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Dear parents, carers, children, governors and staff,

This half term we are focussing on the school value of **Courage**, with merit badges and additional dojos being awarded to children who have demonstrated **Courage**. To achieve this activities and challenges are being set by teachers that encourage children to have a go at learning new skills. Examples of the activities your children are getting involved in will be shared for you to view on Seesaw. Here are a few lovely examples from today, with all of year 6 – children and staff teaching me a Scottish Dance.



Clashing Clothes Day yesterday was an example of a whole school challenge which for many in the TYY Family required **Courage**. Dressing in Clashing Clothes was a wonderful opportunity for some of our fashion forward children and staff, but for some they spoke of how this made them feel uncomfortable because they like it when their clothes match. In assembly we used this as a good opportunity to talk about how it made them feel, and that it can be very rewarding to sometimes try things which are new and/or out of our comfort zones.

Thank you all those that took part in and gave a donation on Clashing Clothes Day. Your generous donations raised **£272.50**. Initially we will use these funds to help fund the baking / cooking we have planned for your children to take part in on **National Chocolate Cake Day**.

Next **Monday 27th January Is National Chocolate Cake Day** and each class will make a cake which will be judged at 2.45 in the school hall. Feel free to come along **at 3pm** in the canteen to see the cakes made by each class and to buy pieces from the Assembly Squad who will be helping to judge and then sell the cakes. (Note: If your child is a regular Assembly Squad member it would be wonderful if they could stay an extra 30 minutes after school to help sell the cakes – please contact the office by email if this is possible). Monies raised will be shared out between the classes to help buy resources which will in turn allow teachers to make learning even more engaging.

Taking part in this challenge is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to take part in something together, and it is a great way of talking about this term's overarching Curriculum Context – **Impact of Technology**. For those interested in finding out more about what your children are learning about in class, Curriculum Overviews will be available on the new website by the end of next week.

Uniform:

Polite reminder – please can you remind children to leave any fashion jewellery at home. If wearing earrings, only stud earrings are permitted. This is for their safety. Jewellery worn for religious reasons may still be worn. Smartwatches are not permitted, but other watches may be worn once children start to tell the time.

Please can we also ask that PE shorts are of an appropriate length, which ensures modesty at all times. Despite being cold weather many children still wear shorts to school and in some cases those worn are too short for school wear.

Please can you also ensure your child always has a coat, as we like to make use of our wonderful outdoor space as much as is possible.

Building/Site developments:

Over the Christmas Holidays Mrs Harris' Classroom and the Year 2 classrooms were both painted. Thank you to all those involved in the preparation, painting and tidy up, allowing the classrooms to be ready for our return in January.

In the last week we have also had a special door added into the Reception classroom area. This enables staff to maintain a quiet teaching area as well as the open classroom space.



Staffing News:

This term we have welcomed Miss Webb as a new Teaching Assistant in Nursery working every day as part of the PS1 team.

Mrs Jackson's son is doing really well with his recovery and as such she hopes to return full time on Monday 3rd February, with Year 4 arrangements returning to as they were before her absence on her return.

Finally – Healthy Hearts Challenge – Formally launched this week as part of our St Dwynwen celebrations we have sent home a Healthy Hearts Sponsorship Challenge today. All the children are encouraged to take part between now and the end of February.

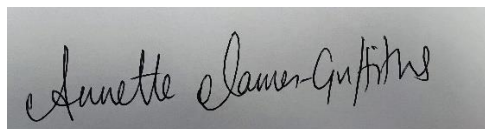
Here we are in school launching the event this week with whole school activity led by myself and my helpful Assembly Squad.:



Thank you to our wonderful group of TYY Friends who have helped put our Healthy Hearts challenge together, with fundraising being shared between Martha's Dancing Heart and the Friends of TYY - whose fundraising goes directly into improving provision for all of the children.

Wishing you all a restful weekend with your families.

Yours



Mrs James-Griffiths (Headteacher)