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Dear Parents and Carers,
Please find below some good news items, and updates concerning next half term.



For those of you who are parents of pupils in year 9, a separate letter has been sent to you concerning the forthcoming options evening.

Congratulations!



First of all, congratulations are in order. Well done to Max Evans who took gold in the 200m at the British Athletics championship in Sheffield. This followed his silver medal in the 60m event the day before. It is worth noting that Max's winning time was the fourth highest speed in the history of the competition.

Given that Max is 13 years old and was competing in the under 15 age group, we are excited to see where this talent leads. I have said it before, but will say it again, Warren Gatland's search for Liam Williams' replacement on the Welsh wing is well and truly over!

New Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the way

We are delighted to announce that we will soon have a brand new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). It will be located on the site of our tennis courts. Pupils will be able to play a wide range of sports, including tennis, netball, hockey and football. We will have new fencing and floodlighting to ensure the facility can be used at all times of day and night.



The PE staff were pinching themselves at the installation of the 3G pitch. This new facility extends their belief that all of their Christmas's have come early.



Uniform change – Blazers are now optional

From after half term, school **blazers will become optional**. Given the rising cost of living, the Governing Body are concerned about the affordability of this item of uniform. We have informed our uniform supplier of the change and will be notifying parents of children joining us in September. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback that informed our decision.



Industrial action

On Thursday 2nd March 2023, the National Education Union (NEU) is, once again, taking industrial action. I write to inform you that, on that day, we will **remain open to all pupils and staff**. This decision has been taken after carrying out a careful risk assessment.



All transport routes will run as normal during the planned industrial action. We expect most pupils' timetables to be unaffected.

It is worth noting that the National Education Union have notified Powys County Council of further strike action on the 15th and 16th March 2023. I will write to you nearer the time to explain our arrangements on those days.

School production

We are exceptionally excited to inform you that the school production of Mary Poppins is going ahead on 2nd and 3rd March. Tickets are £5 and available from the school office. Please do come along to support our wonderful young people who have been rehearsing tirelessly.



Needless to say, refreshments will be served with a spoonful of sugar and we are sure you will be left feeling supercalifragilisticexpialidocious 😊

And finally...

We wish you and your family a thoroughly enjoyable half term break. We look forward to see pupils return reinvigorated and refreshed on Monday 27th February.

Your sincerely,



Daniel Owen (Headteacher)