



## Ton Yr Ywen Primary School

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### End of year reflections for academic year 2024 – 2025:

#### Dear parents, staff and governors,

As we reach the end of my second year at Ton Yr Ywen Primary School, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support throughout the year. It has been a year filled with laughter, learning and generous community effort. In the last month alone, the diary has been filled with school trips, our summer festival, a year 6 show, a Year 2 graduation, water and mud exploratory play, along with the rainforest achievements of year 3 – raising over £3000 in aid of adopting an orangutan and helping develop our nature reserve. Well done and thank you to all involved.

A special thank you is extended to the Friends of TYY whose volunteering makes such a difference to the provision available to all the children in Ton Yr Ywen. Diolch!

Thanks to your incredible generosity and support during the Summer term, their nature reserve campaign has already raised £6,750 towards its £15,000 target! Please get in touch with the FOTYY if you would like to support the campaign, volunteer at any events, or offer match funding, sponsorship or donations.



Although today we say a sad farewell to two significant staff members, our year 6 leavers and some of our nursery children we have much to celebrate from the year. Highlights for me have been the improvements in reading, the learning environment developments, and the roll out of our new authentic curriculum. Talking to the children these are some of their highlights from the year:

**Nursery am:** "Playing with my friends outside on the bikes and singing songs." Evelyn

[Click here to watch singing in nursery](#)

**Nursery pm:** "I like making cards." Rosanna. "I like playing doctors." Evie. "I like being on the bikes." William.

**Reception:** "I loved the play park in Heath Park, and when we used the forest to play instruments." Max

"I loved going to Castell Coch and seeing the bedrooms. I loved Forest School and maths." Edie.

**Year 1:** "I liked learning new things. Its great that we had 2 PE days." Bobbi.

"We went on a school trip to Mountain Ranch where we got to jump on a giant pillow." Nola.

**Year 2:** "I loved the garden centre, where we got to see lots of plants, frogs, snakes, a lizard and a fake spider." Ellis.

"There were so many cool things. I loved the disco, and ice pops given to us as a treat on a hot day." Celyn.

**Year 3:** "Making sm'ores out of solar panel ovens made by the children." Miss McCarthy.

"I loved watching the year 6 show, it was really funny and the songs were really in time." Ava.

"I loved chocolate cake day because the whole school got to make cake on the same day. We then had a massive cake sale after school which everyone got to go too." Elsie.

**Year 4:** "I loved learning about the digestive system using bread and lemon juice." Harry.

"I loved sewing bee pillows." Elizabeth.

**Year 5:** "I loved the school trip to the White Rafting Centre, where we got to do lots of activities." Aleeza.

"You can do a lot in year 5, chances to bond with friends on trips and developing a sensory garden are my highlights, plus doing science experiments." Rico

**Year 6:** "I loved it when we went paddleboarding." Indie.

"I loved the residential and paddleboarding." Tyson.



**Fond farewell:**

This term we say goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Mason and Mr Young. They both leave behind a legacy of being community focussed, always putting children first. They will certainly be missed by many.

In the words of the children: “Mrs Mason has brought joy to Ton Yr Ywen”, “Mrs Mason always helps us.” Another child recalled Mrs Mason asking Alexa to play music for them all to stop and dance too. Others described her as “very kind” and “very messy – she loves the mud.” After 15 years of dedication to the TY family. It is clear that she will be fondly remembered not only for her amazing learning experiences, but also for the help and support she has extended to many and her many sets of cat ears.

Mr Young has also decided to leave us this summer. For those attending the TOF summer club he will still be around to welcome the children onto site each day whilst he completes his summer maintenance jobs. Known best for his sense of humour and infectious enthusiasm for football coaching, many will miss his warm welcome on the school gates each day as well as his ability to fix everything. At this point we don't have a permanent replacement Estates Manager. It is our intention to initially utilise the support of a Site Manager from another school whilst we run an advert in readiness to appoint a new Estates Manager in the autumn. If you know anyone looking for such a position, please encourage them to apply this summer via: [ETeach Job Advert](#)



My end of year thanks is also extended to the hard working and dedicated team of staff and governors at Ton Yr Ywen Primary School. They all give over and above to ensure the children receive the very best, and I feel privileged to work with such a great team. On a daily basis I, like many, benefit from the support of Mrs Antoniazzi, Mrs Reid and the senior leadership team who have continued to work with me to lead the school forward over the last couple of years, responding to national as well as local changes, including taking action in response to feedback we receive from children and their families. In turn we are all supported by the extended family of Ton Yr Ywen, staff, volunteers, parents and visitors that have all enabled us to positively move forward. Thank you!

Please complete this year's questionnaire in order to help staff and governors to know what you feel we are doing well, as well as providing us with suggestions around the next steps we could take in Ton Yr Ywen Primary School.

[Questionnaire link.](#)

### **Goodbye Year 6 and our return to school**

To the children leaving us this summer, on behalf of all of the staff I would like to share that it has been a pleasure to see you grow, not only in knowledge and confidence, but also character and kindness. We all hope that you will enjoy the opportunities that await, but equally want you to know that you will be forever a member of the Ton Yr Ywen Family and as such are welcome to come back and visit us in the future.

For those returning in September **school will return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** for children in Years 1 – 6. Staff will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Nursery and Reception all have individual start dates and times falling later on during the first week.

Until then, wishing you all a restful summer break, after which we will look forward to welcoming most of you back in September. 2025-2026 promises to be another exciting year, where we will be launching our refined curriculum and further focussing our attentions on outdoor developments including the big community project of our nature reserve.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a grey background. The signature reads 'Annette James-Griffiths'.

**Mrs James-Griffiths (Headteacher)**