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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to you all following the half term week, hoping you all had a pleasurable and peaceful week.

Urdd National Eisteddfod - Congratulations and well done to all the children who travelled to Builth Wells during the half term to represent the school and compete in the National Eisteddfod. In terms of their behaviour, attitude and commitment, the children were a credit to the school and to Rhosllannerchrugog. It was a pleasure to see all pupils taking part and enjoying the competing and performing. Congratulations to Osian Jones, the action song group and to the creative dance group on their performances. However, huge congratulations to the creative music group who came first and winning the competition for the second year in succession, and to Morgan Jones for winning the award for the most promising performer in the action song competition. We are all very proud of their performances. We also celebrate success in the art and craft competition, where Ella Waters (2nd), Faye Wilson (2nd) and Jessica's group (3rd) were very successful.

It was also pleasing to see that Adran y Rhos were successful, finishing in second place in the mixed dance competition.

International Week - The week beginning June 11th will be international week. Each class have chosen one of the countries who will be competing in this year's football world cup and during the week the children will be learning about the country and its traditions.

Summer Fair - Remember about the Summer fair on **Wednesday June 13th from 5 - 7 o'clock**. Please come along to support the evening.

Arriving in school & Collecting children early - Following a previous letter regarding collecting pupils early from school, and although we are very grateful to the majority of parents/carers who succeed in bringing their children to school on time in the morning and collecting at the end of the school day, I would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of taking every possible step to avoid collecting children early from school before the end of the school day.

On rare occasions we understand that there may be unavoidable reasons for collecting a child early from school. However a small percentage of parents continue to regularly collect their children early from school with a range of reasons being used. These include 'swimming lessons', 'no taxi available at any other time', 'was passing school and thought I'd collect now to save coming back later', 'hair appointment'. Taking children out of a lesson before 3.15, as well as arriving late for school, does have a negative impact on a child's education. It disrupts the flow of a lesson, the child misses vital information at the end of a lesson or in the introduction when tasks are explained and introduced, if late. This means the teacher is required to repeat the introduction to individuals who are late. It can also be an uncomfortable experience for the child who arrives late or leaves before the end of the afternoon, as he/she may feel that they are missing out on important information or may be in the middle of an enjoyable activity. Collecting early from school can also be very time consuming to school staff. Thank you for your co-operation in responding to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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