

# NEWSLETTER

November 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of November. I wanted to give you a quick update on what has been happening in Coed-y-Lan this month, and send out a reminder of some of the key dates coming up in December.

Since returning to school after half term the children have all been enjoying our new topic; 'Community, Cultures and Celebrations.' They have been learning all about how communities celebrate different festivals. Our immersion day at the beginning of the topic explored all the areas of learning of Curriculum for Wales, and the children were able to share their own ideas about what they would like to learn.

Dosbarth Helyg and Dosbarth Castan held a very well attended Reading Café for parents. This was an opportunity for parents to come and learn about the strategies we use in school to teach phonics and reading. The feedback was positive and we hope to hold further similar events in the new year.

Last week we had a re-visit from Estyn to monitor the progress we are making in addressing the recommendations of the last inspection report. We hope to be able to share their findings before the end of the term, and I will also be sending out an end of term newsletter which provides a full update on our progress in delivering the post inspection action plan.

As part of our preparation for the re-visit, we sent out the questions from Estyn's parents' questionnaire to gather your views and opinions. I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire as it provided some valuable feedback which we will use to help us self-evaluate and improve.

One of the issues that was raised was regarding communication. We have taken your comments on board, and we are currently looking into ways of streamlining our communication methods to provide a more consistent approach. We will report back on this in the new year.

We are very pleased that both Mr Rees and Mrs Boulton have returned to school this month and we welcome them both back.

Please find attached the important dates for December. We are looking forward to providing many exciting festive activities for the children. Many thanks to everyone who has already donated to the raffle.

This year the children will be selling their Christmas craft, and donating their profits to our partner school in Uganda.

Many thanks as always for all your support  
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*Mrs Evans*