



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

Dear parents and families,

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of the first half term of this academic year already. It has been super to see the children settle back into school so smoothly, and as always, their enthusiasm for learning has been a pleasure to see.

This term the children's learning has been based on the topic 'Food, Glorious Food! Can we grow it? Can we cook it? Shall we eat it?' This cross curricular topic has provided a wealth of opportunities for the children to learn about where food comes from. We have explored how things grow, the nutritional values of different foods, and the children have all developed the skills of instructional writing at different levels of challenge. We will share this learning with you during our Coed-Y-Lan Food Fair on Friday. The topic will continue next term when the children will go on to investigate food sustainability.

This term we have been lucky enough that Rhys from Bearfoot and Beyond has delivered outdoor learning to all the children from Year 1-6, working in our garden area and developing the children's understanding of habitats. We are grateful to the PTA for funding the sessions, and hopeful that further sessions with Rhys will be arranged later in the year.

We were delighted to see so many parents and families join us for our MacMillan coffee afternoon at the start of term where we raised £438 for this important charity. Thank you very much for your support.

We also wish to thank everyone who supported our sponsored walk last term. The playground markings have been laid and have really brightened up the playground. It's lovely to see the children thoroughly enjoying using them during break and lunchtimes.

Mrs Davies has joined us as Acting Deputy Head this term and has been a great addition to our team. Mrs Boulton and Mrs Davies have worked hard over the summer to develop the nursery and reception outdoor area which has significantly improved the outdoor learning provision.

We received another very positive monitoring visit from Estyn last week and await their report. We hope to be able to share this with you very soon.

Have a happy half term, we look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 5th November (Inset Monday 4th November).

Mrs Evans

Bearfoot and Beyond

If you have children in year 1 upwards, you will almost certainly have heard them talking excitedly about their time outdoors with Rhys from Bearfoot and Beyond. With the support of the PTA, we have been fortunate enough to provide the children with weekly outdoor learning sessions in our wonderful garden. There has been habitat exploration and making, classification of plants and animals, fire-building, s'more making and eating, conservation work, and improvements to the garden to name a few of the wonderful experiences they've enjoyed. The children have also brought their outdoor learning indoors, using the data collected in the garden with Rhys to support their numeracy, literacy, and digital skills across the curriculum.

The Bearfoot vision is, 'to encourage the finding of, exploration, enjoyment, enrichment and protection of our outdoor environments.' Our pupils will testify to that.



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Morfydd Owen Parade

Dosbarthau Helyg and Castan joined countless other pupils from local schools for an exciting walk through the streets and parks of Pontypridd wearing a spectacular array of homemade hats. This special parade was in celebration of the life and work of local musician and composer Morfydd Owen, whose work continues to influence Welsh music today.



Urdd Jambori

Our children from years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to go to the Urdd Jambori last month.

The Jambori is an exciting Welsh language event where children from schools all over south Wales get together to sing and dance, and be entertained by characters from Welsh television programmes as a celebration of our Welsh language. There's lots of fun and laughter to be had at the Jambori. Joiwch!



Curriculum: Reading

Children continue to practise reading every day at Coed-y-Lan through a carousel of reading activities. Our focus is to ensure that all pupils are able to enjoy the benefits of reading and develop a sound understanding of *what* they read, rather than focusing on pace and fluency only. A broad and deep reading skill-set is the key to success!

Join us on Wednesday 13th November to find out more about how to support your children with reading at our workshop for parents.

Curriculum: Phonics and Spelling

This half term we have made some adjustments to the way we teach reading and spelling. Pupils in Dosbarthau Celyn, Helyg, and Castan are taught in small groups for phonics, meaning that they can be taught specific sounds at a stage and pace well-suited to their needs. In Helyg and Castan, the sounds the pupils are learning in their groups inform the spellings they bring home, enabling them to practise and understand how and when to use the sounds in different words. For example, pupils are taught that the sound 'll' usually comes at the end of a word, whereas 'l' on its own is usually found at the beginning or middle of a word.

In Dosbarthau Bedw and Derwen, pupils are also taught specific spelling rules which they practise using and applying throughout the week. We have moved away from lists of words in isolation, to ensure that pupils are able to apply the rules to new words and in the context of their independent writing.

Remembrance Sunday

This year we are going to join the RCT and Pontypridd Town Council, Remembrance Day Service and Parade on Sunday 10th November. If you would like to join us please meet us at 10.20am by the old Marks and Spencer Bridge into the park. The parade will line up at 10.25am by the tennis courts and at 10.35am will march through Ynysangharad War Memorial Park along an 870m route. A short service will be held at the War Memorial to include the laying of wreaths and a two-minute silence at 11am.

Welsh National Opera

Way back towards the start of term, our lucky year 5 pupils were whisked off to the Wales Millennium Centre for a concert by the Welsh National Opera, who performed a selection of music that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed.



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority at Coed-y-Lan Primary and we are committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in our school. Our school follows the Rhondda Cynon Taf Safeguarding Children's Board procedures. The Designated Senior Person in charge of safeguarding is myself, Mrs. Evans. If you have concerns about a child's welfare, these should be directed me or in my absence, the Deputy Designated Senior Person who is Mrs Judith Davies (Deputy Head). There are many posters around the school alerting the school community to be aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse. These posters also display contact information.



Cwm Taf Morgannwg
Bwrdd Diogelu
Safeguarding Board

www.ctmsb.co.uk



Diogelu Plant

Diogelu yw atal camdriniaeth neu esgeulustod tuag at blant a phobl ifanc, a diogelu'r rheini sydd wedi dioddef camdriniaeth neu esgeulustra.

Beth yw Camdriniaeth neu Esgeulustra?
CAMDRIAETH yw pan fydd plentyn neu berson ifanc yn cael eu cam-drin neu eu niweldio. Gall camdriniaeth ddigwydd mewn sawl ffordd:
Camdriniaeth Gorfforol • Trais Domestig
Camdriniaeth Emosiynol
Camdriniaeth Rywiol • Camdriniaeth Ariannol

ESGEULUSTOD methu â chwrdd ag anghenion sylfaenol plentyn, sy'n debygol o amharu ar eu lles.

Beth ddyfwn i ei wneud?
Os ydych chi'n amau bod plentyn neu berson ifanc mewn perygl uniongyrchol o niwed, ffoniwch **999** a siarad â'r Heddlu.
Os ydych chi wedi dioddef camdriniaeth (neu'n dal i ddioddef), neu os ydych chi'n tybio bod rhywun ydych chi'n eu hadnabod yn cael eu cam-drin, ffoniwch un o'r rhifau isod:

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding is about preventing the abuse or neglect of children and young people and protecting those who have been subject to abuse or neglect.

What is Abuse and Neglect?
ABUSE is when a child or young person is mistreated or harmed.
Abuse can take many forms...
Physical • Domestic Abuse
Emotional Abuse
Sexual Abuse • Financial

NEGLECT is a failure to meet a child's basic needs, which is likely to result in an impairment of their wellbeing.

What should I do?
If you suspect a child or young person is in immediate risk of harm call **999** and speak to the police.
If you are or have been subject to abuse, or know someone who has, please contact one of the following numbers:

Rhondda Cynon Taf
01443 425006

Pen-y-bont | Bridgend
01656 642320

Merthyr Tudful | Merthyr Tydfil
01685 725000

Oriau agor | Opening Hours: Dydd Llun | Monday - Dydd Gwener | Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm
Cartan ar Ddydd Gweddol ar gyfer Argyfyngau y Tu Allan | Oriau Swyddola: Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team: **01443 743665**

Mae diogelu **YN FATER I BAWB**
Safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

Mae croeso i chi gyflwynu a ni yn y Gymraeg
You are welcome to communicate with us in Welsh



Attendance and Punctuality

At Coed-y-Lan we want to promote good attendance for all children. It is so important that children come to school every day, on time and ready to learn so that they can access a high-quality education and reach their full potential. Every day counts. You would be surprised how quickly a missed day here and there add up.

We have also noticed a growing number of children arriving at school late in the mornings. By missing the first 20 minutes of school, your child is missing their spelling or phonics session. This is a very important part of our daily teaching and missing it could impact on your child's learning.

To ensure there is a consistent approach to punctuality we want to clarify the procedures.

8.50-9.00am Parents bring children to school, and when the bell rings at **9am** the children line up and enter school with their classes.

9.00-9.05am A member of staff will be at the side door to let children who are up to 5 minutes late in.

9.05am onwards The side door will be closed and won't be able to be answered as all staff will need to start their phonics/ spelling sessions. Anyone arriving after 9.05 will need to come to the main reception door and complete a late slip with Mrs Owen, this will be recorded as a late mark on the register.

9.30am register is closed for the morning session.

Our aim in Coed-y-Lan is to work WITH families to improve attendance and punctuality, so if you need our support, please get in touch.



98% Attendance = 4 days absent from school



95% Attendance = 10 days absent from school



90% Attendance = 4 weeks absent from school



85% Attendance = 5½ weeks absent from school



80% Attendance = 7½ weeks absent from school



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Back to School
Wednesday 6 th November	Parent consultations
Thursday 7 th November	Parent Consultations
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Day Parade 10.20am Ynysangharad Park
Wednesday 13 th November	Dosbarth Helyg & Castan & Celyn - Parent workshop
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 2 nd December	2pm Dosbarth Celyn Christmas Concert
Tuesday 3 rd December	9.30am Dosbarth Celyn Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 th December	1.30pm Year 1-6 Christmas Concert- St Catherine's Church
Friday 13 th December	9.30am Year 1-6 Christmas Concert- St Catherine's Church
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of term
Monday 6 th January	Back to School
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Valentines Disco
Thursday 20 th February	Last day of half term
Friday 21 st February	INSET Day
Monday 3 rd March	Back to School
Tuesday 1 st April	Parent consultations
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parent consultations
Thursday 10 th April	Easter bonnet parade and PTA Easter egg tombola Last day of term
Friday April 11th	INSET Day
Monday 28 th April	Back to school
Wednesday 14 th -Fri 16 th May	Year 6 Residential- Rock Summit
Friday 16 th -Sun 18 th May	Year 5 Residential - Llangrannog
Friday 23 rd May	End of half term
Monday 2 nd June	Back to School
Friday 27 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Thursday 10 th July	Y5&6 Prom
Friday 11 th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 16 th Assembly	Y6 Leavers assembly
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day

WHAT THE CHILDREN THINK...

What was your favourite learning experience this half term?

Baking and making jam because it was fun and we made memories.

Bearfoot and Beyond with Rhys because we built lots of things like the beetle bank which helps to give wildlife a habitat.

Learning how to use a Chromebook and going to the Jambori

Writing a hot write for my instructional writing. I included all the skills we learnt about (my favourite was the catchy title).

Making pumpkin soup and serving food at the festival.

WHAT THE CHILDREN THINK...

Respect has been our focus value this half term. What does respect mean to you? How do you show respect to others at Coed-y-Lan?

Being kind to other children.
Letting people play with my toys.
Helping other people by teaching them skills.

Treat people kindly without thinking what we will get back.

We respect school property by looking after it.

Give eye contact.
Not laughing if people get an answer wrong.

I say please and thank you and listen when someone speaks. Treat people the way you want to be treated.



Introducing our PTA for the school year

A big welcome to any new parents and children who joined the school in September, we hope you and your little ones are settling in well.

We recently held our PTA AGM and wanted to update you on some of the appointments made for this school year:

- Chairperson - Catherine Porch
- Vice Chair - Rhian Carter
- Treasurer - Lauren Burgess
- Duty Treasurer - Katie James
- Secretary - Eleanor Tucker
- Duty Secretary - Emily Cattle
- Digital & Design - Beth Jones

We're here to support the children through their school experience by working with you to raise money that helps fund everything from new books and classroom supplies, to school trips/transport and outdoor play equipment and learning.

PTA Year reps:

- Nursery/Reception - Beth Jones, Kelly O'Hara, Mel Tippings
- Year 1 - Emily Cattle, Emma Brencher, Rhian Downes
- Year 2 - Lauren Burgess, Katie James
- Year 3 - Kathryn Scullion, Claire Corbett, Mel Tippings, Chloe Searle, Rhian Carter, Emily Cattle
- Year 4 - Eleanor Tucker, Cele John
- Year 5 - Catherine Porch, Tracey Burnett, Rhian Downes, Katie James, Emily Cattle
- Year 6 - Kathryn Scullion, Chloe Searle, Rhian Carter

You'll see many of us at school events, and if you'd like to chat, we'll be wearing a red lanyard so you can easily spot us!

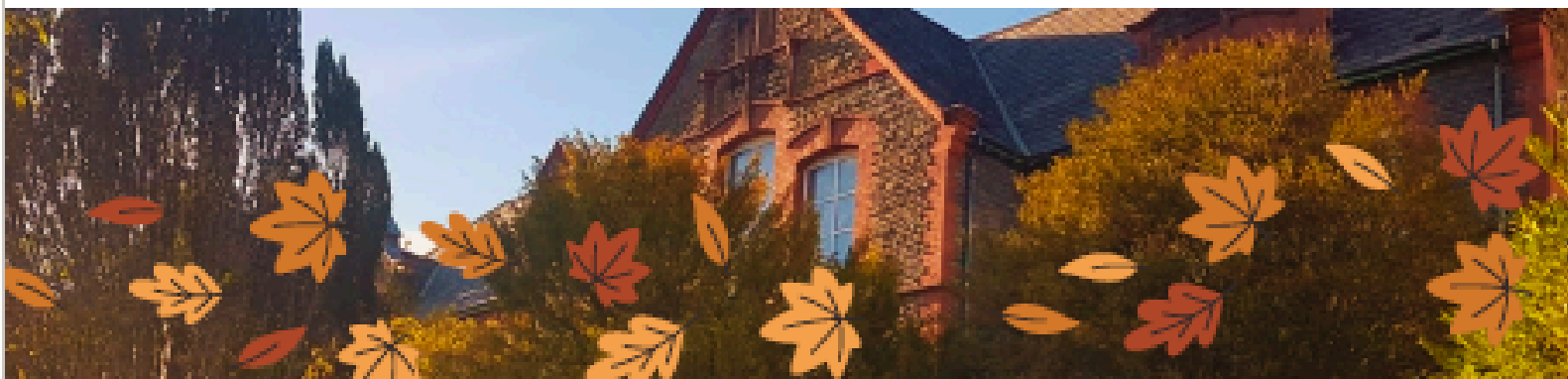


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Parents of Coedylan - Coedylan Events - Coedylan Uniform Swap Shop





We really need your support, can you help?

As a PTA, we have many members whose children will be leaving Coedylan for secondary school in the coming year or two. So that we can continue to raise vital funds for the school – we need new members.

Can you spare your time? We're a really friendly bunch and if you're interested in helping out, even if you can only help now and again, we and the school would very much appreciate your support.

How can you join?

- Come along to our next meeting and mixer, look out on Parent Hub for dates.
- Speak to another member of the PTA and let us know.
- E-mail or call the school and they will pass on your details to us.

There is never any pressure to be there for every event, you will always be asked if you are free. Please consider joining and helping your children make the most of their time at Coedylan.

Thanks to your generosity, our recent Macmillan Coffee Afternoon raised a fantastic amount!

THANK YOU

Total amount raised
£438.00



Another thank you to all those who have purchased Christmas items featuring your child's designs and for your support in buying tickets for this years Halloween disco!

COMING SOON

Keep your eyes peeled for details of Christmas events coming up at the school!

