

Cogan Primary News

School community and promoting independence ...



It's wonderful to see our pupils settled, working hard and enjoying time with their friends. Our **Peer Supporters and School Council** are making a positive impact in the playground and dining hall, and our new lunchtime table arrangements are helping everything run smoothly.

This term, our **Llais Groups** will be continuing to focus focusing on our whole-school target: **Building a School of Kindness**. We hope these values extend beyond school and into our wider community.

This Month's Value: Unity

We are celebrating **Unity** and every child's right to feel safe, valued and cared for. Our school rules, **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**, continue to shine through. Thank you for reinforcing these values at home. We are also striving forward in developing Resilience and Independence amongst the children.

Uniform Reminder

The children look fantastic in their uniforms. On PE days, please ensure children wear: Plain black joggers or leggings (no logos) and Black footwear only.

Parents' Evenings

Main School: 12th, 13th & 14th October

Nursery: 15th October open morning from 10:45am- teachers are available to discuss any matters you might have.

Appointment slips will be sent out soon. Please arrive on time and keep to your 10-minute slot. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Entry Information for parents' evenings Reception to Year 6

- Use the **Pill Street Gate**
- **Reception:** Y Ystafell Teulu (former Year 2 classroom)
- **Nursery:** Main entrance, where Ms Mattinson and Mrs Bailey will welcome you

Parking Reminder

Please avoid parking on corners or zig-zag lines. Traffic enforcement officers are monitoring the area, and safe parking helps protect all members of our school community.

✦ Visit www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk for more information.

Best wishes,
Mrs S. M. Sibert

PS Don't forget to get the Bluesky app for instant updates of School Activities Bluesky: @cognps.bsky.social



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School Council Members:

The children have voted- Congratulations to all the children who have elected as School Councils members for 2026-2027: Max (Chair), Esmee (Vice-chair), Yashvi (Secretary), William, Rose P, David, Ioan, Thomas C, Khloe, Nelly, Harper , Giorgie, Julian, Varoj, and Gwen.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

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

Infant class— Reception

Y3— Ioan S

Y4— Quinn D

Y5— Edwyn N

Y6— Gwen M

Handwriting— Nam Lo, Evie K, Isla P and Myles W

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1—Andreas Y4— Joel L

Y2- Evan D Y5— Brodie D

Y3— Amina Y6— Imran

Positive Relationships-being a good friend

Y1— Sam L Y4— Rec- Bella R

Y2-Remi H Y5— Liley W

Y3— Ellis J Y6— Max A



Top three classes
Attendance:

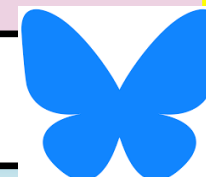
1st- R – 97.8%

2nd- Y3- 97.4%

3rd- Y6- 96.9%

School Target
94%

Instant Updates on Bluesky
[@coganps.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/coganps.bsky.social)



01/09/26- Proud to Present assembly
 02/10/26- Mad Hockey for Years 4 and 5 (6 weeks)
 05/10/26- Llais Groups/ Cardiff Blues continues for Year 6 (6 weeks)
 06/10/26- School Improvement Officer visit with SS/Class Progress Meetings
 07/10/26- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting
 08/10/26- Assembly with Laura Hartley Ames/ Year 3 to visit Penarth Library/ Class Progress meetings
 09/10/26- Year 1 Immersion Day-Superheroes
 12/10/26- Year 2 Trip to Amelia Trust Farm
 13/14/15:10/26- Parents' Evenings/ P C Reed –Year 6- Anti-social behaviour
 13/10/26- Stay and Play starts EY 9:30-11:15am – Every week.
 15/10/26- Year 6 to lead Harvest assembly/Nursery open morning for parents to speak with teachers from 10:45am
 16/10/26- Colorfoto Individual Photographs/ Bullies Out workshop for Parents 1pm-3pm- Online Safety
 20/10/26- PTA Hallowe'en Disco / Year 6 to Cardiff Castle
 21//10/26- Flu vaccinations for the children
 21/10/26- Cuppa with the Headteacher- inspection report
 23/10/26- Inset day

Half Term 26/10/26-30/10/26



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/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

Diary Dates..

Cogan Cuppa with the Headteacher -

Friday 21st October

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.

Communication Reminder

Please ensure you check your emails daily as this is our primary means of communication. If you are not receiving emails or texts, please notify the office so we can assist in resolving the issue. We recommend parents and carers use Arbor which provides updates on school events for your reference. Thank you



Stay and Play

@ Cogan Primary School,
EY Unit, CF64 2JU

Start date
13th October
Every Tuesday
Term time only

9.30 – 11.15 am

All welcome
age 0-4

No booking just drop in

Physical fun

Advice and support

Outdoor area

Connections

Messy fun

For more information email
office@coganprimaryschool.co.uk



Free Bullies Out Workshop

for Parents

The online world is an important part of our children's lives, but technology is easily abused and misused and if we are allowing our children use of and access to these tools without being clued up ourselves!! Let's work together to ensure they are able to use them safely and respectfully.

Friday 16th October 2026
1.00 – 3.00 pm

16+

**Be Safe
Be Kind
Be Respectful**

BULLIES OUT

Safer Online Together

Knowledge builds confidence

This interactive and informative training session will cover:

- Online Safety and Online Bullying
- Harmful Content
- Understanding Social Media Platforms
- Online Risks & Consequences
- Digital Footprint
- Staying Safe when Using Technology

Please let your class teacher/office know if you would like to register a place

Welcome to all 16+ due to content



Meet the Governors and PTA

Our Governing Body...

Kath John (Community) – Chair
Christian Shillabeer (Local Authority)– Vice Chair

Chloe Gorwill (Parent)
Vena Hirani (Parent)
Emma Coombs (Parent)
Rhys Strafford (Parent)

Laura Rochefort (Minor Authority)
Peter Hall (Local Authority)
Pat Salt (Local Authority)

Laura Halliwell (Community/Ex parent)
Claire Downton (Community/Ex parent HRB)

Sue Sibert (Headteacher)
Rachel Bennett (Teacher Representative)
Cath Martin (Non-teaching Representative)

Jane Psarelis- Clerk to Governors

Our PTA members....

Emma Coombs – Chair
Nicola Crates – Vice chair

Steveland Daniels- Treasurer

Nina Bowley- Secretary

Class representatives:
EY (Reception and Nursery)- TBC
Y1- Lianna Myrtja
Y2- TBC
Y3- Nicola Crates
Y4- Emma Coombs
Y5- TBC
Y6- Emma Pritchard

Many thanks to all who have offered support, it is great to work together for the benefit of the children and school. If anyone could spare some time and is able to be a class representative or help at events, please let Emma Coombs know.



Striving for a School of Kindness

Subject: Addressing Inappropriate Use of Racist Words and Name Calling

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As educators, it is our duty to foster an inclusive and respectful environment for every child at our school. Today, I am reaching out to seek your support in an important matter that requires our collective action: addressing the inappropriate use of racist words and name calling among our children.

At our school, we strongly believe in promoting equality, respect, and acceptance of diversity. We are committed to ensuring that our children feel safe and supported, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or background. It has come to our attention that some children have been using racist words and engaging in name calling, which is contrary to our values and expectations.

We want to make it clear that racist comments cannot be dismissed or accepted as mere "banter." We firmly state that our school has a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of racism or discrimination. We believe in fostering an environment where every child feels valued, respected, and safe.

Racist behaviour not only has a deeply negative impact on the targeted individuals, but it also undermines the strength of our school community. As such, we kindly ask for your assistance in addressing this issue at home. By working together, we can reinforce appropriate values and create a more inclusive school environment.

Please be aware that consequences for engaging in racist comments or behaviour will be implemented swiftly, and they may vary depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents. We want our children to understand the gravity of their actions and the impact they have on others.

We understand that discussions about racism may appear challenging, particularly with younger children. However, it is crucial that we offer guidance and education to help them navigate these complex issues. Here are some recommendations on how you can support your child:

- 1. Open Dialogue:** Initiate conversations about racism, equality, and respect. Encourage your child to ask questions and express their thoughts. This demonstrates that you are available to address any concerns they may have.
- 2. Lead by Example:** Be a positive role model by maintaining respectful language and behaviour both at home and in the wider community. Children often mirror the attitudes and actions they observe from their parents and caregivers.
- 3. Encourage Empathy:** Foster empathy by encouraging your child to consider the impact of their words and actions on others. Teach them about the importance of kindness, understanding, and treating everyone with equal respect.
- 4. Media Literacy:** Critically assess the media your child consumes. Encourage them to question and challenge instances of racial stereotypes or discrimination they may come across. This will develop their critical thinking skills and promote a mindful approach to media consumption.

Furthermore, we are implementing several measures at school to address this issue. Our staff will be engaging in anti-racism training to enhance their knowledge and understanding of these matters. In addition, we will be hosting workshops and discussions for pupils, providing them with the necessary tools to navigate conversations about race respectfully.

Lastly, we kindly request that if your child experiences or witnesses any form of racism or name calling, please inform us immediately. Our school has clear procedures in place to address such incidents, and we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Working together, we can create a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, empowered, and respected. Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a culture of anti-racism at our school. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes,

S. Sibert

Mrs S. Sibert

Headteacher



A reminder of the letter sent last year....we are still striving for a School of Kindness-let's work together to make our community a great place to be!

