



Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

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Cogan Primary News

Celebrating St David's Day and World Book Day...

As Spring arrives, let us all be hopeful about the future. Our Value this month is 'Happiness'. Let's look forward to good times-being with our friends and loved ones, striving forward, getting back to normal.

Our St David's day was a great success! A two venue event, linked via Teams in each hall. We all had lots of fun, hearing a story, singing in welsh and listening to and celebrating the competition winners. The children then carried out many inventive St David's day activities in their classes. At the end of the week, we had our remaining competition winners of the home tasks and our Chairing of the Bard. Well done to Lola –our worthy Bard winner. The children entered many competitions and the work was as usual, of a very high standard. Thank you to parents/grandparents for supporting this. It was great to see everyone and celebrate this special day.

World Book Day saw children dressed as their favourite book characters. We had a visiting author, Lesley Parr for Years 5 and 6. The children were able to purchase her books- Lesley Parr is the author of the very popular 'The Valley of Lost Secrets', which is set during WW2 and follows the adventures of evacuee children from London uncovering a mystery in the heart of the Welsh valleys. Lesley's new book, 'When the War Came Home', is set in the Welsh valleys in the aftermath of WW1.

Mrs Owen and Mrs Morgan did a fantastic job in discussion with Estyn. A National wide webinar talking about developing a culture of Reading at Cogan Primary School. It is really pleasing to have our excellent practice recognised and celebrated. Mrs Morgan will also be speaking at the National Book Trust Cymru conference on the 22nd March.

Year 4 have also had great success. They prepared questions for one of our Picture Book entries on a World wide broadcast. 'The Garden Inside Out' by Chiara Mezzalama. You can watch our questions running from 23:30 on the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/666776950/2b9b517091>



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Please can we remind you that we can only administer medicines if the doctor has prescribed four doses a day. You will have to fill in a medical form in advance. (Three doses can be administered at home before school, after school and later in the evening.) Thank you.

Please can you contact Mrs Psarelis in the office on 02920 708497 if any of your personal details have changed, especially your email. Also, a reminder that we have a School App 'OurSchoolApp' which you can download to get regular updates of school events.

You may have noticed that we are having two new shelters and a new Viking boat for the Reception/Year 1 outdoor area. These should be completed by next week. The new additions will enhance our outdoor provision even further.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Sibert PS There will be a Book Fair between 11th-17th March. A letter will be coming out to explain how the children can choose and pay for books. Y6 will have a chance to buy books on the 11th March due to being away at Dolygaer.

Shh!.. We will be organising our Mother's day room this year. It will look a bit different, but children will be able to purchase a gift for their mum on Friday 25th March. All they need to do is bring in money and the staff will assist them to choose a gift and have it wrapped. Look out for the PTA information sheet/Twitter about this.

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.



Be Cyber safe!

PC Reed has been into school to teach the Year 6 children all about being Cyber Safe.

Parents need to be informed of the latest cyber fads/trends. It is very important to know that most social media platforms state a recommended age of 13 years and above. 'WhatsApp' states you should be 16 years old and above.

<https://schoolbeat.cymru/en/pupils/limitFlash/0/age/7-11/Be-Cyber-Safe/>
<http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for February- Expressive Arts focus

Infant class— Reception

Y3— Vega

Y4— Jay B

Y5— Kyle B

Y6— Jack

Handwriting— Willow C, Leason, Vinay, Orgesa and Summer M

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Imran Y4— Ella C

Y2- Teeyan Y5— Shane

Y3— Oliver H Y6— Maali



Attendance winners this month:

1st- 91.2% - Year 4

Instant Updates on Twitter
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Inset Days

27/05/22

17/06/22- Joint cluster training day

22/07/22



Diary Dates...

MARCH

01:03:22- St David's day celebrations/Mrs Owen and Mrs Morgan Estyn
National Wales Webinar-Fostering a culture of Reading

03:03:22- World book Day and Proud to Present

04:03:22- The Song Writer workshops

09:03:22- Joint School Council meeting with St Cyres cluster -Year 5 to attend
/ PC Reed Rec People who help us and Y1 Playing safe

14:03:22- Book Fair week

14:03:22- Dolygaer Adventure week-Year 6

18:03:22- Red Nose Day

21/22/23:03:22- Parents' Evenings

25:03:22- Mother's Day Room

28:03:22- Y5 trip to Warner Brother's Studios

07:04:22- Year 2 class assembly

11:04:22- Easter Break



On sale in school £1.50



St David's Day Eisteddfod Trefnant.
Dydd Mawrth 1af 2022

(On Teams 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 from Main hall and Avenue hall or if weather is good we can be outside on the field.)

Year 4, 5, 6 in Avenue hall
R.Y.S.2 in Indoor hall

Introduction

1. Song - Lawr ar lan y mor.
2. Foundation Phase School Art Competition. Reception Daffodils Painting, Year 1 Castles Painting, Year 2 Dragon Collage
3. Soshan Fach song
4. Song 'Mi Hapus Ydw'
5. KS2 School Poetry/Handwriting competition (Year 3-6)
6. Mae Hen Wlad fy Nhadau.
7. TL Closing prayer



WORLD BOOK DAY

