

# NEWSLETTER

September 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

I'd like to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome I have received by the children parents and families in Coed-y-Lan. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness I have been shown and your commitment to starting the new year with positivity. I must also congratulate you all on your wonderful children. They are a credit to you all, their manners and eagerness to learn is second to none.

The first month of the academic year really has flown by. We have introduced the children to their topic for the half term 'Cwpan Y Byd Coed-y-Lan, Coed-y-Lan World Cup' As the Welsh Rugby team are currently in France, here in Coed-y-Lan we are learning about various aspects of health and well-being and the children have been investigating the importance of having a healthy body and a healthy mind. We hope to end the topic with our very 'Cwpan Y Byd Coed-y-Lan' tournament in Sardis Road on Friday 27th October. We are hoping to invite all our families to come along so that we can share what the children have learnt with you all.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Macmillan Coffee afternoon, it was lovely to meet so many you and have a chat whilst raising over £307 for the charity. I'd like to say a special thankyou to all the members of the PTA who organised the event and made it such a success.

Diolch yn fawr,

Mrs Evans

## Elections

We are delighted to announce our newly elected Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister; Erin and Aaron. They were chosen by the children as excellent role models who will play an important role in representing Coed-y-Lan this year.



I wish to congratulate every pupil who nominated themselves for these roles. Each one of them delivered a fantastic speech in front of the whole school and the standard of their presentations was phenomenal. They should all be very proud of themselves.

## ATTENDANCE

The start of the new school year is a good time to recap on the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Being in school and on time every day is vital to maximising the children's learning. Arriving late can mean missing your child's weekly guided reading session, and the odd days missed here and there can lead to gaps in your child's learning.

Let's all work together to turn every class green this term.

	95% and above	(excellent)
	Between 90%- 94%	(good)
	Between 85-89%	(below average)
	Below 85%	(unsatisfactory)

# September News

## Building improvements

As promised, I wanted to share with you some photos of the building work that took place over the Summer holidays.

Extensive work was done to create a new purpose built early years unit in the lower building, windows have been replaced in the main building, and new and attractive toilets have been fitted in both the early years and Progression step 2 areas.

The playground has had new drainage, been resurfaced and railings have been fitted to enclose the nursery and reception area.

Classrooms have been decorated and new carpets fitted. It really is a transformation, and we are very grateful to the Local Authority for working hard to complete the work in time for the children's return to school.



## Immersion day

To launch our topic 'Cwpan-Y-Byd Coedylan' we had an exciting immersion day where children did a range of engaging activities linked to the six areas of learning and experience.

The aim of the day was to get them thinking about the new topic and to gather their ideas about what aspects of health and wellbeing they wanted to investigate.

The children were very motivated by the day and came up with some exciting ideas for their learning. We will incorporate their suggestions into our planning for this half term.

## British Sign Language

We have been fortunate to have been selected to work with the Welsh Council for Deaf People this term and Dosbarth Bedw and Dosbarth Derwen are having weekly British Sign Language lessons. This is an amazing opportunity for the children to develop new communication skills and a greater understanding of the challenges faced by member of the community with hearing loss.

## Samba drumming

Dosbarth Helyg are currently having Samba drumming lessons and are thoroughly enjoying developing the expressive arts skills

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some important dates for your diary for the Autumn Term. If you have any questions regarding these dates, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTA meeting 7pm in the District Club, all welcome
2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3-6 daily swimming lesson. Please bring swimming kit.
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Hello Yellow- World Mental Health Day- children can wear yellow
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Photo day- Individual school photos
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Shwmae, Sut Mae Day- Children can wear something with a Welsh theme
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly- 9.15-9.45 in the school hall - Maximum 2 tickets per family
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation evenings
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> October	'Cwpan y Byd Coed-y-Lan' 1.30pm Sardis Road, families welcome
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Dosbarth Helyg & Castan (Year1-3) Reading Café. Parents/carers welcome
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
December dates to follow	

Please Note: There may be other dates added but these will be communicated to you by your child's class teacher or the office

# Our Values and Vision

Last term we reviewed and updated our whole school values. As a school community we all shared our ideas about our core values, and together agreed the twelve we think are our top priorities.



This term we have also developed our school vision. We gathered the views of children, staff, parents and Governors and created a shared vision for our school community.

## Our vision

Coed-y-Lan Primary School is a happy, safe and inclusive community, where every child feels cared for and is nurtured to aspire and achieve.

Our aim is to provide exciting and engaging learning opportunities that inspire curiosity and a love of learning. Every child's individual needs will be met and every child's talents encouraged.

Our goal is that every child that leaves Coedylan, has confidence, ambition, resilience and happy memories that will last a lifetime

