



# Cogan Primary News

## Leaping towards Spring and New school email- launch...

The Spring term has got off to a great start once again. Everyone is busy learning and the teachers are continuing to value the children's opinions. The new topics are exciting and will encourage the children to be the best they can and develop independence.

The School Council have been very active. They met with myself and together we set out foci on a FADE form (Focus, Analysis, Development and Evaluation) process to gather information and ideas in readiness for a Pupil Learning Walk. This was carried out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January by the year 5 and 6 representatives. Each of the children took turns to record their observations, sticking to the criteria as we walked from Nursery up to Year 6. The children's comments are very professional and informative. The results from the Learning Walk will be shared in a whole school assembly and with teachers and Governors. Well done to the children, they did such a good job!

The PTA have met to discuss the forthcoming events. It is so lovely to see so many new faces supporting Mrs Coombs who has taken over as chair. The PTA have grown in numbers which is fantastic for the future, raising funds for the little extras for all our children.

Important documents to look out for on our website - The Governors' Annual report to Parents 2023-2024 is now available.

Our St David's day celebrations will be taking place soon on the 7<sup>th</sup> March due to the 1<sup>st</sup> being on a Saturday, we are looking forward to our usual celebrations, promoting the rich heritage of Wales, which will be the theme for some of our home competition tasks. See over.

Please can I remind parents and carers to stick to the one way system for dropping off and collecting children. It is very important to keep the flow and make these times safe. Our CCTV cameras and staff are positioned to ensure the safety of all our children. Gates will only be opened when everyone is ready and it is safe to dismiss. Also, please take care around the main gate when crossing the road and waiting for the gate to open.

Clubs have resumed. Thank you to all the staff that willingly give up their time to run free clubs. We are very lucky to have a wide selection of clubs. Please support the staff by making sure you are on time at 4:15pm to collect your child and if for any reason they are absent, please let the office know.

All the children have completed our termly Fire drill - they were very sensible and all left the building in an orderly manner within two minutes- the children experienced leaving the hall through different exits in the main hall-great job children! They also demonstrated they knew what to do in a Lockdown drill, we practice this every term too.

I have been delighted to listen to children read in English and Welsh across the school and I am very pleased to say that the standards are extremely high in both languages. This will be excellent evidence for our Welsh Cymraeg Campus assessment on the 11<sup>th</sup> February.



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Our Forest Schools continues to be a great success. Thanks to Ms Reeves for all your hard work, preparation and lovely activities.

We have recently hosted Cohort 3 of the Anti-racist training in the Vale of Glamorgan. Mr Bennett and Miss Gillingham are part of this, which is led by Rachel Clarke, Betty Campbell's granddaughter. It is so beneficial to be part of such an important initiative.

Miss Gillingham has also been busy being part of an Early Years Development group working on profiles for ALN in the Early Years and Mrs Bennett has been leading at Central South Consortium regarding Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE). It is great to see our teachers leading the way!

Our Value of the month is 'courage'. We supported the 'Wear Red for Velindre Day' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you to all those who donated for this great cause.

Can I lastly, remind parents of the agreed school uniform, full details can be seen on our website. If you are buying foot wear, please can your purchase black shoes, boots or trainers-many thanks.

Half term is fast approaching, have a lovely break over half term and enjoy your family time.

Best wishes,  
Mrs S. M. Sibert

**Collection of children  
at the office/Data  
Collection:**

Please notify the office prior to picking children up for appointments, you will be asked for evidence of the appointment. Please try to avoid collecting children ad hoc towards the end of the day, as they miss out on their learning and they should be in school for the full day.

Please can you let the office know if any of your details have changed -thank you.

**Year 6 -Adventure  
week Dolygaer  
Centre**

**We are very much looking forward to our visit on 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**This is a fantastic centre with really exciting activities. If you are interested in having a look, please use the link below:**

**<https://www.parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/dolygaer>**

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 we will be launching a new email. The old one will no longer be in use.**

**Please use the one below to get in touch with the office or Mrs Sibert. Thank you.**

**New School email:**

**[office@coganprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@coganprimaryschool.co.uk)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** 

# Diary Dates...

03:02:25- Llais Groups

05:02:25- Full Governor Meeting and Leadership and Management committee

06:02:25- Whole School Assembly led by School Council

11:02:25- Emma Dermondy CSC visit to assess our Silver Cymraeg Campus

13:02:25- Talent assembly

14:02:25- Cuppa with the Headteacher- EY Unit tour- a chance to chat about our school

18:02:25- Neon Disco-PTA

20:02:25- Year 3 class assembly

**21:02:25- Inset day with Cluster schools- Cogan to host Headteachers and Reception teachers**

**Half term-24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February**

06:03:25- Proud to Present

07:03:25- St David's Day (as the 1<sup>st</sup> is on a Saturday)

Wb 10:03:25- Dolygaer Adventure Week- Year 6

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**Keep up the excellent attendance**

Attendance winners this month:

1<sup>st</sup>- 96.1% - Year 3

2<sup>nd</sup> -95.8%- Y4

3<sup>rd</sup>- 94.9%-Y2

## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

**Proud to Present winners for January-  
Science and Technology focus**



Infant class— Reception

Y3— Brodie D

Y4— Willow B

Y5— Willow C

Y6— Max B

Positive Relationships/being a good friend –

Rec- Zachary E Y3- Eris B Y6- Zac S

Y1- Betty Y4- Brooke

Y2- Ella-J Y5- Joelle

Handwriting— Isla P, Buddy, Kai and Oli F

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Nam L

Y2- Alfie M

Y3— Grace

Y4— Gwen

Y5— Rowan P

Y6— Layla, Max & Vega

**This year our St David's Day home competition is as follows:**

**Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2: The Theme will be 'Welsh Dragons of Kindness'. Children can use any materials that they want including collage, paint, papier mâché or junk modelling.**

**Years 3, 4, 5, 6 : The focus is 'Digital Wales'. Children will be asked to create either short film using i Movie or Adobe Express, or a PowerPoint or Google Slides on HWB on the theme 'What does Wales mean to me?' Children will upload their entries to their Google Classroom page.**

**Entries should seek to celebrate our 'Cynefin' which means our locality in a social and geographical context.**

**Please ensure that your child's name and year are clearly written on the back of their entry. Please ensure that all entries are in school by Monday 3rd March 2025 for them to be considered for judging throughout the week.**

**Diolch yn fawr a phob lwc!**

