any time during the school year if you have a concern - you do not need to wait until Parent evenings.
I believe that my child is safe at school	94% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 2% answering Do not know	
I believe that pupils behave well at school	92% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know	Please note that, as at any other school, there will be occasions when children do not meet our expected standards of behaviour. We have clear policies and procedures [available on our website] which sets out how we deal with this.
Other children do not bully my child	93% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 5% answering Do not know	As above, and also worth reminding that we are a telling school. If we know about an incident, then we are able to deal with



		it. Please remind your child/ren to report any concerns they may have to the adults at school
I believe that if any bullying, harassment or discrimination occurs, the school deals well with it	92% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 6% answering Do not know	As above
I believe that the quality of teaching is good	94% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know	
I believe that my child has good learning experiences, including educational trips	95% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 3% answering Do not know	Please note that the frequency of trips is likely to decrease due to the current financial pressures on schools and staffing.
I believe that staff expect my child to work hard and try his/her best	94% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know	
I believe that staff treat all children fairly and with respect	94% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know	
I believe the school helps my child to understand how eating and drinking can affect their health	96% answered Agree, with 4% answering Do not know	
I believe my child has plenty of opportunities to get regular exercise at school	94% answered Agree [others were left blank]	
I believe that the school helps my child to become mature and to take on responsibility	91% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 2% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	
I believe that my child receives appropriate extra support when he/she needs it	88% answered Agree, with 3% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	If you believe that your child requires extra support please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. You may then need to meet with our ALNCO Ms Gregory who can set up meetings with the Local Authority to discuss your child's needs in more detail.
I believe the school keeps me well informed about my child's progress	89% answered Agree, with 6% answering Disagree [others were left blank]	Parent evening for Autumn term has been completed and we have a further Parent evening in the Spring term to discuss your child's mid-year report. All parents/carers should also by now be on the Home/school learning app [Seesaw] which further informs parents/carers of their child's progress. Please note that parents/carers are welcome to meet with

		their child's class teacher at any point during the year to discuss their child's progress- please make contact via the details above to arrange a mutually convenient time.
The school seeks my views as a parent and considers the feedback that I provide about the school	88% answered Agree, with 3% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	
If I share problems or issues with the school, it responds and deals with them appropriately	89% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 3% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	
I believe that that my child can access enough books and equipment at school to support their learning	91% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 2% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	
I believe the school is well run and managed	92% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 2% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	
I believe the school prepares my child well for moving on to the next school, sixth form, college or into employment	89% answered Agree, with 2% answering Disagree and 4% answering Do not know [others were left blank]	

## **Christmas at Frongoch**

The festive season is very nearly upon us. Here are some important dates/ events for your calendar:

**Christmas Jumper swap week-** Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November  
**Christmas Jumper days-** Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fri 6<sup>th</sup>, Fri 13<sup>th</sup> and Thur 19<sup>th</sup> [Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers on their class party days and also on their show days, if that's what's communicated via class teachers]  
**Christmas Raffle-** every week in December, £1 a strip.  
**Christmas Dinner day-** Thur 5<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Bauble competition-** Entries in by Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec [£2 entry]  
**Christmas Craft Fayre-** Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Shows-** Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
**Year group parties-** Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

With very best wishes

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Pennaeth / Headteacher

