

Cogan Primary News

School community and promoting pupil voice ...



As October begins, it's great to see pupils even more settled, working hard, and enjoying time with friends. Our Peer Supporters are making a positive impact in the playground and dinner hall, and a new table layout is helping lunch run smoothly while keeping year groups together. We've welcomed our new School Council, who've already met and will be involved in shaping our School Improvement Plan. (Parents can view a summary on our website under Policies.)

This term, our Llais groups are focusing on a whole-school targets: building a School of Kindness. We hope these values will spread beyond school and into the wider community—more updates soon! I have attached the letter sent out last academic year as a reminder.

This Month's Value: Unity

We're celebrating **Unity** and the right of every child to feel safe and cared for. Our school rules—*Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe*—are shining through. Thank you for reinforcing these values at home

The children look fantastic in their uniforms. On PE days, please stick to plain black joggers/leggings (no logos) and black footwear only. It's a great way to show school pride—especially when we welcome visitors.

Parents' Evenings – Save the Dates!

•Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th Oct

•Nursery: Mon 13th pm & Tues 14th Oct pm (Community Room)

Slips will be coming out soon. Teachers will coordinate sibling appointments. Please stick to your time slot (10 mins each) to keep things running smoothly. We're excited to share your child's progress!

Entry Info:

•Use **Pill Street gate**

•**Reception:** Y Ystafell Teulu (old Reception room)

•**Nursery at the main building:** Use main entrance – Mrs Jones & Mrs Bailey will greet you

Parking

Just a reminder about parking, please try not to park on corners or on zigzag lines. The Vale Traffic Enforcement vehicle is about and I would hate for any of our parents and carers to pick up a fine. We need to keep our children and community safe, so please think before you park.

📍 Visit: www.coganprimaryschool.co.uk for more info.

Best wishes,

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**YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS!**



School Council Members:

The children have voted- Congratulations to all the children who have elected as School Councils members for 2025-2026: Saakshi (Chair), Lily H (Vice-chair), Anna S (Secretary), Rowan, Teeyan, Joelle, Esmee, Willow B, Isla O, Ellena H, Giorgie, Cassie, Rico, Alayah, Kane and Betty.

Congratulations!

Superstar Corner

Congratulations to:

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

Infant class— Reception

Y3— Emmi G

Y4— Freddie H

Y5— Callum B

Y6— Emelia H

Handwriting— Khole M, Evaniya J, Yashvi G and Nathaniel

Criw Cymraeg—

Y1— Sophie G E Y4— Emmanuel

Y2- Luke C Y5— Imran

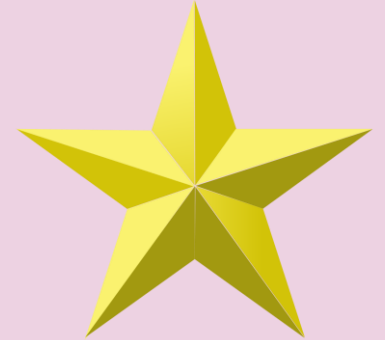
Y3— Quinn D Y6— Rowan

Positive Relationships-being a good friend

Y1— Kaleb N Y4— Ava-Scarlett

Y2- Emily W Y5— Amelia G-H

Y3— Judah Y6— Saakshi



Top three classes
Attendance:

1st- Y2 – 98%

2nd- Y3- 97.4%

3rd- Y1- 95.3%

School Target
94%

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



Diary Dates...

03/10/25- Cogan Primary to share excellent practice with visiting teachers from Fairfield Primary School

06/10/25- Llais Groups

07-10/10/25- Year 6 cycling

08/10/25- Leadership and Management and Full Governors' meeting

09/10/25- Flu vaccinations / St Cyres Open evening 6-8pm

10/10/25- Cuppa with the Headteacher

13/14/15:10/25- Parents' Evenings

16/10/25- Year 6 Harvest assembly

17/10/25- Colorfoto Individual Photographs

20/10/25- Individual progress reviews with children this week

21/10/25- Dr Pete Russell – Cardiff University Welsh Project/
School Improvement Officer visit/PTA Hallowe'en Disco for years 3-6-4:00-5:30pm- £3.50 for a drink and a packet of crisps

22/10/25- Proud to Present

23/10/25- Nursery- Cosmeston trip / Year 6 Cardiff Castle Trip

24/10/25- **INSET DAY**

Half Term 27/10/25-31/10/25



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

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

Cogan Cuppa with the Headteacher -

Friday 10th 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.



Meet the Governors and PTA

Our Governing Body...

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

Henry Nicholson (Parent)
Vena Hirani (Parent)
Laura Halliwell (Parent)
Rhys Strafford (Parent)

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

Matt Richards (Community/Ex parent)
Claire Downton (Community/Ex parent HRB)

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

Jane Psarelis- Clerk to Governors

Our PTA members....

Emma Coombs – Chair
Nicola Crates – Vice chair

Charlotte Fundalski- Treasurer

Nina Bowley- Secretary

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

Many thanks to all who have offered support, it is great to work together for the benefit of the children and school.



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!

