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Dear parents, carers, children, governors and staff,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term it is time to wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter break. It also provides me with the opportunity to share with you some of my highlights from this half term and to let you know about new things planned for the months ahead.

My highlights from this term include:

Peace and Conflict: Our wonderful teaching and learning experiences (available for families to view on Seesaw) and the majority of our assemblies this term have focussed on **Peace and Conflict** – looking both at historical and current local and global examples.

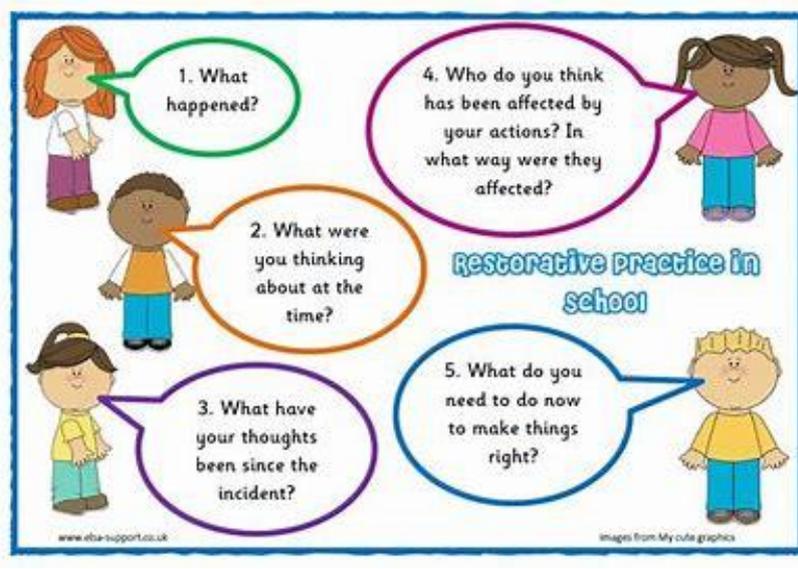
Assembly Squad: Well done to the Assembly Squad who put together their own whole school assembly on Monday, all about Easter. Their assembly drew comparisons between Eid and Easter, whilst also being mindful to be inclusive of all those in Ton Yr Ywen. As part of their assembly they reflected that although some of our community do not celebrate these religious occasions, they undertake other celebrations during the year with their families and as part of the wider Ton Yr Ywen family. One of the examples that they highlighted was the opportunity to attend the after school Easter Egg hunt on Thursday 10th April.

Thank you to all those involved in organising and running this event, as well as all those that attended – including the **Easter Bunny!**

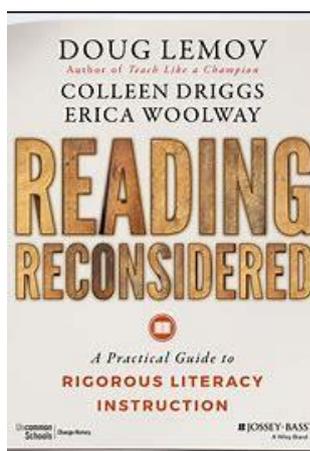


(More pictures included at the end of this letter).

Restorative Practice:



Whilst considering **Peace and Conflict**, staff training has recently revisited our use of restorative practice to help children work through conflicts that they have or may face. More information on our approach can be found in our **Relationships and Well-being Policy** (previously known as a Behaviour Policy) and our **Anti-Bullying Policy** - both available on our website. (Go to Menu - Key Information – Policies and Procedures)



Reading:

As we continue to prioritise the development of Reading, lesson observations have identified the wide spread positive impact of our new approach to the teaching of reading called *Reading Reconsidered*. This builds on our whole school approach to the teaching of phonics which was introduced last academic year. With all classes prioritising the development of Reading skills, we are thrilled at the progress your children are making and their increased interest in reading for pleasure. It was wonderful to see nearly 100% of families attending the after-school World Book Day event, where books were available for the children to take home. Thank you to the Friends of TYY who organised this event.

With daily reading now a part of your child's daily routine in school we would like to encourage children to continue this over the holidays.

Homework challenge 1: To engage in the reading a book in the outdoors. This can be on their own or with a friend, neighbour or a family relative.

Friends of TYY:

Coming soon the Friends of TYY will be running both a Spring Raffle and the Summer Festival.

Please keep the afternoon and evening free of the 20th June to come along, with your friends and family, to attend the Summer Festival. Tickets will be on sale on 2nd May. The school choir and The Verge will both be performing, as part of the wonderful array of stalls and activities arranged for everyone to enjoy.



FOTYY
SUMMER festival

Special Guests
THE VERGE | **TON YR YWEN SCHOOL CHOIR**

FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2025
5PM TO 9PM | TON YR YWEN SCHOOL

PLUS BALLERS PIZZA, BAR & BBQ

Tickets on sale 2 May

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All proceeds to the FOTYY to support their fundraising efforts for the school



17 amazing prizes & vouchers to be won

Tickets just £2

More details coming soon!

BIG SPRING RAFFLE

Drawn on Tues 20 May 2025

Eisteddfod:

This year's Eisteddfod celebrations saw an exciting change in approach, with our Eisteddfod activities lasting a whole week. This provided lots of opportunities for all children to showcase their talents, and concluded with a traditional Chaining of the Bard ceremony. Our celebrations also extended into the community with the choir singing in Llanishen High School along with other Cluster Schools whom we continue to work with as part of our curriculum development work.

Film Premiere:

This term has concluded with a **Spotlight Film Premiere** event – with all classes across the school learning the digital and non-digital skills required to make films. Today we have all had the opportunity to watch the films created by other classes. We have also come together as a school for an award ceremony where we were able to celebrate the efforts made by children in the creations of these films. Parents will be able to see a sample of the films made, with class teachers sharing, via Seesaw, the film/s made by their class. A special thank you to Miss McCarthy who has not only provided staff with training around the development of this aspect of Expressive Arts, but also had the Vision to bring the school together for this wonderful end of term finale.

Looking to the future:

Outdoor learning developments will continue next term, starting straight after Easter with a week dedicated to Outdoor Learning. Miss Cook and Mrs Jackson have been key to this school improvement development and welcome seeing what the children will bring in, in response to the Holiday Homework task.

Each Holiday we set optional homework tasks for the whole school community. This holiday we are setting 2, both linked to the outdoors

Holiday Homework challenge 2: This holiday we are inviting children to gather together natural resources which they feel could be used to support indoor/outdoor learning in school. Resources should be small enough to fit in a carrier bag, not sharp or dangerous in anyway and brought into school at the start of term.

5 Dojo points will be awarded to every child that undertakes both of their Homework Tasks.

Examples:



Curriculum context this term:

Our new whole school context to be launched after Easter is: **Environmental Change**. As part of this we are looking forward to welcoming parent and grandparent volunteers into school to support the developments of outdoor spaces immediately adjoined to the classrooms. Later on in the term, we will then be looking to engage with the much bigger project of developing a new nature reserve. For this project we will be looking to utilise community support. Please speak to Miss Jackson if you feel you can help at all. Thank you to those already involved in helping to get the foundations in place in readiness for this exciting development.

Playground developments:

As part of our outdoor developments, year 6 pupils have been busy drawing up plans for the development of the infant and junior playground spaces. We can look forward to seeing their plans come to life in the summer term. Thank you again to the Friends of TYY who have offered financial as well as practical support to the development of our outdoor spaces.

Upcoming staffing changes:

After 19 years Mrs Alderson leaves us for an exciting new venture in mid May.

At the end of July, Mrs Mason will also be leaving us, moving to work in special educational provision. She has been in Ton Yr Ywen for 15 years.

Both staff will be greatly missed by the Ton Yr Ywen Family. Their individual talents and expertise have helped Ton Yr Ywen grow as a truly inclusive and supportive school. Our special thanks will be shared with them on their last days.

New after school clubs:

Coming next term we have responded to parental feedback and will be offering greater wrap around after school sport provision.

Dance will be available after school on a Monday and Thursday - to be run by 'Dance Fit Wales'.

Netball will be available on a Friday afternoon run by 'Netballerz Academy'.

Every Friday afternoon staff in years 3 – 6 also offer an array of enrichment activities available to all children at no cost to families. Year 2 will join this provision from the summer term. The enrichment activities offered are varied from sport to creative writing to board games and craft. What is offered also changes each term.

More information on this is available from the school office.

Family and Toddler group discussion:

We are looking into the possibility of offering opportunities throughout 2025 -26 for families in the Community with pre-nursery aged children to come together as part of a family members and toddler sessions to be held in Ton Yr Ywen. An opportunity to meet with myself and Mrs Molloy-Evans to chat about what you feel this could include has been arranged as part of an informal Stay and Play session to be hosted on Wednesday 11th June - 9-10am in the infant hall. Refreshments will be made available, along with early years activities. If you know of any families locally that have children aged 18 Months to 3 years, please invite them to come along with their children to talk to us.

Building developments paid for by Cardiff Council:

Over the Easter holidays, a new roof will be going onto the extension area of the Reception classrooms.

New Breakfast Club arrangement for September 2025 – July 2026:

We are excited to announce an **expansion of our breakfast provision** at Ton Yr Ywen for the 2025-2026 school year, aimed at further supporting our pupils and their families.

The Free Breakfast in Primary Schools scheme has been invaluable in ensuring that children have access to a healthy breakfast before the school day begins, helping them stay healthy and to achieve their best educationally. From September 2025, this **FREE** provision will continue, with a **revised time of 8:30 to 8:55 AM** and will remain open to all children from Reception upwards.

We understand that for many parents/carers longer wrap around childcare before the school day would be beneficial, particularly for working parents. We are pleased to announce that from September 2025 Ton Yr Ywen Primary School will introduce a **wraparound care service starting at 8:00 AM**. (Doors will close to this provision at 8.25am)

This new service will provide not only supervision but also access to the free breakfast club, allowing for a smooth transition into the school day. The wraparound care will be available at a price of £3 per session (subject to inflation adjustments). Families with multiple children will benefit from a reduced rate for siblings: £2.70 per session for each additional child.

We believe this expansion will offer greater flexibility and convenience for our families, and we look forward to providing more details soon. To help us plan for the upcoming school year, please complete the attached questionnaire regarding your needs for the September 2025 to July 2026 period. Once we've gathered all the information, we'll send out further instructions on how to sign up for the wraparound care.

If accessing either Breakfast Club provision from September 2025 is important to your family, please complete the attached form by 1st May 2025.

<https://forms.gle/hQbyySLfPW5TKuHs6>

More Good News to share:

Sporting highlights of the term include the Girls Football team achieving 4th place overall out of 150 teams that took part in a football tournament held in Ocean park Arena Sports Facility. Thank you to Mr Young for his efforts over many weeks and months to help coach the girls to this high level. We are very proud of them all. Thank you as well to Mr Welch and Mr Price who also give up their time to coach the boys and girls football teams with Mr Young after school.

On Sunday a group of children from Ton Yr Ywen came first in both of their dance routines. Miss Edwards contacted me at the start of the week to tell me how proud she was of their achievement in the dance competition. Well done.

If your child achieves a medal, or award outside school please send in a photograph that we can add to our celebrations board housed in the school entrance.

Wishing you all, rest and peace this Eastertime. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 28th April 2025**.

Yours



Mrs James-Griffiths (Headteacher)



**The sun shone for our Easter Egg Hunt.
Lots of fun was had by the whole school community.
Thank you to everyone involved.**

