



NEWSLETTER

March 2024



Our value this half term is

friendship

Dear parents/ carers,

How have we reached the end of the Spring term already? It really has flown by. The children have continued to impress us with their love of learning and the enthusiasm with which they have approached our 'Forces at the Funfair' topic. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see a snippet of the learning that has been going on in our 'Science Fair'

This half term we have tried to increase our parental engagement, both through providing continued opportunities for parents to come into school, and by developing a more consistent approach to communication. If you have yet to sign up to the Parent Hub app, please do so as soon as possible. Next term this will be our main stream of communication. I will attach details of how to subscribe at the end of the newsletter.

This term we have also worked on developing our growth curriculum vision. As a school, we value the opinions of parents and would like to hear your views on our aims and objectives for the implementation of curriculum for Wales in Coed-Y-Lan. We have sent the vision document and a link to a survey to you via email. If you could take the time to complete the survey we would be very grateful.

As mentioned in the February newsletter, we have been very fortunate to receive a grant from Keep Wales Tidy this term. Our hardworking governors, PTA and volunteers have given up a lot of time to develop the garden area, however, there is still a great deal to do so that the children can get the full benefit of the area in the Summer term. With this in mind we are organising a 'Groundforce Day' on Saturday April 13th. Please see the PTA page for more details.

At the end of the Spring term, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Williams. Miss Williams has been a great asset to the school and in particular to Dosbarth Castan. Her hard work and commitment has been second to none, and I know she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her future career. Next term Mr Rees will resume his role as the class teacher.

We also say goodbye to a valued friend and pupil, Erin Mason-Jenkins. We wish the whole family lots of luck and happiness in their new lives in Australia. Please keep in touch.

I hope you all have a Happy Easter, and that we see the sunshine over the Spring break. School returns as normal on Monday 8th April. Please note we have a whole school INSET Day planned for Friday 10th May.

Warm regards,

Mrs Evans

HAPPY
EASTER

Meet the Governor Rhian Carter



What is your role as a Governor?

I am a LEA Governor at Coed-y-lan Primary School. I am a Link Governor for Children Looked After, and I am on the Finance and Staff Performance Committee. My role is support staff in the school around Staff Performance, and with any Children Looked After.

Why did you want to become a Governor?

I have two children who attend the school as my children are in Year 2 and Year 5. I have always wanted to support the school in anyway that I can. Also, as a Social Work Team Manager for a Fostering Service I feel that I can bring my skills and knowledge on supporting children who are looked after, and any children who have had adverse childhood experiences.

What is the best part of being a Governor?

I have always enjoyed helping at school events such as the Summer fete. I also enjoy hearing directly from the children about their experiences within the school.

How long have you been a Governor?

I am really new in my role as a Govenor. I joined a last December.

Family engagement Science Fair

This half term we have continued to maximise opportunities to involve our parents and families in the children's learning. It was great to see so many happy parents at our parent consultation meetings, and the pride the children had in sharing their books.

The stand out event of the half term for me was certainly the 'Science Fair.' We were overwhelmed by the number of parents, grandparents and other family members who came to see our showcase of the fantastic learning that has been going on in Coed-Y-Lan this term. Thank you very much for your support.







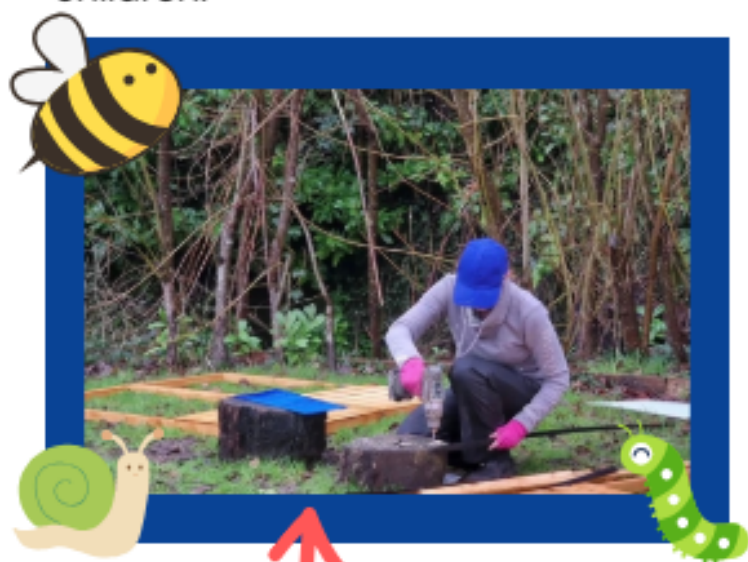
WISHING YOU ALL A FABULOUS EASTER

While we wait for Spring to have actually sprung, (and perhaps even a little bit of sunshine) here's our PTA Spring update!

Thanks as always for everyone's time, donations and support. You continue to help us to make a difference for the school and the children.

Update on money raised:

- £972.71 from the Christmas concerts.
- £31.86 through purchases for Stikins clothing labels.
- £73.93 for February's Easy Fundraising.
- £235.00 Break the rules day.



COMING SOON!
THANK YOU!

- **Ground Force Day** - Saturday 13th April (see more on the next page!)
- **Summer Fete** - Friday 21st June
- **Year 5&6 Prom** - Thursday 11th July

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard on the Garden!





Ground Force Day

WE NEED YOUR HELP

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 10AM - 2PM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE KEEP WALES TIDY PROJECT, THERE HAS BEEN LOTS OF WORK GOING ON TO REFRESH AND UPDATE THE GARDEN AREA - THERE ARE STILL THINGS TO DO AND WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

JOB'S LEFT TO DO:

- **Weed control**
- **Planting**
- **Connecting a water butt and guttering**
- **Laying path edges**
- **Finishing greenhouse (silicone/laying gravel/finishing edges)**
- **Hand rail replacement**
- **Moving garden furniture**



If you can help please let Mrs Owen know

Parents, carers, friends and family all welcome. As there will be tools and garden materials around, this may not be suitable for children (especially younger children) All children will need to be fully supervised at all times if they come along.



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd March	Easter Bonnet parade End of term
Monday 25th March – 5th April	Easter holidays
Monday 8th April-	Back to School
Saturday 13th April	Ground Force Day- Please can we ask for volunteers to help in our garden.
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday
Friday 10th May	Staff INSET day- no school for the children
Monday 20th May	Class photos
Friday 24th May	End of half term
Monday 3rd June	Back to school
Friday 21st June	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 24th- Thursday 27th June	Year 6 Transition Week- Pontypridd High School Thursday – Parents information evening at Pontypridd high/Ysgol Bro Taf
Thursday 11th July	Y5&6 Prom
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19th July	Last day of term

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