



Our value this half term is

CONFIDENCE

Dear parents/ carers,

I can't believe a whole academic year has passed since I joined the team at Coed-Y-Lan, and what a year it has been. I am very grateful for all the support we have received from our families and community that has enabled us to make very good progress in moving the school forward this year.

Although the school still currently remains in the Estyn 'Special Measures' category we are very pleased to be able to share with you that in our latest progress meeting, the Local Authority has recognised the rapid progress that has been made in school improvement this year. This is a testament to very hard work of all the staff at the school and the support we have received from the Governors, LA and CSC.

The children have wowed us all this year with their zest for learning. They have approached each of our varied topics with enthusiasm and excitement, and the progress in their learning has been a pleasure to see. Every half term we have sent a video showcasing the range of skills, knowledge and experiences that the children have received in their classes and we hope that you feel well informed and involved in your child's learning.

As well as all the classroom based activities, we have also engaged with as many additional enrichment activities as we could to provide a wide range of opportunities to meet the needs of our children and to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. These have included expressive arts activities such as drumming and ukulele lessons, a magic of the harp workshop, film making and animation sessions and dance workshops.

We have taken part in rugby, football and basketball tournaments, and hope to increase opportunities to participate in sporting events next year. We have worked with the University of South Wales and Technocamps to provide additional opportunities in Science and Technology and we have worked with David Harris from Grow Rhondda, Harry Little from USW to develop our garden.

In response to parent surveys at the beginning of the year, we have tried to improve communication. We introduced ParentHub as the primary platform for all whole school communications. We have also tried to increase opportunities for parents to come into school to work with the children, and this is something we intend to continue developing next year.



We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the parent survey which you can access via the QR below. It is the same survey that Estyn sends prior to inspections and that we sent earlier this year. We repeat the same survey so that we can measure how well we have addressed concerns raised in previous surveys, and to gauge parental satisfaction.

I would like to thank the PTA who have worked extremely hard this year to plan successful events which have raised very important funds for the school. We greatly appreciate all their efforts, as the money they raise helps us provide the additional enrichment activities such as developing the garden, funding the bus to the Hay festival and of course the wonderful prom, to name but a few.

At the end of term, we are sad to say goodbye to Miss Greenman and Mrs Rees. Mrs Rees joined CYL last April, and has worked tirelessly as the teaching assistant in Dosbarth Helyg supporting the children to achieve their full potential.

Miss Greenman joined CYL in September and has led in Dosbarth Celyn, ensuring our youngest children have had the very best start. They are both moving on to new schools in September, and we wish them both the very best of luck, you will both be missed.

In September we welcome our new seconded DHT Mrs Judith Davies. Mrs Davies has worked with us this year in her capacity as the regional consortium literacy adviser, and we are all delighted that she will be joining our team next term.

At the end of my first year in Coed-Y-Lan I would like to thank all the children, parents, staff and Governors for working together and supporting the school. It has been a very rewarding year, and I look forward to next year.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and that the sun shines!

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans

Parent Questionnaire Summer
2024



Congratulations!!

Congratulations to our Eco Committee who have worked hard this year. They have worked on reducing plastic waste, arranged litter picking and worked on the edible playgrounds project. Following a visit from an Eco Schools representative, we have had our Eco Schools Platinum award renewed. Well done Mrs Black and the team.

We'd also like to congratulate our Rights Respecting School Committee who have also worked hard this year. On their first attempt they have achieved the Rights Respecting School Bronze award. They have also been praised as they have already achieved many aspects of the silver award. This is a huge achievement, well done Mrs Nutall and the Rights Respecting School committee.



Sponsored mile-a-day!

Thankyou to everyone who supported our sponsored mile a day. We raised an amazing £1200 and we are aiming to have the new playground markings installed over the Summer holidays. Your support is hugely appreciated, and the money raised will benefit all the children.



Our sports teams

This term we have signed up to every tournament we have been invited to including basketball, rugby and football. The children have represented the school impeccably on every occasion, and managed to come second in the basketball tournament and third in the football tournament. We aim to build on these achievements next year and continue to look for opportunities for the pupils to participate in as many sporting activities as possible.



Little Rangers

This term we have hosted a pre-school 'Little Rangers' outdoor learning group to aid transition for younger children intending to join CYL in nursery. The staff, children and parents have loved the sessions, and it is something we would like to continue next term. If you have neighbours with children aged 2-3, please make them aware of the group, as we would love the group to grow.



Our Year 6 Leavers

Today is the last day for our Year 6 leavers. They are an amazingly talented, kind and polite group of children who will be missed by us all here in Coed-Y-Lan.

We hope that they enjoy the next phase in their learning journey, and always keep in touch with us all here.

Good luck to you all!



Uniform consultation

As you will be aware, a few years ago the school logo was updated, but the school uniform has never been changed. The Governing Body has agreed that we can consult with the children and parents to gather views on whether we should update the uniform.

Should the consultation result in agreement to changing the uniform, this would be done over time, commencing in September 2025 and being phased in gradually. There will be no requirement to purchase new uniform before you would need to, and there will be no requirement to purchase uniform which displays the logo, this is optional (in line with WG guidance on school uniforms) The options we would like you to consider are,

Option 1

Maintain the existing uniform.

Option 2

Maintaining the same colours but with the new logo.

Grey trousers/skirt/ shorts

pink/red checked summer dresses

(Logo would not have white background)



Option 3

Changing the colour of the sweatshirt and polo shirt to royal blue to match the colours in the logo.

Grey trousers/skirt/ shorts

blue/ green checked summer dresses

(Logo would not have white background)



Please share your views using the QR code



Medication

Administration of medication policy

As we have adopted the LA administration of medication policy there will be some changes.

ALL children who are recorded as having asthma will need to have an asthma pump in school at all times. The pumps will be centrally located and should not be kept in their school bags as we will need to record when asthma pumps have been administered.

Medication will not be able to be administered unless it is labelled with the children's name and the administration of medicines form has been filled.

School trips

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Summer trips. Dosbarth Celyn had a wonderful time in Colliers farm and the rest of the school danced in the aisles of the Wales Millennium centre. As always, the children were praised for their excellent behaviour and are a credit to you all.



Governor profile

Lauren Thomas



What is my role as a governor?

As a Local Authority Governor at Coedylan, my primary focus is on the health and well-being Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE). My full-time role in Public Health equips me with the expertise and passion necessary to make a meaningful impact in this area. I believe that a child's physical and mental health is the foundation of their ability to learn and succeed academically.

Why have I become a governor?

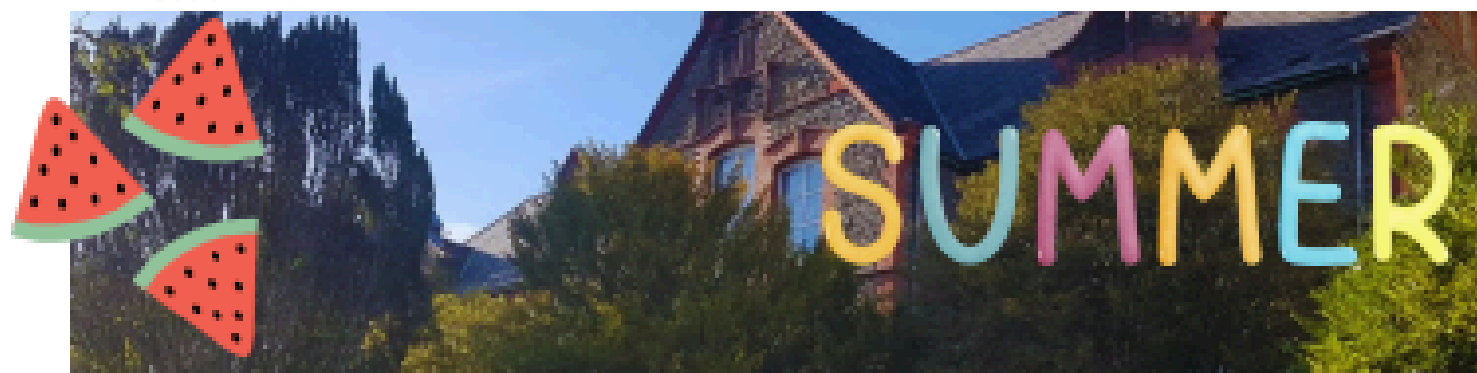
I am committed to championing the health and well-being of all pupils at Coedylan, ensuring they have the best possible opportunities to thrive both academically and personally.

What's the best part of being a governor?

The best part of being a school Governor is seeing the tangible results of efforts in improving the school environment, educational outcomes, and overall well-being of students. It also allows me to improve my own skills through continuous learning, active engagement, and collaboration.

How long have you been a governor?

I've been a governor for the last 3 year and have recently been successful for another 3 year term.



WISHING YOU ALL AN AMAZING SUMMER

First thing on the list, let's all hope for better weather! While we wait for the sun to actually shine, here's our last of the school year PTA Summer update!

A **tremendous thank you** for everyone's time, donations and support this year.

And a special mention for Esther Jenkins, Emma Hope and Zoe Newland, long time PTA members who's children leave for secondary school. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and help. Your knowledge and support will be missed.

Money raised 2023/24:

- Halloween Disco £722.93
- £972.71 from the Christmas concerts.
- Christmas cards £390.00
- Easter disco £785.18
- Summer Fete £1146.75
- £31.86 through purchases for Stikins clothing labels
- £340.92 through easyfundraising

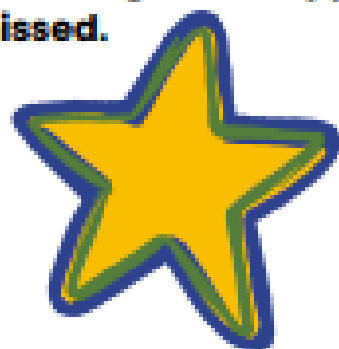


Total amount raised

£4390.35!

THANK YOU!

COMING SOON



- Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Wednesday 2nd October - PTA AGM
- Wednesday 23rd October - Halloween Disco
- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING STIKINS CLOTHING LABELS FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S UNIFORM (SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW AND USE REFERENCE 4743). MONEY WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL FOR EVERY PURCHASE.



THE PTA ARE SUPPORTERS OF RECYCLING PRE-LOVED UNIFORM VIA THE [COEDYLAN UNIFORM SWAP SHOP FACEBOOK GROUP](#). PLEASE HEAD OVER & TAKE A LOOK.

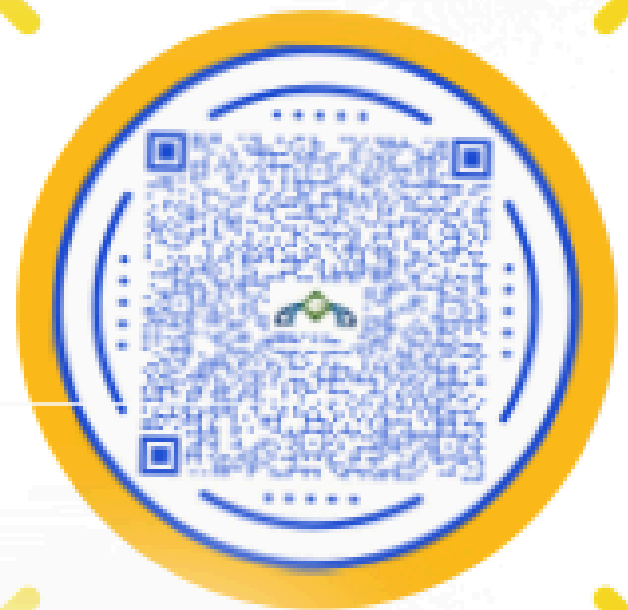


Your time, donations and support really make a difference to the school and to the children, thank you!



Raise money when you shop.
It's as easy as 1,2,3.

1. Scan this QR code and sign up for easyfundraising.
2. When you shop online at thousands of selected retailers, earn money for the school at the same time and at no additional cost to you.
3. Sit back and relax knowing you've helped the children of Coed-Y-Lan.



**Keep up to date with PTA news and events
Join the Coedylan Facebook pages/groups,
search Facebook for:**



Parents of Coedylan - Coedylan Events - Coedylan Uniform Swap Shop



Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Back to school
Tuesday 10th September	Meet the teacher sessions (AM)
Tuesday 17th September	Y6 Transition PHS, Y5 Welsh National Opera Concert - WMC
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2pm School hall
Wednesday 2nd October	PTA meeting 7.00pm District Club
Thursday 10th October	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 11th October	Harvest celebration-
Thursday 17th October	Dosbarth Celyn- parents phonics workshop
Wednesday 23rd October	Halloween Disco
Friday 25th October	End of topic showcase of skills- Coed-Y-Lan Food Fair Last day of the half term
Monday 4th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th November	Back to School
Wednesday 6th November	Parent consultations
Thursday 7th November	Parent Consultations



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th November	Dosbarth Helyg & Castan- Parent workshop
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 20th December	Last Day of term
Monday 6th January	Back to School
Thursday 13th February	PTA Valentines Disco
Thursday 20th February	Last day of half term
Friday 21st February	INSET Day
Monday 3rd March	Back to School
Tuesday 1st April	Parent consultations
Wednesday 2nd April	Parent consultations
Thursday 10th April	Easter bonnet parade and PTA Easter egg tombola Last day of term
Friday April 11th	INSET Day
Monday 28th April	Back to school
Wednesday 14th -Fri 16th May	Year 6 Residential- Rock Summit
Friday 16th-Sun 18th May	Year 5 Residential - Llangrannog
Friday 23rd May	End of half term
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Friday 27th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 11th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 16th Assembly	Y6 Leavers assembly
Monday 21st July	INSET Day