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Dear parents/ carers,

Although February has flown by and there has only been three weeks since my last newsletter, there have been lots of great things going on in Coed-Y-Lan that I wanted to let you all know about. Our value to discuss with the children this half term is friendship.

On February 2nd, Coed-Y-Lan's rugby team went to their first tournament in the University of South Wales. It was their first real rugby games, and despite their lack of experience, their team spirit and resilience was a credit to every single one of them and they made us very proud. We are looking forward to taking part in the Pontypridd Schools tournament in March.

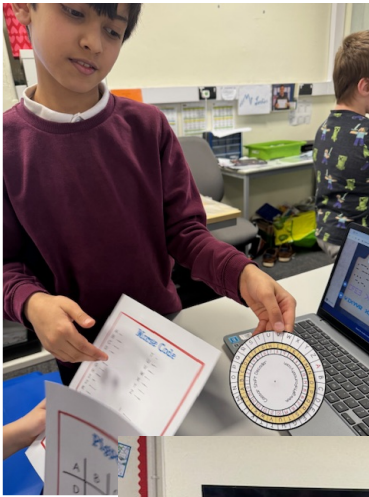


The children have continued to thoroughly enjoy our 'Forces at the Funfair' science and technology topic. Over the term we have held a number of enrichment activities to bring the topic to life.

Our women and girls in science and tech day was very successful. Visitors from Pontypridd High School, the University of South Wales, PWC Cyber team, virtual talks with scientists, and some of our own medical mums made for a truly inspiring day. The children learnt all about different science based careers, and thoroughly enjoyed the varied and exciting day.

Technocamps also came to work with Dosbarth Bedw and Dosbarth Derwen on Lego robotics. The children built and programmed their own Lego fair rides and we were exceptionally impressed by the standards achieved. We are hoping that Technocamps will return to work with the younger children next term







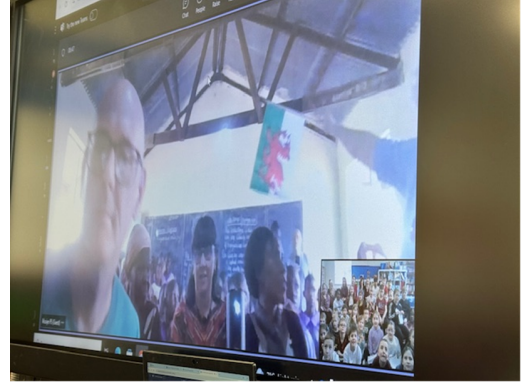
Mr. Tucker has secured grant funding and resources from Keep Wales Tidy to develop our garden area. We have now got a new greenhouse, raised beds, a tool shed, and trees and shrubs have been planted. We are very grateful to the dedicated group of volunteers who braved the terrible weather to work on the garden project. There is still a long way to go, so if you have any expertise or would like to help, please get in touch.



We celebrated our Welsh culture during 'Wythnos Cymraeg' and our Eisteddfod. The children were mesmerised during our 'Magic of the Harp' workshops, and we were blown away by range and quality of the home tasks that were brought into school by the children. In the Eisteddfod every class sang Welsh songs beautifully and this is something we will continue to develop. Special congratulations must go to Phoebe Vbranch who was chaired our Bard for 2024. Her poem 'What Wales Means to me,' was excellent. Llongyfarchiadau Phoebe. St David's Day photos are available to buy by following the link sent by email on 29.2.24.



Yesterday we had the privilege of being the first people to speak to our partner school, Musiye Primary School, Mbale, Uganda. Councillor Brencher and the Pont team are currently in Uganda. They have fitted solar panels to the school roof so that they have power for the first time. We were able to speak to them and ask lots of questions about how their school differs from ours and begin some special friendships



This week our Year 6 pupils have gone to Cardigan on a residential course with pupils from the other local primary schools, we look forward to hearing all about it.

The brilliant PTA continued to support us by arranging a 'Break the Rules' day, raising £235 for the school. There are further events planned over the next few months including an Easter disco and a sponsored daily mile. These events provide very important funds which allow us to plan exciting experiences for the children. If you would like to help please get in touch with a member of the PTA or myself.

Finally, in the last parent questionnaire, concerns were raised about the consistency of communications coming from the school. We have been researching how best to resolve this issue to ensure all messages reach home in a consistent and timely manner. In the next couple of weeks we intend to move all our whole school communications over to an app called 'Parent Hub.' Further details about how to access the app and how to login will follow very shortly.

A full newsletter will follow at the end of the Spring term. I will look forward to welcoming you all to the Parent consultation meetings in March. Please remember to phone the office to make appointments.

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans





# Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th March	World book day- Bring a favourite book to school and dress up as a favourite character OR wear your favourite comfy pyjamas for a bedtime story!
Thursday 7th March	Pontypridd Schools Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 13th March	4.30 pm Year 5 and 6 parents meeting with staff from Ysgol Bro Taf (Pontypridd high School ) about the changes to the new school.
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day- Red noses available to purchase from school council from March 4th
Tuesday 19th March	Parent teacher consultations- Please phone Mrs Owen for appointment Miss Greenman, Mrs Black, Miss Williams, Mrs Nuttall, Mr Jenkins ALNCO and Governor Drop-ins available in the hall.
Wednesday 20th March	Parent teacher consultations- Please phone Mrs Owen for appointment Miss Greenman, Mrs Binks, Miss Williams, Mrs Nuttall, Mr Jenkins ALNCO and Governor Drop-ins available in the hall.
Thursday 21st March	Science Fair- Learning showcase in the school hall. Each class will allocate a timeslot for parents to come and visit (Morning) Will be shared via seesaw
Thursday 21st March	PTA Easter discos Nursery -Y2 4-5.15pm Y2-6 5.30-6.45pm
Friday 22nd March	Easter Bonnet parade- After school drop off in the school grounds weather permitting – Decision to be finalised depending on forecast.
Monday 25th March – 5th April	Easter holidays
Monday 8th April-	Back to School