



NEWSLETTER

April 2025



Our value for the next half term is:

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some highlights and important information regarding the recent activities the children have been engaged in here at Coed-Y-Lan.

This term, our pupils have been exploring the topic "Why People Protest." They have investigated the concept of representation and learned about important activists who have made a significant impact on the world. A particular highlight was our visit to the Senedd, where Dosbarth Bedw had the opportunity to present a petition on education funding to our Senedd member, Heledd Fychan. The children also took part in their own mini-protests on the steps of the Senedd, demonstrating their new found understanding of this important subject.

It has been a very musical term for our children. Dosbarth Castan has enjoyed violin and cello lessons, while Dosbarth Derwen has been learning the ukulele. Almost all pupils participated in songwriting workshops with Mr Quantick, culminating in the creation of our very own Coed-Y-Lan song, which emphasises the importance of making a difference in the world.

We are also very proud of our children who represented the school in recent sports tournaments. Both the girls' and boys' teams participated in RCT football tournaments, and we took part in the Pontypridd Schools Rugby Tournament. We are especially proud of our new rugby kit, kindly sponsored by Admiral, and extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Cattle for facilitating the grant.

Looking ahead to the Summer term, we are excited to announce that we plan to take the children to Sardis Road on Tuesday afternoons for PE lessons. This will provide them with access to a flat field where they can run and develop their skills, which will be both enjoyable and beneficial. We are grateful to the PTA for their support in funding these sessions.

I would like to thank all the parents who participated in our Multiply-funded maths projects this term. The feedback from the manipulatives workshops and outdoor learning sessions has been very positive. Additionally, our Eco Committee participated in a Multiply-funded film-making project and was invited to attend a 'Green Carpet' event at the YMa Centre. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with YMa in the future.

Lastly, I wish to thank everyone for their hard work and effort in making our end-of-term Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg tombola such a success. The creativity displayed in the bonnets was truly impressive, and I am pleased to announce that the PTA raised £137.70 from this event!

As funding becomes more and more challenging, we are always looking for grants and opportunities to apply for additional funding. We have recently secured a grant from Mr. Scullion's company Viridor to develop our library, thanks for your support Mr. Scullion. We have also received a grant from the SSCE (Supporting Service Children in Education) to develop a mindfulness den. As we have a family of service children in Coed-Y-Lan, we would like everyone to wear purple on Wednesday 30th April to show our support for the 'Month of the Military Child in Wales.'

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 28th May.

Warm regards,

Mrs Evans



Pupil Progress Reports

This year we have been involved in a pilot project with our cluster of schools to trial a new approach to end of year reports to parents. As you know during the Autumn and Spring term, we hold parent consultation meetings, where you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress face to face.

In addition to this, we have introduced termly pupil conferencing sessions, where teachers spend time with the children, looking at their learning and discussing what they have achieved and what they need to work on next. This discussion helps the children understand how they learn, and what support they need to progress.

Our intention is that these termly progress reports will be collated, with samples of the children's learning from each term. At the end of the year, you will be presented with a report that clearly demonstrates the progress your child has made over the academic year, and they will be able to explain the part they have played in creating it.

In the Summer term, teachers will also add an overview of progress made in each areas of learning and experiences, and individual comments on your child's progress and attitude to learning over the year.

We feel that these reports will be much richer and informative than traditional reports which are usually written in the Summer term, and are a snapshot of where the children are at that moment in time, rather than the whole story of the progress they have made.

We asked for feedback at the end of term, and the response has been very feedback, with each question scoring 4.5+ out of 5.

I wanted to address some of the comments made:

'I think it's still important to have teacher comments on there'

'I don't like lack of teacher perspective in report'

There will be teacher comments in the Summer term, and parents have opportunity to speak to the teachers face-to-face in Autumn and Spring.

The teachers spend time sitting with and supporting the children to write their comments, so the comments **do** reflect the teachers views. The children would not be supported to write anything the teachers doesn't feel is accurate or relevant.

It is not the intention that teachers would also be writing comments in the Autumn and Spring reports as it would duplicate what has been said in parent meetings.

If anyone has further ideas to share about the pupil progress reports, the form is still open on the link sent at the end of term. We value your feedback.

Coed-Y-Lan In the Senedd



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Easter bonnets



Green Carpet Event- Yma

A very well done to the children who took part in the Eco film making project. We all enjoyed the screening in the YMa centre and walking on the 'green carpet.'





Dates for Your Diary

Date	Events- NB: There may be additional dates for the Summer
Monday 28th April	Back to school
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 6 residential trip meeting 3.30- Mr Jenkins' Class
Wednesday 30 th April	'Purple up' for Month of the Military Child in Wales - all children wear purple
Thursday 1 st May	Year 5 residential trip meeting 3.30 Mrs Nuttall's class
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday- no school
Wednesday 7th May	Dosbarth Bedw and Derwen- Beach Academy Day- Rest Bay, Porthcawl
Thursday 8th May	Dosbarth Helyg and Castan- Beach Academy Day- Rest Bay, Porthcawl
Thursday 8th May	Basketball tournament
Friday 9th May	VE Day celebration- children wear red, white and blue- further details to follow (children only)
Monday 12th May	Class Photos
Wednesday 14th May	Dosbarth Castan- Visit to Wind farm Treorchy
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
Tuesday 3 rd June	1.15pm Sports Day Sardis Road (weather permitting- reserve dates see below)
Monday 9th June	Cricket Tournament Ynysangharad Park
Tuesday 10 th June	1.15 Sports Day Sardis Road- Weather permitting- reserve date below
Friday 20 th June	INSET DAY
Friday 27th June	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 1st July	1.15pm Sports Day Sardis Road Final attempt
Thursday 10th July	Y5&6 Prom
Friday 11th July	Reports to parents & Coastlines and countryside showcase of learning 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 leavers assembly
Monday 21st July	INSET Day