

February 2026

# Cogan Primary News

## School Council leading the way...



The Spring term has got off to a great start once again. Everyone is busy learning and the teachers are continuing to value the children's opinions. The new topics are exciting and will encourage the children to be the best they can and develop independence.

Once again our School Council have been very active. They met with myself and Mr Birchall and together we set out foci on a FADE form (Focus, Analysis, Development and Evaluation) process to gather information and ideas in readiness for a Pupil Learning Walk. This was carried out on Friday 23rd January by the year 4, 5 and 6 representatives. Each of the children took turns to record their observations, sticking to the criteria as we walked from Nursery up to Year 6. The children's comments are very professional and informative. The results from the Learning Walk will be shared in a whole school assembly and with teachers and Governors. Well done to the children, they did such a good job!

Thank you to all the parents that have been interested in becoming a governor. We have had six interested parents. It's amazing to have so many keen to support the school. Elections will be held in the coming weeks- I will keep you posted!

The PTA have met to discuss the forthcoming events. It is so lovely to see so many new faces supporting Mrs Coombs. The PTA have grown in numbers which is fantastic for the future, raising funds for the little extras for all our children. The School Council will be asking for some funds for new benches in the Junior yard and some outdoor furniture for the little grassed area in the Infant yard.

Important documents to look out for on our website - **The Governors' Annual report to Parents 2024-2025 is now available.**

Our St David's day celebrations will be taking place soon on the 27<sup>th</sup> February due to the 1<sup>st</sup> being on a Sunday, 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. See over.

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. Our CCTV cameras and staff are positioned to ensure the safety of all our children. Gates will only be opened when everyone is ready and it is safe to dismiss. Also, please take care around the main gate when crossing the road and waiting for the gate to open.

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 two minutes- the children experienced leaving the hall through different exits in the main hall-great job children! They will also practice a Lockdown drill, we practice this every term too.



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Senior Leaders have been delighted to listen to children read in English and Welsh across the school and I am very pleased to say that the standards are extremely high in both languages.

Our Forest Schools continues to be a great success. Thanks to Ms Reeves for all your hard work, preparation and lovely activities.

Our Value of the month is 'courage'.

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.

Half term is fast approaching, have a lovely break over half term and enjoy your family time.

Best wishes,  
Mrs S. M. Sibert



### Arbor-Collection of children at the office/Data Collection:

Please notify the office prior to picking children up for appointments, you will be asked for evidence of the appointment. Please try to avoid collecting children ad hoc towards the end of the day, as they miss out on their learning and they should be in school for the full day.

Please can you use Arbor to amend your data or 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 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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>



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

**Proud to Present winners for January-**



**Humanities focus**

Infant class— Year 1

Y3— Clark B

Positive Relationships/being a good friend –

Y4— Harry D

Rec- Cassandra G-B Y3- Noah Y Y6- Jake S

Y5— Gwen M

Y1- Raymond C Y4- Rosie E

Y6— Harry G

Y2- Evania S Y5- Thomas C

Handwriting— Lincoln, Penelope, Viona and Shaniya

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Evan D

Y4— Jax L

Y2- Vazer S

Y5— Ghali A

Y3— Elis H

Y6— Anna S

04:02:26- Full Governor Meeting and Leadership and Management committee

05:02:26- Cuppa with the Headteacher 9:15am

09:02:26- Llais Groups

11:02:26- Year 2 trip to Rhondda Heritage Park

12:02:26- Year 4 class assembly/ Author Rob Biddulph at Paget Rooms- Years 4,5 and 6.

**Inset Day 13/02/26-Joint Penarth Schools Cluster Day- curriculum**

**Half term-16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> February**

26:02:26- Proud to Present

27:02:26- St David's Day (1<sup>st</sup> March is a Sunday)

03:03:26- Neon Disco- all Year Groups

04/11:03:26- Progress Meetings

05:03:26- World Book Day

09:03:26- Dolygaer Adventure week- Year 6

16/17/18:03:26- Parents' Evenings

## **Keep up the excellent attendance**

Attendance winners this month:

1<sup>st</sup>- 97.5% - Year 2

Such an improvement-

2<sup>nd</sup> -97.2%- Year 4

Da iawn parents/carers!

3<sup>rd</sup>- 97.1%-Year 5



# Diary Dates...

Instant Updates on Bluesky: @coganps.bsky.social

## Primary School Research on ADHD – Welsh Government Funded Project

Dr **Joanna Martin**, Principal Investigator at **Cardiff University**, is leading a **Welsh Government-funded research project** exploring child development and ADHD in Wales. The study aims to improve **early and timely identification of ADHD** in primary school children, particularly **girls**, who are often under-identified.

Working alongside young people, parents/carers, and professionals, the research team has co-developed a new **gender-inclusive ADHD assessment tool – BEARS (Behaviour, Emotion, and Attention Regulation Scale)**. The study will further develop and validate this tool

### Who can take part?

- Parents/carers of children in **Years 5 and 6**
- Children do **not** need an ADHD diagnosis or concerns
- Participation involves completing a **short survey** (online or by post)

 **How schools can help:** Schools are asked to help share information about the study with parents/carers (e.g. newsletters, websites, social media, or events). Bilingual flyers and a short information video are available.

 Find out more: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/wolfson-centre-for-young-peoples-mental-health/take-part/child-development-wales>



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Parking around the school

Our neighbours have been concerned about parking in their streets around the school.

Please can I politely request on their behalf, that you are mindful where you park. If possible, walk to school or another option would be to use the Leisure Centre car park briefly and walk around. Many thanks.



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

**Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This is due to some children having severe allergies. Please refrain from giving your children nuts as snack or lunch, so we can keep everyone safe. Thank you.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The theme of this year's Eisteddfod home art competition for **Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3** is **'Cestyll Cymru' / 'Castles of Wales'**.

Children are invited to create a **model of a Welsh castle (or castles)** no bigger than A3 in size.

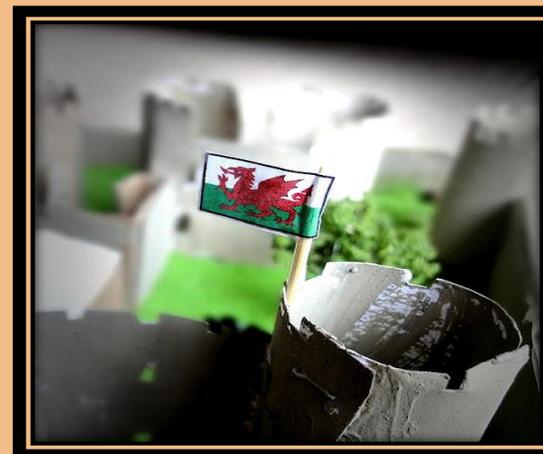
Children could use junk modelling, paint, papier mâché, collage, or any other creative ideas. The aim is to encourage imagination and creativity! I have included some photographs below which may help to inspire ideas.

We kindly ask that completed entries are brought into school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** so **that they can be judged on this day.**

Please ensure that your child's **name and class** are clearly labelled on their entry.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diolch yn fawr a phob lwc!





Dear Parents/Carers,

The theme of this year's Eisteddfod home art competition for Years 4 to 6 is **'Welsh Skateboard Art'**.

Children are invited to create a design for a *mini skateboard* with a Welsh theme. We would encourage pupils to be as imaginative and creative as possible. Children may wish to use existing artists, such as **Rhiannon Roberts**, as inspiration for their designs.

We kindly ask that completed entries are brought into school on **Monday 23rd February**, as judging will take place on this day. Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly labelled on their entry.

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