

Coed Glas Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Coed Glas
'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Dear Parents and Governors,

Friday 2nd May 2014

Our congratulations to Mrs Gillies (nee Miss Darker) who enjoyed her wedding day during the holiday. We all wish her and Mr Gillies a very long, happy and fulfilled married life together.



Attendance

Our attendance rate remains at **94.8%** - thank you for all your support. Attendance rates are a key indicator in the success of a 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.

National tests

As you will be aware from a previous letter that was sent before Easter, children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be taking the national reading and maths tests from Wednesday 7th May until Tuesday 13th May. The children will take three tests: one reading test, one 'procedural' maths test and one maths 'reasoning' test. The timetable for the tests has been changed recently to reflect new national guidance. It is very important that the children attend school on these days.

Wednesday 7 th May	Year 4 and 5 Maths and reading
Thursday 8 th May	Year 4 Maths
Friday 9 th May	Year 2, 3 and 6 reading
Monday 12 th May	Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 Maths
Tuesday 13 th May	Year 2, 3 and 6 Maths

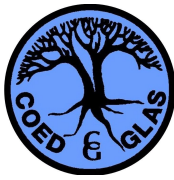
To view sample test materials, please visit the following websites:
<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/reading-sample-materials>
<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/numeracy-sample-materials>

Rugby success

Congratulations to Thomas, Lewis and Joe in Year 6 who competed with the Cardiff School's U11 rugby team in the national final at the Millennium Stadium on Wednesday. The team rounded off a very successful season by winning 35 – 15 against Pontypridd Schools.

Competition winner

Congratulations to Olivia in Year 6 who came runner up in a national art competition entitled 'Sketching Stars'. Over 3000 children entered! As runner up, Olivia earned the school £250 worth of Staedtler products – now safely tucked away in the stock cupboard.



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Year 4 Global Gourmet

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Year 4's Global Gourmet day last term. It proved to be a very successful day which was enjoyed by everyone who took part. A special congratulations to the children who worked so hard to prepare for the day – they were all fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Changes to school sports day dates

This half term is very short, especially with next week's Bank Holiday. In addition, the National Tests will be taking place for five days as detailed above.

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 12th June for children in Foundation Phase and Friday 13th June for children in Key Stage 2.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Family assembly date changes

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

Easter events

The events organised by the school and the PTA during the last week of term proved very successful and were enjoyed immensely by all who took part. Thank you to everybody who made the events such a success.



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.

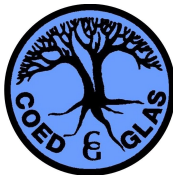


School closure days Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July

Diary Dates

May

Friday 2 nd	PTA meeting
Monday 5 th	Bank holiday
Tuesday 6 th	Mrs John's class assembly
Wednesday 7 th	Llangrannog meeting
Wednesday 7 th – Tuesday 13 th	National tests
Thursday 8 th	Year 5 to Cilfynydd
Friday 9 th	Storey Arms weekend
Saturday 10 th	PTA car boot sale
Saturday 17 th	PTA summer fair
Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st	Year 6 to Llangrannog
Monday 19 th	Miss Drew's class assembly
Friday 23rd	INSET day



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Provisional dates for the summer concerts

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

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