



Ysgol Gynradd Cogan Primary School

'Encourage Effort: Celebrate Success'

October 2023



# Cogan Primary News

Promoting our Values and developing our learning tools...

It has been so lovely to celebrate the children's achievements at Proud to Present last week- see winners overleaf. The children have all settled well. The Nursery has held their celebration gatherings at the end of every week too. As headteacher, it is a great privilege to give out Headteacher's stickers to reward those children who go over and above, in their work or/and upholding the school values making a difference to others.

Our Llais curriculum and groups are going from strength to strength. Pupil voice is a key factor and continues to drive our topics. The teachers are busy working and auditing the Curriculum for Wales, ensuring that we maximise learning opportunities and progress learning. This year we will also be developing Learner Assets – see over, giving the children the learning tools to become more independent and resilient in their learning. These skills are for lifelong learning. Many of our Llais groups have a strong community theme again this year. It has been great to see how the children respond to helping others. It really supports our school ethos and values.

Please note that **parents' evenings** are going to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, so please pencil these dates into your diaries. (Year 3 will hold theirs on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct) Teachers always meet together and arrange appointments for siblings so they don't clash. Can you try to stick to the appointment day and time given (10 minutes is allocated for each appointment), this way the appointments should run smoothly. The teachers are looking forward to meeting their new parents and sharing the children's successes, face to face. Please use the gate on Pill Street to come in and out of the school. Classes will be sign-posted. Apart from the Nursery parents- please use the main entrance Mrs Smart will be in the community room and will let you in.

As part of this month's School Value of 'Unity' and the rights of the child 'not to be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe'. Togetherness is truly permeating throughout the school, along with our rules to be ready, respectful and safe. Thank you to parents for supporting our values at home and in the community.

It is great to see the children looking smart, wearing the correct uniform. Please try to make sure they only wear black joggers or black leggings on PE days only– no logos and black footwear. It's great to show our unity wearing the same uniform, especially when we welcome visitors to our wonderful school! Don't forget, our website has plenty of information for parents and cares: [www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk)

Best wishes,  
Mrs S. M. Sibert



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## PTA Officers needed...

Sadly, we will be losing some key PTA members at the end of this year. They have successfully given Cogan PS many years of great service. We are looking for more members in order to continue the PTA. Please see Mrs Sibert if you are interested and she can put you in touch with Carol Curtis our current chair.



## School Council Members:

The children have voted- Congratulations to all the children who have elected as School Councils members for 2023-2024: Sam C, Bella A, Kaelan M, Rufus H, Isaac D, Evie W, Max B, Layla D, Teeyan H, Nathaniel D, Anna S, Yashvi G, Buddy B, Edwyn N and Rosie E.

## Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

### **Proud to Present winners for September –General-Good Start to the Year**

Infant class— Reception

Y3— Ayda

Y4— Willow C

Y5— Sophie M

Y6— Evie W

Handwriting— Willow B, Kate H, Vega and Emily M

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Cain E Y4— Rio L

Y2- Edwyn Y5— Layla D

Y3— Imran Y6— Ella C



Top three classes  
Attendance:  
1<sup>st</sup>- R – 97.6%  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Y6- 97%  
3<sup>rd</sup>- Y5- 95.1%

School Target  
96%

Are you a Healthy Henry, an Ambitious Annie, a Creative Carys or an Ethical Evan?



Instant Updates on Twitter  
CoganPrimary @CoganPrimary

## Dog fouling on pavements around the school

Please can we ask that dog owners pick up after their pets- also, if we can collectively ask friends and neighbours of the school to pick up mess too. There has been quite a lot of mess recently which gets on shoes and then walked into the school. Thank you.



## Safety at Cogan Primary School

Keeping children safe online  
NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Worried? We're here to listen.

Childline 0800111 or visit

[www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids)

NSPCC-Let's Talk Pants P-privates are private / A-always remember your body belongs to you /N- No means No / T- talk about secrets that upsets you / S-speak up, someone can help.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/pants-teaching](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants-teaching)



## Diary Dates...

02/10/23- Llais Groups

03/10/23- Colorfoto Individual Photographs

04/10/23- Year 2 Trip to St Fagans

10/10/23- Nursery Forest Schools trip to Cosmeston with parents

11/10/23- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting

09/10:10:23- Year 3 Only Parent Evenings

16/17/18:10/23- Parents' Evenings for the rest of the school Nur-Y6

18/10/23- Y4 trip to Llancaiach Fawr

19/10/23- Harvest Assembly-led by Year 6

20/10/23- Wear Red for show Racism the Red Card

24/10/23- PC Reed Y5- I didn't think and Y6 It's your choice

Hallowe'en Disco PTA

26/10/23- Proud to Present

27/10/23- Inset day

**Half Term 30/10/23-03/11/23**

## Change of date to Parents' Forum -

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

In the community room at 9:20am-10:15am

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



# Tool kit for learning at CPS-Six assets for inquiry learning

## I am a Thinker

I am open-minded and creative.

I can think logically, creatively and reflectively.

I think about how I use my thinking and have different strategies for making my thinking visible to others.

I am open-minded for making my thinking visible to others.

I am open-minded and know that my thinking can change as I experience new things and listen to others' viewpoints.

## I am a Self-Manager

I am resilient and reflective.

I can learn independently and make wise decisions about my learning and behaviour.

I know myself as a learner and can set and work towards personal goals.

I can reflect on my learning and challenge myself to improve.

I am aware of and can talk about my feelings and how they can affect my behaviour.

## I am a collaborator

I am empathetic and reliable.

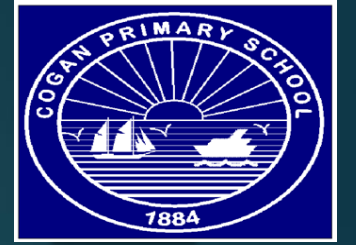
I can work with others on shared goals, questions and challenges. I know how to be a productive member of the team and how to take on new roles.

I can actively listen to and respect other people's ideas and opinions.

I am prepared to learn with and from others.

I try to consider how others might be thinking and feeling.





The assets are not mutually exclusive. The dispositions, in particular, can flow across all six assets...

## I am a communicator

**I am responsive and respectful.**

I can confidently communicate ideas in different ways and for different purposes.

I think about my audience and modify my communications accordingly.

I listen thoughtfully and engage in what others communicate to me.

I willingly share my learning. I understand that different contexts can require different ways of communicating.

## I am a researcher

**I am curious and persistent.**

I know how to ask different kinds of questions in order to find out.

I can locate and use a wide range of sources and techniques to investigate problems, issues and questions and take my learning into the unknown.

I think critically about the information I gather, and I am careful to acknowledge my sources.

## I am a contributor

**I am courageous and responsible.**

I try to use my learning to make a positive difference to my life and the lives of others.

I am aware of the skills, talents and perspectives I have and how I can bring these to a group. I think about how I can be helpful to others both in my local and global contexts and take action where I can.

I try to make ethically responsible decisions.