



Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

Newsletter November 2025



Cogan Primary News

Continuing Family Learning opportunities and getting ready for the festive season...

We are continuing our Family Learning opportunities with a Digital course for parents, thanks to Cardiff and Vale Learning starting on Thursday 6th November until Thursday 4th December- 9:15-11:15am in Ystafell Teulu. This is a great opportunity to brush up on your digital skills and getting support with technical tools such as the Google classroom. If you are interested in attending, please let Mrs Psarelis know. It would be great to see some of you attend, the last course –'Bright Sparks' (STEM Science learning) was a huge success.

Questionnaire there is a parent questionnaire on Goggle classrooms, we would appreciate your feedback if you have a few minutes to spare. Diolch yn fawr. (By 21/11/25)

A little reminder about bikes and scooters- Please can parents/carers remind children to make sure they walk them in to and from the bike shed. This way we will ensure there are no accidents at drop off and pick up times. Thank you

Many thanks for all your kind donations for Harvest. The Vale Food Bank are really grateful for all the food provided. Year 6 led a wonderful celebration for the whole school. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved for this great cause- diolch yn fawr.

Some advance information regarding Christmas concerts. We are changing things a little this year so that the Early Years put on two performances for Nursery and Reception parents and carers and Years 1-6 put on three performances. As usual tickets will be allocated two per family in the first instance on a first come first served basis. To assist parents./carers we will sell the different tickets on different days and at different places- e.g. **at the Early Years Unit for Nursery and Reception** and the **Annexe building for Years 1-6**. Please see over for exact details.

Poppy merchandise will be on sale this week after school, on the main yard-prices vary.

Friendship and Love are our values for this month. Everyone is trying hard to appreciate each other and showing friendship and love inside and outside school upholding our School of Kindness values.

We have been asked to share our excellent wellbeing practice by the Schools Health Research Network. (SHRN) They will be filming and interviewing some staff and children. We will ask your permission if your child is chosen to take part.

Best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Sibert

PS Christmas Concert Tickets on sale next week-see over for the details of how to buy them...



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Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

Proud to Present winners for October –Literacy Focus

Infant class— Year 1

Y3— Evie K

Y4— Nelly B

Y5— Viona W

Y6— Willow C

Handwriting— Rhys S, Livvie B, Mia-Rae P and Jake S

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Annie K Y4— Adam S

Y2- Amina Y5— Seren H

Y3— Seren J Y6— Theo L

Llongyfarchiadau to our girls and boys teams who have played football against Pen Y Garth this month. The girls won 6-2 and the boys narrowly lost out 0-3. Our Netball team will be playing soon.

Positive Relationships/being a good friend –

Rec- Jack P Y3- Sai R Y6- Jake S

Y1- Rose H Y4- Rosie E

Y2- Ellis J Y5- Willow B

Introducing our Children's Rights Champions who will be attending the Super Ambassador event in January:

Emelia and Theo Year 6



Instant Updates on Bluesky
@coganps.bsky.social



Children In Need
Friday 14th November 2025

Please make a cash donation and wear anything with spots- 'Challenge yourself to 25'.



Attendance winners this month:

1st- 97.1% -Year 4

2nd -96.9%- Year 1 and 6 We are doing so well- keep it up Cogan PS!

3rd – 96.6% - Year 3

Our Target is 94%





Young Carers

At Cogon Primary School we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers. A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has mental ill health or addiction problem.

Children may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

The latest Census data for Wales states there are 22,520 unpaid carers aged 5 -24 years old caring for family members in Wales. However, many do not realise they are an unpaid carer which means the figures may not be a true reflection on the number of young and young adult carers providing support to family members on a daily basis.

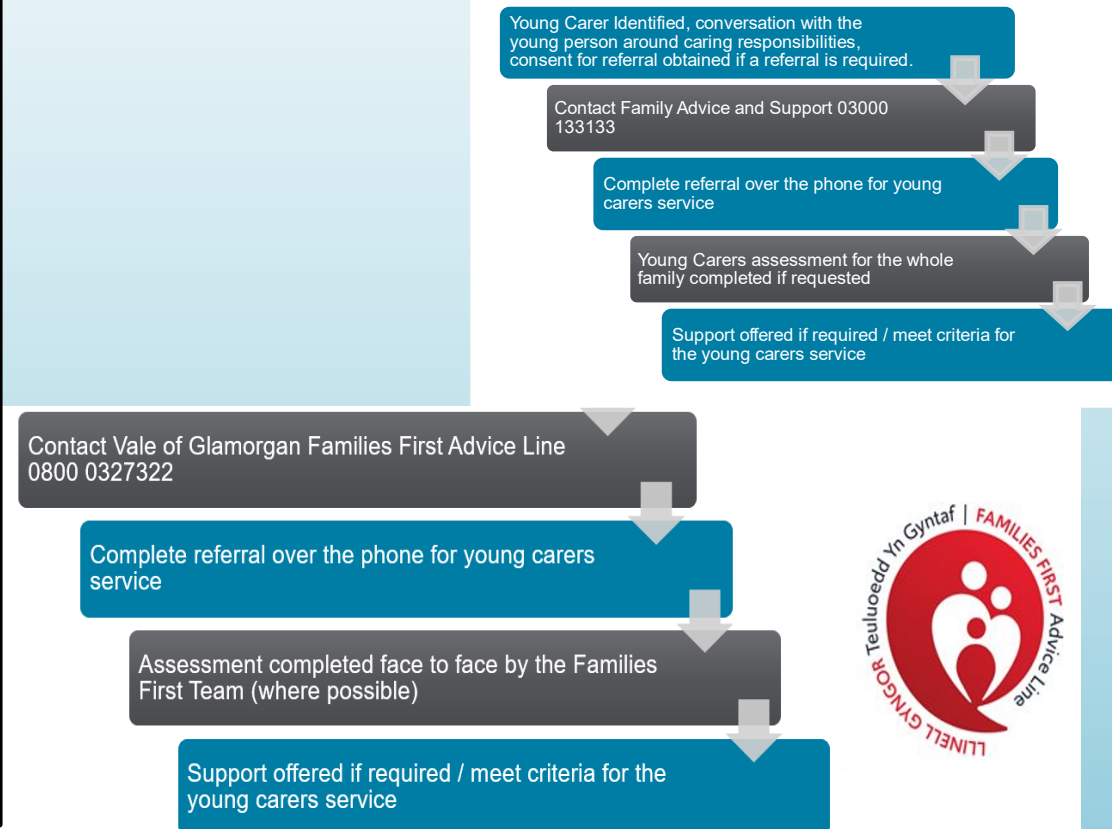
We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Cogon Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

We can offer additional pastoral support, small group workshops and access to opportunities outside school. We link up with the local Young Carers Service to offer our pupils more support both within school and outside of school.

At Cogon Primary School we have a lead professional, Lauren Gillingham, who has responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school and make good progress. If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let us know by speaking to your Miss Gillingham or Mrs Sibert please contact school on 02920708497.

Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

If you would like to refer your child for young carers support, you can do so by following these steps:



Cyngor a Chymorth i Deuluoedd Caerdydd

Cardiff Family Advice and Support



06/11/25-Course for Parents- Digital Skills 9:15am-11:15am- starting today –every Thursday until 4th Dec- please sign up with Mrs Psarelis

11 and 12/11/25- Christmas concert tickets on sale (EY-Nursery & Reception) and Years 1 to 6.

12/11/25- Kindness day- positive noticing

17/11/25- Llais Groups

20/11/25- Year 5 class assembly

21/11/25- Open morning – New Nursery children

Wb 24/11/25- Clubs finish

25/11/25- Spare concert tickets on sale in the office

27/11/25- Proud to Present

28/11/25- Ian Brown Festive story time Years 1 and 2

05/12/25- Technical rehearsal years 1-6

08/12/25- Dress rehearsal

10 and 11/12/25- Christmas concerts years 1-6

12/12/25- Rock Steady concert

15/12/25- FC visit for infant children

16/12/25- Holy Nativity Church service 1:15pm leave school

17/12/25- Proud to present/ Christmas Lunch and Parties

18/12/25- Christmas Jumper day- Sherman Theatre trip for Reception to year 6

Term ends for children

19/12/15- Inset day

New term starts on Monday 5th January 2026



Diary Dates...

Cogan Cuppa with the Headteacher -

Friday 28th November

In the Ystafell Teulu- Family Room at 9:10am-10:00am

Any parent wishing to join Mrs Sibert for an informal chat and a cup of tea, please feel free to attend.



Reminder: Inset day- 19/12/25



Christmas planning...



‘Whoops a Daisy Angel!’

Early Years concerts (Nursery and Reception) in the EY hall:

will be at 9:30am on Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

More details about concerts/costume arrangements to follow from class teachers soon.

Tickets will be on sale on Thursday 13th November at drop off time 9:05am

The tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, two tickets per family to keep it fair. Any unsold tickets will then be firstly offered to families who haven't bought any, then the remaining tickets will be sold on **Tuesday 25th November at 3pm from the school office**, again on a first come first basis.



Christmas planning...



A polite plea....

Please make sure that you intend to stay for the whole performance if you purchase a ticket. Walking out part way through causes problems for the children coming on and off stage, blocking the limited central aisle and is also unfair on those performing later on!

We kindly request your cooperation in limiting baby noise during the concerts by leaving little ones at home if possible. This is to ensure that the children can fully enjoy the performance without any distractions. Nursery children will see the concert during school time.

Thank you for your understanding and support in creating a conducive environment for all the children to have a wonderful experience at the concerts.



'Lights, Camel, Action!'

We will be putting on **Three concerts (Year 1-Year 6)** in the main hall:

Wednesday 10th December—9:30am and 5:30pm

Thursday 12th December—1:15pm

Tickets will be on sale in the Annexe hall on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November at 3:20pm.

The tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, two tickets per family to keep it fair. Any unsold tickets will then be firstly offered to families who haven't bought any, then the remaining tickets will be sold on **Tuesday 25th November at 3pm from the school office**, again on a first come first served basis.

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