

# **WELL ... THAT WAS THE TERM THAT WAS!**

The Autumn Term is always busy but this year it seems to have been even busier, headlined of course, by Inspection. I'd particularly like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents, governors and staff for their work and support during this very pressurised period and I admit that I was extremely proud and even shed a tear during the initial feedback when the school community was praised across the board. The final report will be published on January 9<sup>th</sup> and I will share links when they are available.

Our PTA has worked incredibly hard to raise much needed funds for the school and has helped with paying for materials for classes, buses for visits as well as items for our sensory garden that we are working on. I cannot thank you enough for your support and hard work. Pengelli would be much poorer without you. Carly and Kate would like to thank you for all your fabulous donations for the Christmas Fair.

Again, I want to thank the Governors for their support during the year. They continue to play an essential role in the school and provide the support (and challenge) we need to continue to develop. At this point it is important to note that it is highly likely that there may be vacancies in the new year for members and I would like people to seriously consider the possibility of putting your names forward. It is quite a commitment, and a voluntary role, but is a vital part of developing the school for the benefit of your children.

Financial cutbacks alongside new developments have seen the staff having to work even harder than usual and I think the swans you see on the surface often hide the level of work that has gone in to ensuring your children receive the education they deserve. I have no doubt that you haven't always agreed with everything we have done during the term but I feel I need to recognise the dedication all staff have shown and I also want to take this opportunity to thank them all.

The children continue to put a smile on my face and are a total credit to you – they not only work hard on curricular areas and build on learning but also show a level of care and concern for each other that is always recognised by visitors who comment on the general feel of community and care within the school.

We continue to be strong members of the community and are proud that we are able to support events, like the Remembrance Service, singing in the church, working with the Community Council on litter picks and working closely with Llys Y Tywysog residents. It is important that the children learn the benefits of giving back to their community and it is really pleasing to see everyone working together. A special thank you to the Community Council for funding the selection boxes and to Pengelli AFC for paying for the Elf for the Christmas Party. Also, a special thank you to Father Christmas for finding time in his busy diary to come and visit us - he lights the school up!

I really hope that you enjoyed the Christmas Concerts and appreciate the level of talent we have at our school. The children are aware that their concerts are a way of them saying thank you to all of you for all you do for them. I hope you went away with smiles on your faces!

Staff are already planning for next term and are looking to build on the excellent work already carried out, there is no reason why we cannot continue to go from strength to strength.

I hope Father Christmas brings you all everything you wish for and that you have special family time together.

**THANK YOU and  
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!  
We look forward to seeing you on the children's  
return on Tuesday January 7th,**