



Cogan Primary News

New Year-Looking forward to an exciting year...

Wishing you all a Happy New Year- Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Croeso pawb-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. 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 are keen to continue to raise awareness of kindness and helping others. The Care Campaigners delivered some 'sweet treats' to our school neighbours before Christmas. It has been lovely to receive thank you emails from residents who said it made their day!

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 a Young Carers assembly this week to celebrate our accreditation and highlight the need to work together.

Once again, 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.

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 19th January 2026. Unfortunately Mrs Armstrong is on sick leave at present, Mrs Evans will be ably covering her, along with the support from Mrs Holman and Mrs Leigh. We wish her a speedy recovery and send our best wishes.

The weather is very cold at present-please see over for snow/ice advice. Please remember warm coats, sturdy black footwear, scarves, hats and gloves!

Best wishes,
Mrs S M Sibert

PS From this term all class assemblies will start at 9:15am to support our working parents better.

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Founded 1884

Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

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

Infant class— Rec, Years 1 and 2

Y3— Rico

Y4— Evaniya J

Y5— Myles

Y6— Lily H

Handwriting— Emmi G, Edwyn N, Ayda H-L and Willow C

Criw Cymraeg—

Positive Relationships/being a good friend

Y1— Georgia G Y4— Shane

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Rec- Sam L Y3- Seren J Y6- Lily H

Y2- Sophie C Y5— Ollie P

Y1- Eddie M Y4- Harper H

Y3— Isla O Y6— Jake F

Y2- Vazer S Y5- Brooke H



Llongyfarchiadau to Livvie B, Giorgie B and Liley W for being highly commended in the Town Mayor's Painting competition 2025

Attendance winners December:

1st- 97% -Y5

2nd -95.4%- Y3

3rd- 94%-Y1



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.)



05:01:26- Back to school for all

06:01:26- New Nursery children to start afternoons

08:01:26- Young Carers Award assembly

Sunday 11th January- Pen Rolio- celebrating the old Welsh New Year at Penarth Cliff top 12:45pm-1pm start to walk to the seafront.

13:01:26- PC Reed Year 6 Drugs and Substances

14:01:26- Governors- Standard and Provision meeting

15:01:26- Netball match at Cogan PS v Pen Y Garth

15:01:26- Family Learning- ADULTS Arts and Crafts –morning / Fizzy Fun Years 4-6 in the afternoon with children – in Yr Ystafell Teulu starts for 10 weeks

Wb19:01:26- Clubs start

22:01:26- Year 3 Class assembly-9:15am start

23:01:26- School Council Learning Walk

26:01:26- Creature Chronicles with Louby Lou storytelling- N-Y6

29:01:26- Proud to Present

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

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

Diary Dates...

'Cuppa with the Headteacher'

Thursday 5th February 9:15am

**Agenda:
All are welcome**



**Inset Days...
2025-2026**

13/02/26

22/05/26

20/07/26

Hen Galan – Penarth – Penrolio & Mari Lwyd

Mae'n bleser gan Coleridge Cymru rhannu gwybodaeth am ddathliadau blynnyddol yr Hen Galan ym Mhenarth gyda'r Penrolio a Mari Lwyd Penarth

Coleridge Cymru is delighted to host information about the annual Hen Galan celebrations in Penarth featuring the Penrolio and the Penarth Mari Lwyd

2026

Dydd Sul 11 Ionawr:

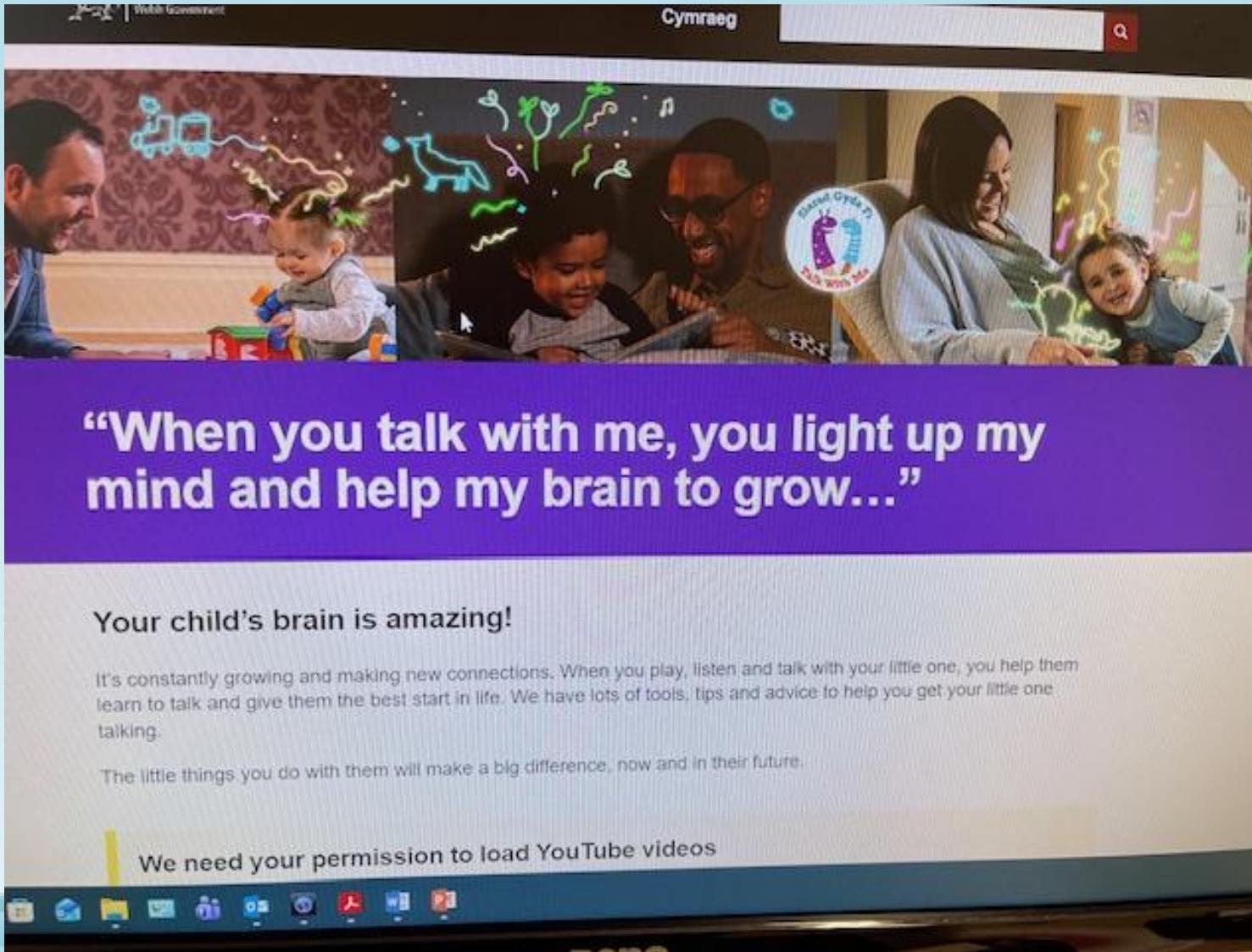
**1.00pm – Clifftops Penarth, CF64 5BP: Rholio pen Bendigeidfran
2.30pm – Pafiliwn Pier Penarth, CF64 3AU: Y Fari Lwyd**

Sunday 11 January:

**1.00pm – Penarth Clifftops, CF64 5BP: Rolling Bendigeidfran's head
2.30pm – Penarth Pier Pavilion, CF64 3AU: Mari Lwyd**

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

A helpful toolkit for parents about developing talk.....



The image shows a screenshot of a website from the Welsh Government. The top navigation bar includes the Welsh Government logo, a 'Cymraeg' (Welsh) language switch, and a search bar. The main content features a photograph of a diverse family (two adults and three young children) sitting together, with colorful, glowing, hand-drawn style graphics of animals (a train, a dog, a cat) and shapes floating around them. Below the photo is a large purple banner with the text: **“When you talk with me, you light up my mind and help my brain to grow...”** In the following section, the text **Your child's brain is amazing!** is displayed, followed by a paragraph explaining that children's brains are constantly growing and making new connections through talk, play, and listening. A smaller text below states: **The little things you do with them will make a big difference, now and in their future.** At the bottom, a message reads: **We need your permission to load YouTube videos**, with a small yellow bar icon to its left. The website's URL is partially visible on the right side of the image.

https://www.gov.wales/talk-with-me?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=2082122455&gbraid=0AAAAAoR7cPMqWEpHkQkcdNlo9i9KOpf3d&gclid=EAIaIQobChMItayJwvjGkQMVLZZQBh1h7AKaEAAYASAAEgI1BfD_BwE

Snow and Ice 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 systems are working fully
- ❖ Safe access in and around the school

These procedures should be followed only if snow has fallen (not if snow has been forecast) 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
- ❖ www.bbc.co.uk/wales
- ❖ www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- ❖ Bluesky: @coganps.bsky.social

Nursery and Reception drop off and collection will remain the same at the Early Years 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:

- ❖ Year 1
- ❖ Year 2 and Year 3
- ❖ Years 4 – 6

Main Front Door
Breakfast Club Door
Through Pill Street 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.

