



Our value next half term is



Dear parents/carers,

We've had a fantastic start to the summer term, filled with exciting learning experiences and meaningful connections with our local community. Our topic this term, 'Coastlines and Countryside', has inspired a wide range of activities that have brought learning to life for the children.

The children have been busy comparing our local environment with the coast. They've enjoyed visits to our local woodland and had a brilliant time at Rest Bay with the Beach Academy. There, they explored different habitats, experimented with beach art, and investigated the coastal landscape – all while having fun and learning through hands-on experiences.

As part of our science focus on renewable energy, Dosbarth Castan visited a working windfarm. This real-world experience helped the children understand how wind energy is harnessed and why it's important for our planet's future.

Every activity we plan is designed to give children real-life experiences that deepen their understanding of the topics we study. Whether it's through nature, science, history, or community involvement, we aim to make learning meaningful, memorable, and fun.

As we approach the final half term of the year, we must share some sad news with you. Due to budgetary constraints, the school and Governing Body have had to take the difficult decision to proceed with staff reduction at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Binks, Mrs Hobby, and Miss Dwyer have all embraced this as an opportunity to begin new chapters in their careers. While we are truly sad to see them go, we are also very grateful for the dedication, warmth, and care they have shown during their time with us. Each of them has made a lasting impact on our school community, and they will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. We know you will join us in wishing them every success and happiness, and we will ensure they get the farewell they deserve at the end of the summer term.

I wish you all a happy half term,

Mrs Evans

Celebrating our Achievements!



We are incredibly proud to share some wonderful successes from our school community! Congratulations to Mrs Nuttall and the Rights Respecting School Committee on achieving the Silver Award! This is a significant milestone, especially as it comes less than a year after we earned the Bronze Award. It's a testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff and pupils in embedding the values of a Rights Respecting School into everyday life.



A huge well done to Mr Jenkins and Dosbarth Derwen, who have won a prize in the Welsh Heritage Awards! Their inspiring project has earned them a place at the Awards Ceremony, which will take place at the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea this July. We're so proud of their achievement and can't wait to see their work celebrated.

We also wish to Congratulate Mrs Davies and the Book Slam team. They won first place in the regional heat of the competition, and will go on to compete in the national round of the competition in Aberystwyth in June.



These accomplishments reflect the dedication, creativity, and community spirit that make our school such

Thank You PWC!

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We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to PWC, who once again supported the school through their 'One Firm' day. A team of 13 volunteers worked tirelessly in the heat to re-felt the bird hide, create a maze, re-bark the paths, and clear brambles from the banking. Their efforts have made a huge difference to our outdoor learning environment.

Maintaining such a large area is a big task, and we're always grateful for extra help. If you have gardening expertise or would simply like to get involved, we'd love your support in helping the children maintain our raised beds and green spaces.



Thanks to Ponty RFC

Our PE sessions at Sardis Road have been a real highlight this term! The children have loved the opportunity to run freely, develop their physical skills, and enjoy the wide open space. These sessions have not only supported their physical development but also boosted their confidence and teamwork. A huge thank you goes to the parents and carers who have volunteered to walk with us to and from the ground. Your support is essential – without it, we wouldn't be able to safely take our younger children to Sardis. If you're available on Tuesday afternoons next half term, please let us know. Mrs Owen is keeping a list of helpers and would love to hear from you.



Residential Trips

We were delighted to take both Year 5 and Year 6 on residential courses this half term.

- Year 6 visited the Rock Summit Centre in Treharris,
- Year 5 enjoyed their stay at Llangrannog.

Both trips were a great success, with children stepping out of their comfort zones and rising to new challenges. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout, and they represented the school with pride. We're sure parents will join us in thanking our dedicated staff, who generously give up their own time to make these unforgettable experiences possible.



Community Connections

This half term we have continued to take every opportunity to engage with our local community. To mark VE Day, we visited the YMCA to watch original newsreels from the day itself, this was a powerful way to connect with history.

Our children contributed beautiful artwork to the local library and the Principality Building Society, and Dosbarth Bedw took part in a special intergenerational craft session as part of the 'Turning Ponty Blue' initiative, raising awareness of dementia and building connections across generations.

We were very excited to welcome Mick Antoniw to Coed-Y-Lan. He came to talk to our school senedd about his role as member of the Welsh Parliament for the Pontypridd constituency and the type of work this involves. He was very interested in the learning we've been doing and was particularly impressed by Dosbarth Celyn's litter and dog poo protest in Ponty town centre as this is high on his agenda too. We took him up to the garden where we sang Welsh songs and talked more about his and our experiences, and about how our school has changed and grown in the last couple of years. He has even asked to use some of our photographs on his website, so watch this space!



Uniform Consultation

In Summer 2024, we invited parents to take part in a consultation about the possibility of updating our school uniform to reflect our current school logo, which was adopted in 2022. The survey was repeated in Autumn 2024, we received a total of 21 responses, with an even split between those in favour of keeping the current uniform and those supporting a change.

To ensure pupils' views were also heard, we conducted a survey with the children, and a working party from the Governing Body gathered their opinions.

The results showed that 66% of pupils would like to change the uniform to a blue polo shirt and sweatshirt featuring the new school logo.

Based on this feedback, the plan is to begin rolling out the new uniform in September 2026. There will be a transition period during which both the current and new uniforms will be acceptable, allowing families time to adjust gradually. We'll continue to keep you updated as plans progress and will share more details closer to the rollout.



Raising Awareness and Showing Support

This half term, our school community came together to raise awareness and show support for important causes.

We proudly wore purple to honour and support service children. As part of the day, we read the beautiful and moving Dandelion Poem, which helped us reflect on the unique experiences of children in military families. We were thrilled to be featured on the [Supporting Service Children in Education website](#), recognising our commitment to inclusion and understanding.

This week we also wore green to raise awareness of Coeliac Disease. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Pugh, who kindly visited every class to talk about the condition and its impact. Her sessions were informative and engaging, helping the children understand how Coeliac affects daily life and how we can support those living with it.

We are proud of our pupils for their empathy, curiosity, and willingness to learn about the experiences of others.



Coed-Y-Lan Little Rangers

Come and join our outdoor learning toddler group in
our fantastic garden.

Wednesday afternoons 1.30-2.30

4th June 2025- 9th July 2025

Coed-Y-Lan Primary School,
Tyfica Road, Pontypridd



For more information please call 01443 486829
and speak to Mrs Owen



Dream, believe, succeed



Coed-Y-Lan Nursery Open day, Thursday 5th June 1.30-2.30pm



Is your child due to start school in September 2025?



Why not come and visit our vibrant school in the heart of Pontypridd. Come and see what we have to offer and let your child experience the warm and nurturing environment for themselves.

We can offer

- Full time nursery places
- Free breakfast club



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'staff share a vision for an inclusive and nurturing community where pupils develop confidence, ambition and a love of learning'



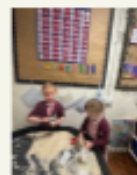
Learning through experiences



Our bespoke curriculum is
engaging and varied



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Bushcraft Adventures with Rhys from Bearfoot and Beyond

This year, our outdoor learning has been taken to a whole new level thanks to the incredible bushcraft sessions led by Rhys from Bearfoot and Beyond. These hands-on experiences have not only enriched the children's understanding of nature but have also played a vital role in developing our school garden and promoting biodiversity across the grounds. We're proud to share that these sessions were made possible through a variety of generous contributions:

- Autumn Term: Funded by our amazing PTA
- Spring Term: Supported by a successful application to the Multiply Grant
- Summer Term: Made possible by a very kind donation from one of our parents, allowing every class to take part

Looking ahead, we would love to continue offering these enriching sessions in the next academic year. To help make this happen, we're kicking off our fundraising efforts with a sponsored walk for all the children in the local area during the summer term.

If you know of any funding opportunities or match funding schemes we could apply for, we'd be incredibly grateful to hear from you. Every bit of support helps us keep providing the rich learning experiences our children deserve.





Dates for your Diary

Date	Events- NB: There may be additional dates for the Summer
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) Dosbarth Celyn to be collected from school by parents to walk down at 12.45. The rest of the classes will walk down after lunch and meet at Sardis road for a 1.15pm start- WEATHER PERMITTING
Monday 9th June	Cricket Tournament Ynysangharad Park
Tuesday 17 th June	Sports day (If first date is cancelled)
Thursday 19 th June	Book Slam competition - Aberystwyth
Friday 20 th June	INSET DAY
Mon-Wed 23-25 th June	Swimming Years 3-6 in the morning
Mon- Wed 20 th June-2 nd July	Swimming Years 3-6 in the morning
Friday 27 th June	9.30 Alex Davies-Jones MP visit
Friday 27th June	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 1st July	1.15pm Sports Day Sardis Road Final attempt
Friday 4 th July	Welsh Heritage Award Ceremony- National Waterfront Museum, Swansea
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
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term for the children
Monday 21st July	INSET Day
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
Tuesday 23 rd September	School Photos
Friday 10 th October	Morfudd Owen Parade
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day

