

# Ysgol Maes Owen



Aim to learn, learn to succeed ~ Anelu at ddysgu, dysgu i lwyddo

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the 2022/2023 school year is here and what a truly wonderful year it has been 😊

It has been an emotional final week, especially in relation to the Year 6 learners who are due to move up to High School in September. What an absolutely lovely group of children, who have grown and developed so much throughout their time here. To stand on the stage in their Leavers' Service and speak so confidently about their successes made me feel extremely proud; succeeding despite the constraints of the COVID-19 period 😊

Your children have been an absolute delight to both educate and nurture over the past twelve months. It is always hard to pinpoint a particular highlight, however I will never forget the passion and confidence with which the Ysgol Maes Owen children spoke to the Estyn Inspection Team about our school. I was, and remain extremely proud of them. The Estyn Report is due for publication mid-August. A link will be posted on our Ysgol Maes Owen Twitter feed @MaesOwen and I will email it out to all families once we return in September.

Many thanks to our whole-school Staff, I genuinely couldn't imagine a more dedicated team and I'm always grateful. Sad farewell and good luck to Mrs Hardy who is moving on to new beginnings at Mrs Wilkinson's school in St George. Mixed emotions also for Mrs Evans who is leaving us and going travelling. Both teachers have done an amazing job this year! Many thanks to Mrs Jones (Year 3 & 4) for taking on a class full time this year. Mrs Jones will return to her part time hours in September. Congratulations to Mrs Jones (Year 5 & 6) who was successful at interview and will now remain permanently at the school as a full-time teacher.

Many thanks, of course, to you as parents, carers and wider family members and friends of the school. It is only by working together that we are able to ensure that Ysgol Maes Owen is the safe and happy learning environment that our children and staff deserve.

Wishing our whole-school community a fun and restful Summer break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.**

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Foulkes

(Headteacher)

If you have additional needs relating to disability, language or cultural issues with which you require assistance at a particular school event, please contact us to arrange the assistance required.



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### Message from Miss Pye, (Head of Years 3 and 4) :

What a busy end to the year! We completed our final topic, 'Eîn Hysgol Ni a Fi' with building our dream school and completing units of work on ourselves. All children have been supported by the Spectrum project with learning about healthy relationships, staff from Betsi Cadwaladr, NHS, shared workshops with all



classes, a huge thanks to Miss Sharna Bonnell for organising and supporting us with this. Children have also focused on Railway Safety, learning about keeping safe in our community; please look out for our children's safety posters in all local stations throughout the Summer break. We were very lucky that the sun kept shining for our sports day too, amazing resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship from all. Last week I was also fortunate enough to take a group of year 4 learners to



Pentrellyncymmer. As always, the children were all exceptionally well behaved and we have all made the best memories with our friends.

Thank you to Miss Cody, Miss Probert and Mrs Mac for supporting the children with this; the long days

and nights with 28 excited Maes Owen children and 3 even more excited staff was an absolute joy! Finally, on behalf of the Lower School Team, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support and to wish you all a restful break with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming all the children back in September to start new adventures!



### Message from Mrs James, (Head of Years 5 and 6) :

Phew! Can you believe we've made it to the end of term? It's been quite a journey, but here we are, ready to embrace the summer holidays. Firstly, let's give a huge cheer for our incredible Sports Day! The students showcased their athleticism and teamwork, making us proud. We witnessed some astonishing feats of speed and strength from the pupils as well as our incredible parents having a go in the parents' races. Well done to everyone! Our learning in our Holiday Show topic concluded with a recreation of a travel agency where pupils persuaded our customers to visit a town in North Wales. Lots of research, hard work and talent on display! Fantastic! We have also welcomed The Spectrum Project, paramedics and PC Gareth to our school this half term to enhance the learning experiences of our pupils.



We had our Leavers' Service this week. This was a bittersweet event as we said goodbye to our Year 6 students. They have been an absolute delight to teach, and we are certain they will go on to achieve great things. Best of luck to all our leavers! We also say goodbye to 2 incredible teachers this week: Miss Evans is off to Australia and Miss Hardy is joining Mrs Wilkinson at St George. They will both be missed here at Maes Owen and we wish them the best!

On behalf of the upper School team, thank you for your continuous support, we hope you have a fantastic summer holiday, filled with sunshine, fun, and quality family time. We cannot wait to welcome you all back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.