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It has been lovely having the warmer weather this week and long may it continue. We have been learning about Easter in our morning services this week and I would like to remind everyone that we break up next Friday 11th of April. School reopens on Monday 28th April for all children. Please note that the Early Bank Holiday this year is on Monday 5th May. School will be closed on this day and will reopen as normal on Tuesday 6th May.

Parents evening, Mid- year reports and Feedback

Many thanks to all parent/carers who have now managed to arrange a meeting with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress. At the end of the year, there will be a Summative End of Year report which will highlight your child's progress against the Mid-year report and include a personal comment about your child's achievement and development.

During the Parents' evening, and also via anonymous Questionnaire on Microsoft forms, we have received some welcome feedback from parents/carers.

In the Autumn term we ask for detailed and specific feedback regarding specific school matters and this questionnaire is taken directly from Estyn, the schools' inspectorate.

During the recent Spring term feedback, we have asked parents/carers for feedback in the form of 2 simple questions, again taken from Estyn who use these 2 questions when meeting with parents during a school inspection:

- **What is the school doing well?**

Feedback received
Wellbeing
Caring, friendly ethos
Supportive staff



Family engagement and calls home [supportive]
Parent support
Communication between school and parents, keeping us updated with newsletter
Topics/ curriculum
Sports and exercise
Community engagement
New dinner menu
Extra support for pupils who need it including time to decompress
Homework

- **What does the school need to improve at?**

Feedback received	Comments
Homework	This appears in both questions and we continue to review the homework given to pupils. We take a balanced view on homework in terms of recognising the importance of children spending quality family time when they are at home whilst also asking parents to read daily with their child and complete topic based homework tasks, which prepares them for secondary school where homework increases.
Residential	Residentials and trips are something which we value highly here at Frongoch but both need to be financially viable for us to be able to run them. We also need specific staffing levels for both the children attending the trips/ residentials and the children who remain at school.
Anonymous/ electronic feedback	We always welcome feedback. We give opportunities for feedback at parent evenings and also send out feedback via electronic means.
Take on board feedback	As above. Please note that all feedback is welcomed and we will always do what we think is best for the children of Frongoch. We realise that it is impossible to please everyone all of the time, but rest assured we always have the children's best interests at heart.
More PE activities [selection]	We will continue to ensure all children receive at least 2 hours of PE every week and also ensure that all children have the opportunity to try various PE activities.
Communication- direct communication with class teacher	This appears in both questions. In terms of direct communication with your child's class teacher we

	<p>encourage parents/carers to communicate with their child's class teacher during parent evenings, informal chats during pick ups at the end of the day and also sharing of children's work via See saw. Telephone communication can also take place and we have a school email address which parents can use if they wish to share anything with their child's class teacher. Please note that we will need a reasonable amount of time to share these communications as all staff are busy with the children during the school day.</p> <p>As with the children, we encourage all staff to strike a healthy work/life balance and we do not use Seesaw as an app for parents to contact Staff, as the staff are either busy in the day teaching children or after school preparing and planning work for the children before then going home to spend time with their own families.</p>
Outdoor areas [garden and sensory] and equipment	<p>This terms topic is Cynefin and our pupils are helping us improve the outdoor areas. The year groups have been discussing how to look after equipment and resources that are provided for them during outdoor time. We are also always happy to have volunteers who would be willing to spend some of their time here helping us improve the grounds. Please contact the school office if you are interested in volunteering.</p>
Energy and relevant curriculum	<p>This comes up in some respect in both questions. Currently, we are reviewing our Curriculum offer and the new Curriculum offer will be finalised before the start of the Autumn term 25/26</p>
Reports to be more individualised	<p>Mid-year reports are formative reports and intended to share children's progress to date and also areas they need to work on. Children are given an opportunity to share what they believe is going well and what they need to do to improve further. The end of year reports are summative- it indicates the progress made by each child and reviews their progress against their mid-year targets, whilst adding a personal comment from the class teacher</p>
Inclusive- regardless of capabilities	<p>We believe we are an inclusive school and try to ensure we meet everyone's needs. If you believe that we are not meeting your child's needs in the first instance please arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.</p>

Certificates	Recently, we have asked all stakeholders for their feedback regarding our Engagement and Behaviour policy which we are reviewing at the moment. Pupils, staff and parents have highlighted the need to recognise positive behaviour more than we are currently doing. We will address this in the updated policy when it is finalised towards the end of the year.
Information – in one place	Our School website has recently had to transition to a new website and we are updating it daily at the moment. This is a work in progress and will take time to establish with all the relevant information. We have weekly and monthly newsletters sent home via email to every parent and staff also send important reminders/ information via Seesaw to all parents/carers who have signed up to this app.

Easter Week

Next week is our final week before the Easter break. We have a number of Easter related events taking place. On Thursday, 10th April, the pupils are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate egg. These eggs will then be used as prizes for Easter Bingo on Thursday evening 5-7pm. This is a family event and all pupils attending must be accompanied by an adult.

There is also a ‘Decorate an Egg’ competition being held for all pupils. The entry cost is £2 and all entries must be in school by Thursday 10th April. Further information on both events has been shared on Seesaw.

With very best wishes

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