

**Coed Glas Primary School**  
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**Newsletter Number 16 – 2013-14**  
**Dear Parents and Governors,**

**Friday 16th May 2014**

**Please remember that next Friday is a school closure day**



**Attendance**

Last week was an outstanding week for attendance with the school reaching **96.8%**! This increased the overall figure to **94.9%** for the academic year - thank you for all your support. Attendance rates are a key indicator in the success of children in school and I am delighted that there has been such an improvement so far this year. Our school has one of the highest improvement rates for attendance in Cardiff.

We are now aiming to reach 95% by the end of the academic year. With your continued help and support I am sure that we will be able to achieve this.

***Please continue to ensure that your child attends school every day and remember that holidays during term time are no longer authorised.***

May I also remind parents and carers that school begins at 8.55 am, a number of children are arriving to school after this time, causing significant disruption to the children's learning.

**PTA Summer Fair**

We hope that you will be able to come along to the fair tomorrow from 10.30 – 12.30. The PTA members have been working tirelessly to organise the event and it looks as though the weather is going to be perfect. A huge variety of stalls and activities will be on offer – BBQ, bouncy castle, sponge the teacher (always popular!), Lucky dip, Tombola, jewellery stall and much, much more.



**National tests**

We would all like to congratulate the children on their efforts in the tests over the last two weeks. They have all given of their best and shown great determination and resilience throughout.

**Storey Arms weekend**

Children in Year 4 returned from a wonderful weekend in the Brecon Beacons last Sunday. The children experienced a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including kayaking, caving and gorge walking. The staff all commented on the children's outstanding behaviour, attitude, team work and resilience throughout the weekend. Sincere thanks to Mr Bouse, Mrs Kennard, Miss Shapley and Mr Chin for accompanying the children.

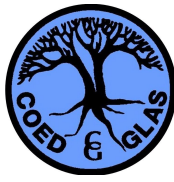


**Healthy Schools Award**

I am very pleased to inform you that the school has been successful in gaining Phase 2 of the Healthy Schools Award. This award is designed to promote health and wellbeing in schools and is the culmination of a year's work by staff and children. A special 'thank you' to the school nutrition action group led by Mrs Jones-Mathias and the Eco-committee led by Mrs Gillies for all their hard work.

**Family assembly date changes**

Miss Davies' family assembly has now been postponed until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June due to the National Tests. Miss Drew's family assembly has been changed to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Again, my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



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**Changes to school sports day dates**

We want to ensure that the children are well prepared for their events for sports days and have sufficient time to practise with their classes.

**As a result, the dates for sports days have been changed to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June for children in Foundation Phase and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June for children in Key Stage 2.**

I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.



**Deaf Awareness Week – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Children in HIRB will be busy baking biscuits and cakes next week to raise funds for the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS). The produce will be sold during the school day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May priced from 10p - 50p. If you would like to find out more about the work of the NDCS, please visit their website at [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk).

**Car safety**

Please ensure that cars are not parked on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. Also, the car park is designated for members of staff only and should not be used by parents before or after school.

At the back of the school, please ensure that cars do not obstruct the pavements as this is causing significant difficulties for children and parents entering and exiting the school gates.

Finally, please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that cars do not obstruct any driveways. Thank you.



**School closure days** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Diary Dates**

**May**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> PTA summer fair  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 to Llangrannog  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Miss Drew's class assembly  
Governors Buildings sub-committee meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Deputy Head Teacher interviews  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Netball match v St. Patricks RC Primary  
Yr 1 carnival day

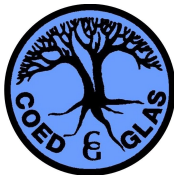
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**INSET day**

**June**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Parents coffee afternoon  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Netball match v Wenvoe  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Bikers breakfast  
Police bike security  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Charles' class assembly  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Phase sports day  
Governing Body meeting  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 sports day  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm – meeting for parents of Year 6 children - Llanishen High School  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Road safety activities in Nursery and Reception  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Miss Francis / Mrs Riva-Jones class assembly  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Police liaison workshops in Year 2  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Police liaison workshops in Reception  
Year 6 to Llanishen High for an 'Olympics Day'

**July**



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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>                      Police liaison workshops in Year 4  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup>                        Year 6 to Llanishen High (transition day)

**Provisional dates for the summer concerts**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm performance
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm performance

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Mr Hart