Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

December 2023









Celebrating Christmas and showing our talents...

Christmas preparations are in full swing. The children are very excited about Christmas, parents and Grandparents are in for a real treat. We still have a few afternoon tickets left, if anyone would like to purchase them. Please see over for all the arrangements.

It was great to welcome our visitors last week-Cllr Burnett, Cllr Birch, Mr Baker and Heledd Fychan MS. The children were very welcoming to them, greeting them using their Welsh and talking to them about all the wonderful things that happen in school. The School Council were also very impressive, so much so, that hopefully in the New Year they will meet with the Vale of Glamorgan cabinet to share their ideas and pose questions to the members. I was so proud of the whole school.

The choir were amazing, singing at Llandough Hospital. It was so lovely to see so many children singing together to entertain the public. A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who brought the children and stayed to support them singing. Yet another proud moment for Cogan Primary School.

The last week in November has been really busy-we were visited by St Cyres pupils for a High School Music workshop in year 6, The Song Writing Doctor worked with year 2, The Hearing Resource Base attended a Deaf Rugby event, we had our last Family Learning session and held the Rock Steady concert for parents. Always so much to enjoy and celebrate!

Clubs will restart week commencing Monday 22nd January 2024.

You may have noticed that Mrs Psarelis is not in her usual place in the office, unfortunately she is recovering at home due to a recent operation. I know you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our value of the month is 'co-operation'. We will be promoting this value throughout December and beyond.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful Christmas. Here's to a peaceful and successful New Year in 2024. Nadolig Llawen.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Sibert















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Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for November- Mathematical Development

Infant class—Year 2

Y3— Thomas C

Y4— Joelle B

Y5— Mya K

Y6—Vinay H

Handwriting— Myles W, Riley K-R, Skylar H and Freya W

Criw Cymraeg-

Y1– Emmi G Y4– Rowan P

Y2- Rosie E Y5- Lola B

Y3- Varoj S Y6- Bella D



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Christmas Jumper Donate & Swap

If you have any unwanted or grown out of Christmas jumpers - Please bring them in and we will put them out on Friday 15th December in readiness for our Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term. Thank you.

Attendance winners this month:

1st- 95.3% -Year 6 2nd -95.1%- Year 1 3rd – 93.2% - Year 4

Our Target is 96%







Christmas Concert arrangements 2023



Wednesday 13th (1:15pm and 5:30pm) and Thursday 14th December (9:30am and 1:15pm)

Could we politely request that parents do not bring babies or toddlers to the concerts as they become restless or noisy during performances. This unsettles the pupils who have put so much effort into their performances. Also we would appreciate it that all the audience stays until the end of each performance, so not to disrupt the show and block the walk ways- thank you.

All costumes should be in by Monday 4th December. If you haven't brought it in can you do so as soon as possible.

Evening performance on Wednesday 13th December

Please can all parents stay and watch the whole performance and not leave after their child's class item as it spoils it for others and the children get upset.

- "Please ensure that the children are in school by 5:00pm for evening performances."
- "If you have a child in the infant department and **are not watching** the performance, you can collect your child at 6:15pm from the infant hall—old entrance.
- "The rest of the children can be collected as you leave the hall at approximately **7:00 pm** from:
 - •Infants—Outside Infant Hall old entrance / Year 3-Staff room old entrance/Years 4, 5 & 6 in the annexe building (in the usual door and out fire door). The gate on Pill street will be the only gate open for safeguarding reasons.



Carol Service at Holy Nativity Church arrangements 2023



Carol Service at Holy Nativity Church Monday 18th December Rehearsal

Just to let you know, we will be taking Year 6 and the choir children to the church on the morning of Monday 18th December to practice for the carol service. They will walk accompanied by staff.

Church Service 1.30-2.30pm

You are invited to join us at our carol service at Holy Nativity, Windsor Road, Penarth at 1.30pm. The children will walk to and from the church accompanied by school staff and we also rely on parents to help us walk up to the church. If you can help, tell your child's teacher and come by 1.10pm. There will be a collection for our School Fund at the end of the service.

Should the weather be unkind we may have to hold the service in school, which unfortunately this will be without parents/guardians.

All children will return to school for collection. No child will be allowed to be collected from the church. Please ensure the children have warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves as the church is quite cold.

Diary Dates...

Uniform Reminder...

Please can you ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, a hat, scarf and gloves if it is cold in the coming months.

Also, please can they wear suitable black shoes, boots or black trainers on PE days, as stated in our prospectus. Many thanks.



Please remember to take your property and drinking bottles home and give them a good clean over the Christmas holiday.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Nadolig Llawen and Blwyddyn Newydd Dda





29:11:23-9:15 am Mrs Sibert open tour of the school for interested new families

30:11:23- Proud to Present

01:12:23- Rock Steady Concert in the afternoon for parents/ CLUBS Finish

04:12:23- Costumes in by today

08:12:23- Technical Rehearsal-Christmas Concert

11:12:23- Dress Rehearsal Primary School / Nursery Craft week

12:12:23- Dress Rehearsal Nursery Christmas concerts morning and afternoon

13:12:23-1.15pm and 5:30pm and 14:12:23 9:30am and 1:15pm-Primary concerts / 13:12:23- 9:30am Nursery Concert (both morning and afternoon children)-No Nursery in the afternoon on this day

15:12:23- Afternoon- Father Christmas visiting for Nursery/Rec/Y1/Y2

18:12:23- Christmas Carol Service at Nativity Church

19:12:23- Sherman Theatre trip for Rec-Year 6

20:12:23-Christmas Lunch/Parties

21:12:23- Christmas Jumper Day/ Puppet Show for Nursery and Early Years

Term ends

Inset day- 22/12/23





