



Dear parents/ carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I can't believe we are coming to the end of January already. The children have all returned to school eager to learn. Their theme this term is forces at the funfair, a science and technology based topic. The children are enjoying learning about different forces.

Our value this half term is kindness, which is something the children in Coed-Y-Lan are already great at. We will be talking about the importance of being kind, perhaps you can chat about it at home too?

On February 8th we are looking forward to holding our first 'Women and Girls in Science and Technology Day.' We have planned a range of activities to engage all the children, and we have invited inspirational women who work in different aspects of science and technology to speak to the children, including some of our own parents.

Next week we welcome our Nursery and Reception parents to come into school to work alongside their children in our new Foundation Learning unit. We would like as many parents, carers or grandparents as possible to come and engage with the learning environment, to gain an insight into what learning looks like in our Nursery and Reception class.

Mr. Tucker and the Governing Body have been successful in securing significant funding from Keep Wales Tidy to develop our garden area. This is an area that will be invaluable to the children's learning and we are looking forward to getting parents and families involved in the development of the area. Work on preparing the area will be starting on 5th-9th of February, please get in touch if you are able to lend a hand.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to two of our Governors this month. Councillor Dawn Wood and Councillor Jayne Brencher have both resigned from the Governing Body.

We wish to thank them for the significant contribution they have made, and the unwavering support they have shown the school, especially Councillor Brencher who has been involved with Coed-Y-Lan for over 35 years. We hope they will both stay in touch and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

Best Wishes,

*Mrs Evans*

Be  Kind.



# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Dosbarth Celyn — Reception parents' workshops- parents/carers/ grandparents are invited to join Reception pupils and take part in their learning from 9.00-10.30 am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Dosbarth Celyn — Nursery parents' workshops- parents/carers/ grandparents are invited to join Nursery pupils and take part in their learning from 9.00-10.30 am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	4pm Year 6 residential meeting. If your child is going on the residential trip to <u>Llain</u> at the end of February please join us for an information meeting in Mr Jenkins' class. We will be share information and answer any questions. If you are unable to attend, don't worry, the information will also be shared via Seesaw.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y 6 Rugby match, please ensure all permission slip returned before the day
February 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers needed to help Keep Wales Tidy develop the school garden.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	'Women and girls in Science day' – A day to celebrate women and girls in science and technology. Thank you to our parent volunteers. If we have any other family members who would like to share their experience of working in STEM please get in touch.  <b>Last day of the half term</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term- We will shortly be sending out our Eisteddfod 'Home Tasks' for the holiday. We hope everyone will take part
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	'Wythnos Cymraeg- Welsh Week' - A week of activities to celebrate our Welsh culture
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Magic of the harp workshop
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	St David's Day class photos- Please send the children to school in their Welsh costume/ Welsh rugby or football jerseys. A photographer will be taking class photos which will be available to buy. <b>Eisteddfod</b> - in the afternoon we will have our school Eisteddfod. It is early this year as Year 6 will be on residential with other schools from the area at the end of the week.
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 residential trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA meeting in the District club 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. If you would like to help us support the school by raising important funds, please come along.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day- wear Welsh costumes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day- details to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Pontypridd Schools Rugby Tournament
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of term
Further dates to follow including Easter activities	

# School Essentials Grant



Some families may not be aware that financial support is available to help with the cost of school essentials like uniform (including coats and shoes), PE kit, IT equipment and stationery.

Eligible families can apply for a grant of **£125 per learner**. Families are entitled to claim once per child, per school year.

The 2023 to 2024 scheme is open until 31 May 2024. Please check your eligibility for this support and apply via this link.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/ChildrenandFamilies/ParentandFamilySupport/Financialsupportforfamilies/SchoolEssentialsGrant.aspx>

Moving forward, part of the schools funding will be based on the number of pupils in receipt of this grant, so by successfully applying for the grant you will also be supporting the school as we will get additional funding. Please consider applying if you may be eligible.

If you have any issues with the application process, please email:  
[SchoolEssentialsGrant@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolEssentialsGrant@rctcbc.gov.uk)

## Parking

We are still doing much better with the parking outside school.

Thank you very much for supporting us, and making the children's journey to school safer.

Please can we also be mindful of the speed limit.





# **VOLUNTEERS** **NEEDED**

**Coedylan Primary School  
has been lucky to have secured  
funding to improve the School  
garden from  
Keep Wales Tidy!**

**Keep Wales Tidy are attending the  
school Monday 5th Feb-Friday 9th Feb  
(9am-5pm) and we are looking for  
volunteers to help!**

**No  
experience  
needed**

**Parents, carers, family and friends are  
all welcome to come along.**

**Please can you contact the PTA or the  
school to express your interest and what  
day/time you would be available?**

