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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are enjoying the start of the Easter holidays.

I am excited to share the news that our inspection report has been published on the Estyn website today. ([link](#))

The inspection team visited our school from 30th January to the 3rd of February, we had five inspectors in total at different points during the week. The inspection team spent a lot of time in classes observing teaching and learning as well as time with our children and meeting with staff and governors. The results of the parent and pupil questionnaires and those parents who met with the inspectors was extremely positive. The inspectors were particularly impressed with the number of parents who attended the parents meeting, and really enjoyed hearing about your experiences of working with our school. I am very grateful for your support.

We have so much to celebrate with what has been identified in the report and I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the staff and governors at the school who have contributed to our success. From our lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, teachers, administrative staff, to the teaching support staff, we have an amazing team here whose priority is always about ensuring our children are happy, looked after, and able to reach their full potential. As the report noted: -

"Staff are highly committed in ensuring that they meet pupils' well-being needs each day, in order to prepare them for learning."

The report also highlighted our strengths, such as our successful teaching of key skills like literacy, Welsh language, and digital skills, which support pupils' effective progress in these areas of learning. The inspectors were particularly impressed with the way staff foster confidence and a sense of achievement in pupils when teaching maths, resulting in many pupils developing a love for the



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subject. As headteacher, I am immensely proud of our accomplishments and the recognition we have received.

While the new Estyn inspection framework no longer grades schools, I am confident that as you read the report, you will acknowledge the school's many strengths. You will also see that we have four recommendations to work on from the report: -

- *R1 Improve pupils' independent learning skills.*
- *R2 Use the best practice across the school to ensure that all teaching allows pupils to develop their reasoning, thinking and problem-solving skills*
- *R3 Ensure that the classroom provision for additional learning needs takes good account of the targets within individual development plans.*
- *R4 Develop arrangements to promote healthy eating and drinking in line with the Welsh Government's requirements.*

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your support and contributions to our continued improvement. Your feedback and involvement with the school is essential, and I appreciate the role you have played in our success.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Lewis

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