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Headlines

Well another school year is almost over bringing to an end my 5th year at Trinity Fields. Every school brings many new opportunities and challenges for pupils and staff and this year has been no different! Every year at this time we celebrate the many and varied achievements of our pupils which includes: successfully achieving IEP targets, sporting triumphs, as well as some pupils receiving special awards at our annual Keys to Success summer celebrations. No matter what the achievement we will always make sure they are celebrated.

Some BIG news

This year we have seen our PTA go from strength to strength; BUT as ever they require more support from parents and carers. If you can help please contact Leanne Boardman for more details.

This year I am delighted to say that we now have 2 brand new minibuses on the road. We have a new Variety Club Sunshine Coach and just last week we took delivery of a brand new Lord's Taverners minibus, thanks to the very generous donation of someone connected to the school and of course Kirsty Williams the Cabinet Secretary for Education at the Welsh Government, who opened our long awaited new rebound therapy room.

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School council

Our school council is outstanding; this year they have again worked with Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner for Wales to develop the UNCRC articles in a more accessible format, as well as helping to evaluate her Super School Ambassadors scheme.

This year I would like to pay a special tribute to our school council and senior pupils for working with us to achieve the Rights Respecting Schools Award. We are the 1st school in Caerphilly to be a Rights Respecting School and we are very proud of this. A quote from our RRSA assessment states, "Pupil voice is at the heart of life at Trinity Fields. There are many opportunities for pupils to express their views and be involved in decision making across the school and pupils are taught that having their opinions listened to is an entitlement. The School Council is a representative group and has a high profile in all aspects of the school's work."

The school council continue to work with governors to support the interviewing of candidates for jobs within the school. All of the candidates tell me that this is the hardest part of their interviews. My thanks to all members of the school council -you have helped us make some excellent choices.

Good luck

I would like wish our 9 school leavers all the very best as they leave us and begin the next stage of their learning. Leavers this year are: Ann, Jacob, Levi, Chloe, Megan, Aaron, Tomos, Charlotte and Ben. We wish you all the very best!

Congratulations - Llongyfarchiadau

On behalf of governors and staff I would like to offer congratulations to all those pupils in the 14-19 learning pathways department who have successfully had their work accredited through ASDAN and Agored Cymru. I look forward to hearing even more about your successes next

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Thanks – Diolch

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have supported me throughout the year. In particular I would like to thank:

Pupils: for always doing your best. Thank you for inspiring and challenging me; that is what the job is all about! You have great ideas and we want to make sure as many of these as possible happen to make our school even better!

Parents/carers: for your on-going support. You are key partners and working together we can make a real difference.

Staff- my sincere thanks for your commitment, enthusiasm and always being prepared to "go the extra mile"!

Governors: for giving up so much of their time. A special thanks to Mike Cook (Chair of Governors) for his invaluable support and always being available to talk!

Looking ahead

We have many more exciting developments that are in the pipeline for the new school year. These will include opening 2 new classrooms (after a £400,000+ investment by Caerphilly), opening our new Thrive room and school library, the refurbishment of the ICT suite, and hopefully we will have a brand new foundation phase playground complete with wheelchair accessible swing and trampoline- the cost of the new playground is in the region of £50,000. If you know of any sources of funding then please let me know- I did say that our pupils had BIG ideas!

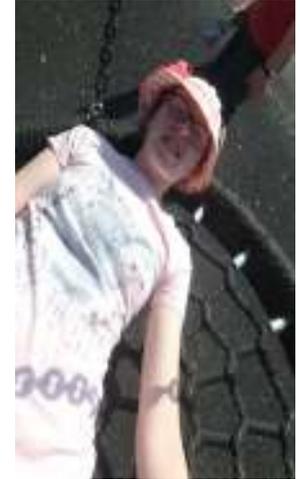
As always I hope that you all have a good summer, whatever the weather! Thank you for your support and I look forward to working in partnership with you and meeting you at some of our events in the autumn term.

With my very best wishes,

Ian Elliott MBE
Headteacher

Elm Summer Outings

Elm class have been enjoying visiting Ystrad Mynach park and coffee shops. We have been asking for drinks and snacks and paying for them in John's Café and Café 37. We have been using our road safety skills and playing in the park – fun fun fun!



6 Nations Rugby Festival

On Thursday 23rd March 2017 Trinity Fields once again hosted the annual Disability Six Nations at Ystrad Mynach Centre of Excellence. This year was the most successful ever with 16 schools attending the day from all over South Wales. Trinity Fields were supported by the WRU, Caerphilly Sports development and of course our generous sponsors Orange-box and their catering connections at Just Perfect Ltd. The day was fantastic and the Trinity team playing as Scotland displayed some amazing rugby! Trinity played Ireland and won their first game easily. Trinity then had a tough game against England but beat them too, with some fantastic sportsmanship being shown by all. Trinity had their final game against Wales which we won too! Team Trinity won their group and had a fantastic day filled with fun, famous friends and fantastic rugby.

Well done team Trinity!



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Oak Class Visit to a 'bee' Workshop.....

We found out that Honey bees collect pollen and nectar in the spring when most flowers and plants are in bloom. They use their long, tube like tongues like straws (called proboscis) to suck the nectar out of the flowers and they store it in their stomachs and carry it to the beehive. While inside the bee's stomach for about half an hour, the nectar mixes with the proteins and [enzymes](#) produced by the bees, converting the nectar into honey.....



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.....The bees then drop the honey into the [beeswax](#) comb, which are hexagonal cells made of wax produced by the bees, and repeat the process until the combs are full. To prepare for long-term storage, the bees fan their wings to evaporate and thicken the honey (note: nectar is 80% water and honey is about 14-18% water). When this is done, the bees cap the [honeycomb](#) with wax and move on to the next empty comb, starting all over again.



Cenydd Class Visit Dino Babies Exhibit



On Friday 7th July Cenydd Class went to The National Museum of Wales to visit the Baby Dino Exhibit. The pupils in Cenydd class have been learning about dinosaurs as part of their topic work this term. They met Liam, who told us some dinosaur facts in the workshop, we did some excavating of dino fossils and really enjoyed the baby dino exhibit. The moving baby dino made some of us jump!





Butterfly Watch

Tulip class have had new friends this term. We had caterpillars visit us and we watched them grow to beautiful butterflies. We made them Nectar and picked flowers for them. Since releasing them, they he been back to visit us; flying around our play yard.



Better Out than In

The students have fun exploring the natural environment and even cook using a campfire!



What's new?....



The Common Room!

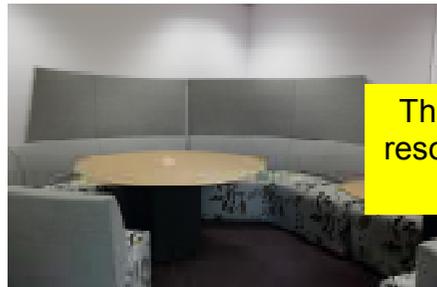


The Library!

Sports Day



New classrooms!



The teacher's resource room!



The bus!



The 'Better Out than In' project!

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When we Return on 4th September 2017