



NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Our value for the next half term is:

Please support us by talking about the importance of politeness at home



Dear parents and carers,

In Coed-Y-Lan we have had a super start to 2025. We launched our new topic; 'Let's Explore...Why People Protest,' with a Victorian School immersion day. It gave the children an insight into how their rights have developed over time and they have been finding out that their rights are protected by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Since the new year we have been working on parental engagement, and we have been delighted with the take up on our Welsh Government 'Multiply' funded maths workshops. Rhys from Bearfoot and Beyond has worked with parents from every class to help them develop a better understanding how maths skills can be developed outdoors, and we have also had very good feedback from our 'maths strategies and manipulatives sessions. during these sessions, class teachers worked with parents to explain the strategies and equipment we use to support the children's maths skills in school, with the aim of improving parents' confidence to support their children with maths at home.

This term we have been fortunate to have C-Touch interactive whiteboards fitted in some classes. We are hopeful that by the end of March every class will have an interactive whiteboard to support the children's learning.

We have been out and about in the community again this term, Dosbarth Bedw have been visiting the library and Dosbarth Derwen have been to the museum. Dosbarth Derwen was invited to take part in an 'Intergenerational Show and Tell' event about sustainability. The children prepared short presentations about sustainability with older members of the community, and then listened to the older people tell them about their approach to sustainability. As always the children were praised for the politeness and exemplary behaviour.

It has been a very musical term here too. Dosbarth Derwen have had Ukulele lessons with Molly, and Dosbarth Castan were lucky enough to be selected for the 'First Experiences' project which is delivered by Rhondda Cynon Taf Music Service on behalf of the National Music Service for Wales. They are having a term of violin and cello lessons and the progress they have made already is impressive.

We would also like to say a big thank you Miss Smith who has been teaching Dosbarth Helyg since October, and who has been a wonderful asset to our team. We bid her a fond farewell and wish her all the best for her next adventure in Frankfurt! And finally, as I am sure many of you are aware, Mrs Davies is now a permanent member of the Coed-Y-Lan team! I am sure you are all as happy as we are with the news

Have an enjoyable half term,

Mrs Evans



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Last year we achieved the Rights Respecting School Bronze award and this year we are working towards the Silver. This term the children are all learning about their rights, so please have a chat with them and find out which of their rights they think are important.



Coed-Y-Lan in the Community

This term we have continued to take every opportunity we can to make the most of our local environment and to engage with our local community. Dosbarth Bedw have visited the library and Dosbarth Derwen enjoyed visiting the museum. We were invited to take part in an intergenerational show and tell, and enjoyed telling older people from our community about our approaches to sustainability.



Multiply Funding- Parent Workshops

Our Welsh Government Multiply funded parent workshops have been very well attended, and we are very pleased with the feedback we have received. The workshops were intended to improve parental confidence in supporting children's maths learning at home, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to work with their parents in school. There are further outdoor learning sessions planned for next half term, so if you would like to be involved, please get in touch with Mrs Owen to secure a place.

Bearfoot parent outdoor learning sessions- Spring 2

10th March 1-3pm Celyn 6 parent spaces

17th March 1-3pm Helyg 6 parent spaces

24th March 1-3pm Castan 6 parent spaces

31st March 1-3pm Bedw 6 parent spaces

7th April 1-3pm Derwen 6 parent spaces



Developing Our Coed-Y-Lan Curriculum

As you know, we have been working very hard over the last 18 months to design a curriculum that is bespoke for the children of Coed-Y-Lan and that reflects all aspects of Curriculum for Wales.

We wanted to share this work with you and have created a video explaining our journey so far. Please take a few minutes to watch and let us know your thoughts using the QR codes below.



Curriculum Video



Feedback Form

Dog Fouling

As many of you will be aware, we have had an issue with dog fouling on the pavement outside the school. Please be assured we have been in touch with RCT, and with our local councillor and our Senedd representatives. We have that requested signs be erected outside the school, and in the meantime the children have created our own. If you see dog mess on the street please support us by reporting it to the council using the QR code here.



Eisteddfod 2025

An early Dydd Gwyl Dewi for Coed-y-Lan this year, and what a day it was! We celebrated our cynefin, our creativity, our musicality, and our Welsh language with an Eisteddfod arbennig! With competitions in handwriting, art, baking, and poetry writing it was a showcase of the hard work and talent that can be found in our school. Ymdrech gwyh from all our pupils and winners, and a very special 'llongyfarchiadau' to our Bard. Hyfryd!

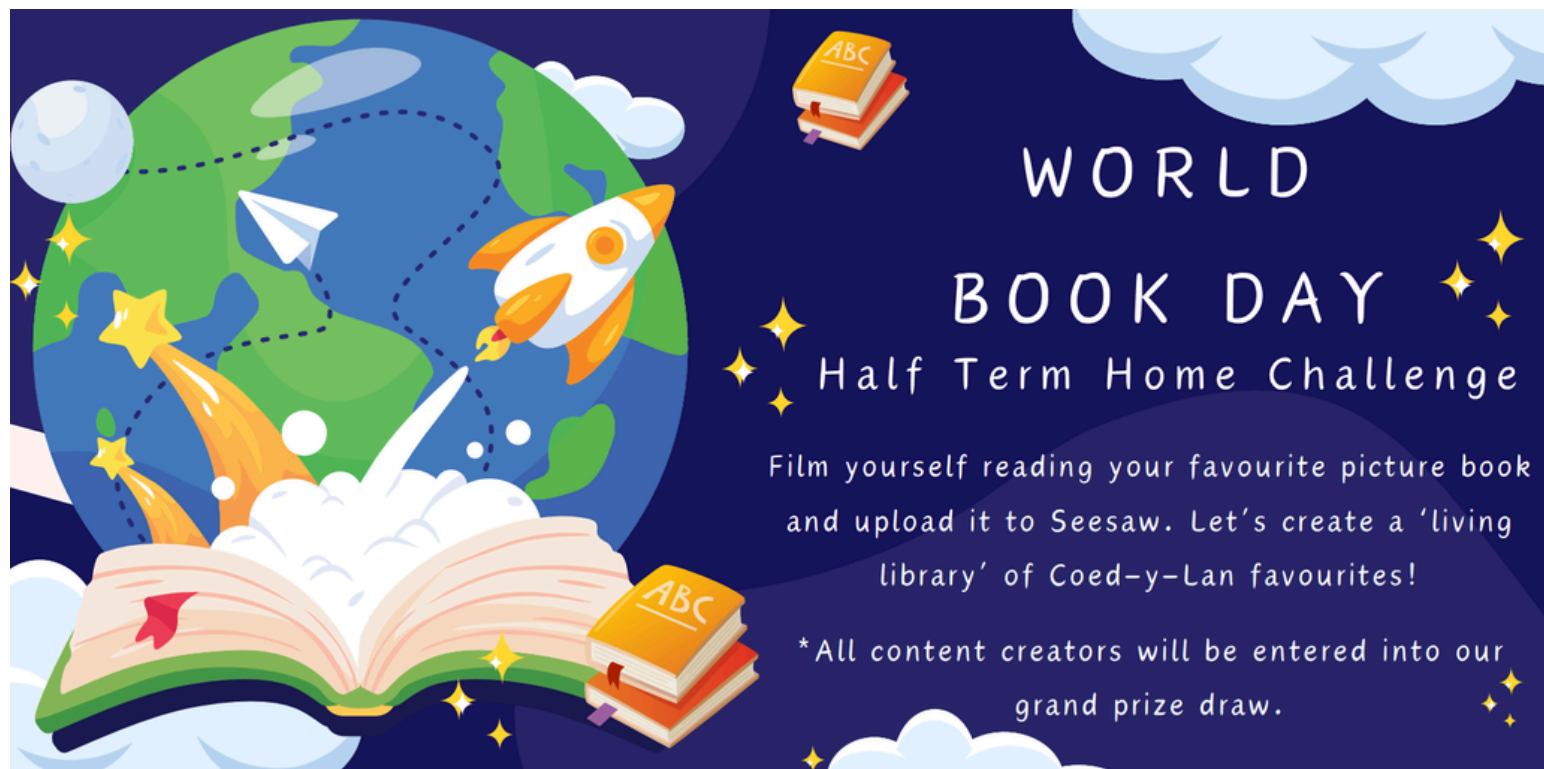


World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (or in non-uniform clothes of their choice), and bring a copy of their favourite book to share with their friends.

We also invite the children to join in with our half term home challenge: film yourself reading the best picture book you can find, and upload it to Seesaw. Let's create a 'living library' of Coed-y-Lan favourites that we can all enjoy.

A few other surprises lie in wait too, so watch this space!



Top Tips for a Great Story

- Familiarise yourself with the story before reading. This will give you confidence and help bring the story to life.
- Use Different Tones: Change your tone to suit the mood of the story—use a soft tone for a sad moment or a high-pitched, excited voice for action.
- Character Voices: If you're reading a story with different characters, try giving them different voices. This makes it easier for the listener to know who's speaking.
- Pacing: Vary your speed – slow it down for suspense or speed it up during action.
- Have Fun! The more you enjoy the story, the more your audience will enjoy it too. Your energy and enthusiasm are contagious!

Dear Parents/Carers

Coedylan PTA is excited to announce that we are running a sponsored 'Reading Bingo' event over February half term and we'd love for you and your child to join in!

Sponsored Reading Bingo is in memory of Joanna Newton (Mother of Alice and Sophie and PTA member) to celebrate her passion of education, learning and reading.

The children can choose whatever they want to read – from comics to magazines, instructions to ice cream menus – they are not being assessed, but encouraged to read for fun and shown the different reasons/occasions we need to read and how reading doesn't always have to be books.

Younger children can join in by being read to, and talking about what has been read. You can ask them to find words starting with a certain letter or phonic sound (e.g. can you find a word starting with CH – Chocolate). Encourage sharing reading with other family members/friends or even reading to a favourite toy or pet. Ability will vary from child to child, we are asking you as parents/carers to decide when your child has achieved each of the bingo squares.

HOW TO TAKE PART - please can you:

- Help your child find suitable things to read.
- Help your child find sponsors among close family & friends, those you know and trust. Please record any pledges on the sponsorship form*.
- Send your sponsorship money by either paying online (details below), or sending money into school in an envelope.
- Return your bingo reading grid and sponsorship form to your class teacher by Friday 7th March 2025.

The class with the most bingo squares completed will get to choose a newspaper/magazine subscription for the class for the year!

Please support your child as much as you can. They will be helping to raise much needed funds for school as well as improving their reading skills.

Bank details

Coedylan Primary school PA
Sort code: 54-30-01
Account number: 31607551

*For safety, please only ask family and friends for sponsorship - please help your child with obtaining sponsorship and collecting any money due.

Colour in the
squares to show
they've been
completed!

Reading BINGO

Menu
(ice cream or
food menu)

Poem

News article
(online or
paper)

Recipe

**Poster or
leaflet**

Read or listen to a
well-being book
(meditation/
relaxation)

Instructions
e.g. board game
how to play or
treasure hunt

Text message (you
could get a family
member/friend to
send a message and
get them to write
back)

Film yourself reading
your favourite short
picture book and
upload it to Seesaw
(details of this sent
on Parent Hub)

**Magazine/
Comic**

Shopping list or
packaging (e.g.
back of shampoo
bottle)

Book that makes
you laugh (joke
book or a
chapter from a
funny book)

**Listen to an
audio book**

**Read out
loud in a
funny voice**

Read a book
from a library
or borrowed
from a friend

**Traffic Sign
or bill board
advert**

Learn a new word
(how to spell it and
what it means, can
even be funny
sounding or have a
funny meaning)

**Make your
own book
mark**

Find a
favourite place
to read and
read there





Class:

[illegible]



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Events
Thursday 20th February	Eisteddfod (wear Welsh costume) and last day of half term
Friday 21st February	INSET day
Monday 3rd March	Back to School
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day- dress as favourite book character or non- uniform
Thursday 13th March	Pontypridd Schools ten-a-side rugby tournament- Sardis Road
Friday 14th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 17th March	Eco Committee film makers 'green carpet event' - Yma centre
Friday 28th March	Girls five-a-side football tournament
Tuesday 1st April	Parent consultations
Wednesday 2nd April	Parent consultations
Thursday 3rd April	Mick Antoniw to meet the Senedd in Coed-Y-Lan
Wednesday 9th April	Year 2-6 Visit to the Senedd Cardiff Bay
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
Thursday 10th July	Y5&6 Prom
Friday 11th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 leavers assembly
Monday 21st July	INSET Day