



# Cogan Primary News

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe....

The Spring term has got off to a great start. We are developing our new Positive Relationships Policy. All interested parties will be consulted, the governors reviewed it last week and the Learning Squad, School Council and staff will be taking a lead to co-construct the rules. As a school we have been busy working on making behaviour procedures clearer. The children will decide on what 'Be ready, Be respectful and Be safe' looks like in the classroom, outside and in the school halls. We are encouraging them to get involved in, what sort of behaviours we should all expect, this includes everyone-teachers and parents too! We had an excellent report back from our Health Check carried out by Tony Sammon last November (When the Adults Change). It was very complimentary about our practice with a few recommendations which we are taking on board and developing- this being one of them. When the policy is finalised it will be placed on our website.

Other important documents to look out for on our website, at the end of the month are: The Governors' Annual report to Parents 2021-2022, our new complaints Policy and our Health Check report.

We continue to develop our New Curriculum for Wales-Llais Cogan. We continue to provide such amazing opportunities for the children of Cogan. Our achievements continued to be recognised by many National organisations and our projects current. Please remember to follow Twitter for the latest exciting learning opportunities. We are also very busy working with our colleagues across the cluster to ensure that Penarth children get a similar diet of learning and knowledge, so there is a smooth transition into the secondary schools. There is a lot to celebrate this month!

Year 2 will be working collaboratively this month with the Song Writing Doctor to creative lyrics to support our new rules. We have adopted one of the previously created songs as our 'well done' song in Proud to Present!

Our St David's day celebrations will be taking place soon, we are looking forward to our usual celebrations, promoting the rich heritage of Wales, which will be the theme for some of our home competition tasks.

Please can I remind parents and carers to stick to the one way system for dropping off and collecting children. It is very important to keep the flow and make these times safe. Also, please take care around the main gate when crossing the road and waiting for the gate to open.



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Clubs have resumed. Thank you to all the staff that willingly give up their time to run free clubs. We are very lucky to have a wide selection of clubs. Please support the staff by making sure you are on time at 4:15pm to collect your child and if for any reason they are absent, please let the office know. All the children have completed our termly Fire drill- they were very sensible and all left the building in an orderly manner within one and half minutes- great job children!

Our Forest Schools initiative is a great success. Please see over for information and photographs showing some of the exciting learning experiences the children have been busy doing.

Our Value of the month is 'courage'. We are supporting the 'Wear Red for Velindre Day' on Friday 3rd February 2023. Please wear red and send in donations for this amazing cause.

As you may be aware by now, there are a series of planned Industrial Action days called for by the NEU union. The dates are: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. I will keep you up to date as best as I can regarding action. Parents/carers will be emailed in advance, if their child/ren are affected.

Can I lastly, remind parents of the agreed school uniform, full details can be seen on our website. If you are buying foot wear, please can your purchase black shoes, boots or trainers-many thanks.

Have a lovely break over half term, later this month and enjoy your family time.

Best wishes,  
Mrs S. M. Sibert

Advance Dates: Parents evenings 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 2023/ Book Fair this week in the main hall.



### Data Collection:

Please can you let the office know if any of your details have changed -thank you.

### **Year 6 -Adventure week**

#### **Dolygaer Centre**

We are very much looking forward to our visit on 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

This is a fantastic centre with really exciting activities. If you are interested in having a look, please use the link below:

<https://www.parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/dolygaer>

We have achieved our Eco-Schools Platinum Award for the sixth time!  
Congratulations everyone!!



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

**Proud to Present winners for January-**

**Humanities focus**

Infant class— Reception

Y3— Luca X

Y4— Zoe D

Y5— Rufus H

Y6— Orgesa B

Handwriting— Shaniya K, Owen R, Mia R and Ella G-H

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Macsen

Y4— Oli F

Y2- Varoj

Y5— Ella C

Y3— Jack J

Y6— Logan W



# Diary Dates...



**01:02:23-** Industrial action NEU members

**02:02:23-** Y4 Class assembly

**03:02:23-** Wear Red for Velindre-donations/Song Writing Doctor Y2

**WB06:02:23-** Individual Progress Reviews (IPRs) Children/Teachers

**07:02:23-** PC Reed- Y5 Be Cyber safe and Y3 Stay SMART

**08:02:23-** Early Years AoLE Cluster meeting at the Nursery

**09:02:23-** Laura Ashley LA to talk to girls in Years 4/5/6 regarding period products

**14:02:23-** Industrial action NEU members/ PTA Valentine's Disco

**15:02:23-** Year 6 to visit St Cyres –Numeracy/Transition

**16:02:23-** Year 3 class assembly

**Inset Day 17/02/23** AoLE cluster work/LSAs ASD/ADHD Training

Half Term 20<sup>th</sup> February- 24<sup>th</sup> February

Attendance winners this month:

1<sup>st</sup>- 96.7% - Year 2

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# Forest Schools at Cogan Primary School



Our Forest Schools initiative in Year 3 has been a great success, thanks to Ms Reeves who leads this area at Cogan Primary School. Groups of Year 3 children go outdoors each week. Some of the exciting areas of learning have been: RSPB Big Bird Watch, making different feeders, enjoying the different weather exploring habitats, scavenger hunts, getting muddy, learning knotting techniques, creating nature frames, building a Mini-beast Mansion, pond clearing, learning about bird calls, clay work in Dingle Park and welcoming in the New Year with a Welsh tradition of making a 'Callenig Apple'. Thank you Ms Reeves -it's great to learn outdoor skills and knowledge appreciating our natural environment!

