



# Cogan Primary News

## New Year-Fresh start and New Year's resolutions

### Wishing you all a Happy New Year- Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you had a lovely Christmas with your families, free from illness and hopefully you were all able to relax. Last term was incredibly long and the children were very tired at the end. The staff were also exhausted and unfortunately we had some difficult behaviours to deal with. I am hoping that the New Year will bring about a fresh start and new year's resolutions will include kindness and empathy for one another. We will be reinforcing our **'Be ready. Be respectful. Be safe.'** strategies and we have already held assemblies to refresh and remind children about what we expect from conduct in classroom, around the school and in assemblies. I am very pleased to say that all but a very few are showing exemplary behaviour and demonstrating that they have great relationships with their peers and adults. We will be having some 'Bullies Out ' workshops in January for years 4, 5 and 6 to reinforce positive relationships, to understand what is bullying and what are relationship breakdowns.

I cannot stress the need for good routines at home and in school. Working together as a community will ensure everyone gets a good amount of sleep and calm morning routines, ensuring everyone without exception, gets to school on time, eager to learn and be with their friends. A positive mind-set from all really does make the difference, as well as avoiding lateness as it often causes stress and children miss out on vital learning and instructions in their learning. It is also very important that children attend school at all times and families avoid taking holidays in term time.

If your child is experiencing any difficulties coming to school, please chat to the class teacher, myself or Ms Gillingham, who will be able to make some helpful suggestions. Likewise, if there has been an incident, accident or occurrence before school or the previous evening, please let class teachers know. This way we are really informed and can assist your child at the start of the day.

Our school Value for January is 'Understanding' and our theme, 'Going for Goals. Our Llais curriculum continues to go from strength to strength. We continue to work collaboratively with our cluster schools in Penarth to ensure the children of Penarth get a similar diet of learning opportunities. The term will be another busy one, with lots of exciting learning tasks, visits and visitors. Teachers will send home curriculum overviews in due course. After school clubs will resume the week beginning 22nd January 2024. Please send your slips back to Mr Bennett in Mr Birchall's absence. Mr Birchall will be on sick leave this half term, while he recovers from a knee operation. I know you will join us all in wishing him a speedy recovery. Mr Lewis is covering Year 4 and Mrs Thomas is covering Year 2 while he is absent.

Best wishes,  
Mrs S M Sibert



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

### **Proud to Present winners for December – Expressive Arts/Christmas concert**

Infant class— Rec, Years 1 and 2

Y3— Callum B

Y4— Madison B

Y5— Vega

Y6— Summer

Handwriting— Viola, Luca, Ruben and Mila

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Khloe

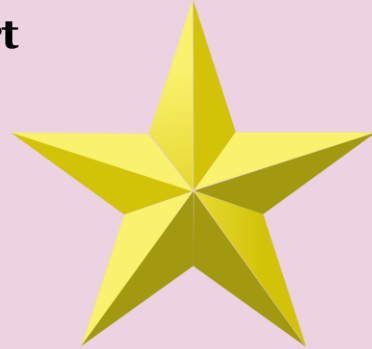
Y4— Teegan

Y2- Isla P

Y5— Sonny H

Y3— Gwen M

Y6— Sam C



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### Uniform Plea

**Please could we ask that children only wear black joggers or leggings on PE days only. These should not have any logos on them. Also, we have a policy of black footwear-shoes, boots or trainers.**

**It is important for us to have a shared identity and that everyone is neatly presented in the correct school uniform.**

**Also, can I request that children do not wear denim jeans' on dress up days if possible- we have also had a rule about this because wet jeans are uncomfortable and restrict movement for the children, also the fashion for 'ripped' jeans does not promote the school well.**

**Thank you. PS- (Free donated uniform to take away on the last Friday of each month in the school yard.)**

### Attendance winners December:

1<sup>st</sup>- 97% -Y6

2<sup>nd</sup> -94.2%- Y3

3<sup>rd</sup>- 94%-Rec



**08:01:24- Back to school for all**

**09:01:24- New Nursery children to start am and pm**

**11:01:24- Proud to Present-December/ Family Learning –Science – Junior children and parents-afternoons in Yr Hafan starts for 10 weeks**

**12:01:24- Family Learning- Early Years- parents and children – mornings in Yr Hafan starts for 10 weeks**

**15/18/29:01:24 (and other dates)- RSE –Spectrum- Exploring Relationships and Identity – Years 2 and 6**

**16:01:24- Bullies Out workshops for Years 4, 5 and 6-Respecting Relationships, Hand of Courage and My Jar of Confidence**

**17:01:24- Year 1 trip to Techniquest/ Governors -Standards and Provision Committee Meeting**

**22:01:24- Clubs Start back this week (new lists will be sent out)/ Llais Groups-afternoon**

**26:01:24- Fire Service Y2 and Y5/ Uniform available in the playground**

**30:01:24- PC Reed Y3 Stay Smart and Y5 Picture This**

**01:02:24- Proud to Present-January**

**02:02:24- Wear Red for Velindre –donations**

**06:02:24- Valentine’s Day disco-PTA**

**07:02:24- Governors Leadership and Management and Full Governing Body Meeting/AGM**

**08:02:24- Year 3 Class assembly for parents**

**Inset Day 09/02/24-Joint Penarth Schools Cluster Day-curriculum**

Class:	PE Days:
Nursery	Monday
Rec	Wednesday and Friday
1	Wednesday and Thursday
2	Wednesday and Friday
3	Monday and Thursday
4	Monday and Friday
5	Tuesday and Thursday
6	Wednesday and Friday



**PE-Nursery/All  
Please ensure  
your child wears  
joggers or  
leggings (black)  
with no buttons  
or zips and hair  
tied back for  
Monday  
Movers/PE days.**

Diary Dates...

# Snow Advice for Parents/Carers

**Cogan Primary School will endeavour to remain open during incidences of bad weather; the decision to open or close will be based on the following factors:-**

- ❄ Sufficient members of staff being able to attend
- ❄ Sufficient provisions for school meals to be provided; and availability of catering staff
- ❄ All utilities and heating system are working fully
- ❄ Safe access in and around the school

**These procedures should be followed only if snow has fallen (not is snow has been forecast) or the playground is extremely icy and therefore dangerous for parents to drop off using our usual system.**

**You can check whether the school is open by one of the following methods, *before* starting your journey to school:**

- ❄ Check your mobile telephone and your incoming email for a message from school
- ❄ [www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk)
- ❄ [www.bbc.co.uk/wales](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales)
- ❄ [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)
- ❄ Twitter @CoganPrimary
- ❄ Our School App

Nursery drop off and collection will remain the same at the Nursery Building.

## **If we have had significant snow or ice and the decision has been made to open the school**

- ❄ Please **DO NOT** bring your child along to breakfast club, as you will appreciate we won't be able to make a decision in time.
- ❄ Please bring your child to school at **8.55am**; the gate **will not** be open before this time; please stay with your child until the doors and gate are open.
- ❄ The school yard will remain off-limits to parents while covered in snow or severe ice – during this time please deliver and collect your child from the following entrances / exits:

- ❄ Reception and Year 1
- ❄ Year 2 and Year 3
- ❄ Years 4 – 6

Main Front Door  
Breakfast Club Door  
Through Yard Gate – *but we ask that you and your child do not stray from the cleared area outside the Annexe Building*

## **If we have opened the school but are unable to open the school kitchen we will advise you in our text / email and ask that you provide a packed lunch for your child.**

Thank you for your support.

