



Cogan Primary News

New Year-Looking forward to another successful year...

Wishing you all a Happy New Year- Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you had a lovely Christmas with your families, free from illness and hopefully you were all able to relax. I am hoping that the New Year will bring about a fresh start and new year's resolutions will include kindness and empathy for one another. We are keen to continue to raise awareness of kindness and helping others. The Care Campaigners delivered some 'sweet treats' to our school neighbours before Christmas, while the choir sang. It has been lovely to receive thank you emails from residents who said it made their day!

We will be reinforcing our '**Be ready. Be respectful. Be safe.**' strategies and we have already held assemblies to refresh and remind children about what we expect from conduct in classroom, around the school and in assemblies. I am very pleased to say that all but a very few are showing exemplary behaviour and demonstrating that they have great relationships with their peers and adults.

We will be having some assemblies and workshops to highlight the important work of the NSPCC. A letter will have been sent out to you regarding this. It is of paramount importance that we keep all our children safe and make sure they are informed about what to do if they need to talk to someone to raise an issue. Once again, I cannot stress the need for good routines at home and in school. Working together as a community will ensure everyone gets a good amount of sleep and calm morning routines, ensuring everyone without exception, gets to school on time, eager to learn and be with their friends. A positive mind-set from all really does make the difference, as well as avoiding lateness as it often causes stress and children miss out on vital learning and instructions in their learning. It is also very important that children attend school at all times and families avoid taking holidays in term time.

Our school Value for January is 'Understanding' and our theme, 'Going for Goals. Our Llais curriculum continues to go from strength to strength. We continue to work collaboratively with our cluster schools in Penarth to ensure the children of Penarth get a similar diet of learning opportunities. The term will be another busy one, with lots of exciting learning tasks, visits and visitors. Teachers will send home curriculum overviews in due course. After school clubs will resume the week beginning 20th January 2025. Unfortunately Mr Birchall will be on sick leave this half term, due to further knee surgery. I know you will join us all in wishing him a speedy recovery. Miss Jillian Weaver will be covering year 5, ably supported by Ms Reeves and Mrs Hazell.

Best wishes,
Mrs S M Sibert



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Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for December – Expressive Arts/Christmas concert

Infant class— Rec, Years 1 and 2

Y3— Georgie B

Y4— Esmee A

Y5— Alfie M

Y6— Layla D

Handwriting— Rylee R-S, Myles and Hania

Criw Cymraeg—

Positive Relationships/being a good friend

Y1— Indie R Y4— Seren H

Rec- Evan D Y3- Harper H Y6- Eliza P

Y2- Rhys S Y5— Rio L

Y1- Arlo B Y4- Callum B

Y3— Livvie B Y6— Archie P

Y2- Tristan L Y5- Lily H



Instant Updates on Twitter
CoganPrimary @CoganPrimary



Uniform Plea

Please could we ask that children only wear black joggers or leggings on PE days only. These should not have any logos on them. Also, we have a policy of black footwear-shoes, boots or trainers.

It is important for us to have a shared identity and that everyone is neatly presented in the correct school uniform.

Also, can I request that children do not wear denim jeans' on dress up days if possible- we have also had a rule about this because wet jeans are uncomfortable and restrict movement for the children, also the fashion for 'ripped' jeans does not promote the school well.

Thank you. PS- (Free donated uniform to take away on the last Friday of each month in the school yard.)

Llongyfarchiadau to Layla H for winning the overall Town Mayor's Christmas card competition and Evie D for being highly commended for her excellent poem 'Giving at Christmas' both girls are in Year 4 – SEE OVER

Attendance winners December:

1st- 96% -Y1

2nd -95.7%- Y4

3rd- 95.6%-Y3





Giving at Christmas

Christmas is a magical holiday that we celebrate

Here in our houses that we decorate

Ribbons on the gifts we place underneath the tree

It's time to give on Christmas day to all our family

Seeing peoples faces full of joyful smiles

Truly makes me feel all warm inside

Many people aren't so lucky so we must bare this in mind

And realize there's more to Christmas than gifts

So please remember to be kind

Diary Dates...

06:01:25- Back to school for all
13/14/15:01:25- New Nursery children to start afternoons
**09:02:25- NSPCC Assemblies –Lower Primary and Upper Primary/
Spectrum Healthy relationships Y2 and Y6**
10:01:25- Proud to Present-December
**10:01:25- Tour of the Main Buildings for Nursery parents 9:15am Main
Office**
**14:01:25- Family Learning- Keeping Up with the Kids Ys 4, 5 and 6- parents
and children – mornings in Yr Ystafell Teulu starts for 10 weeks**
15:01:25- Governors -Standards and Provision Committee Meeting
Wb 20:01:25- Clubs Start back this week (new lists will be sent out)
21:01:25- P C Reed Year 6 Drugs and Substances
23:01:25- Year 4 assembly for parents
28:01:25- NSPCC Workshops Y3 and Yrs 5 and 6
30/01/25- Proud to present -January
**31:01:25- Year 2 trip to Techniquest/ Wear Red for Velindre-
donations/Super Ambassadors to Civic Offices**
03:02:25- Llais Groups
**05:02:25- Full Governor Meeting and Leadership and Management
committee**

**Inset Day 21/02/25-Joint Penarth Schools Cluster Day-
curriculum**

**We want your views
about our school!**

**Please check the
Google classroom for a
Parent/Carer
questionnaire.
We want to know what
you think about us.
Please can you
complete it by Friday
25th January.
Thank you in advance
for your time.**



‘Cuppa with the Headteacher’

Friday 14th February 9:15am

Agenda: Tour of the Early
Years Unit

All are welcome



Class :	PE Days:
Nur	Monday
Rec	Wednesday and Friday
1	Wednesday and Thursday
2	Wednesday and Friday
3	Monday and Thursday
4	Monday and Friday
5	Tuesday and Thursday
6	Wednesday and Friday

Snow and Ice Advice for Parents/Carers

Cogan Primary School will endeavour to remain open during incidences of bad weather; the decision to open or close will be based on the following factors:

- Sufficient members of staff being able to attend
- Sufficient provisions for school meals to be provided; and availability of catering staff
- All utilities and heating system are working fully
- Safe access in and around the school

These procedures should be followed only if snow has fallen (not is snow has been forecast) or the playground is extremely icy and therefore dangerous for parents to drop off using our usual system.

You can check whether the school is open by one of the following methods, *before* starting your journey to school:

- Check your mobile telephone and your incoming email for a message from school
- www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/wales
- www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- Twitter @CoganPrimary
- Our School App

Nursery and Reception drop off and collection will remain the same at the Early Years Building.

If we have had significant snow or ice and the decision has been made to open the school

- Please ***DO NOT*** bring your child along to breakfast club, as you will appreciate we won't be able to make a decision in time.
- Please bring your child to school at ***8.55am***, the gate ***will not*** be open before this time; please stay with your child until the doors and gate are open.
- The school yard will remain off-limits to parents while covered in snow or severe ice – during this time please deliver and collect your child from the following entrances / exits:
 - Year 1 Main Front Door
 - Year 2 and Year 3 Breakfast Club Door
 - Years 4 – 6 Through Pill Street Yard Gate – *but we ask that you and your child do not stray from the cleared area outside the Annexe Building*

If we have opened the school but are unable to open the school kitchen we will advise you in our text / email and ask that you provide a packed lunch for your child.

Thank you for your support.

