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Ty Glas Avenue,
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Newsletter Number 6 – 2013-14

Friday 22nd November 2013

Dear Parents and Governors,

Attendance

So far our attendance rate this term is **95.4%** - thank you for all your support. This figure is an improvement of 1.6% when compared to the same period last year. ***Please continue to ensure that your child attends school every day and remember that holidays during term time are no longer authorised.***



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our 'Superheroes' fancy dress day in aid of Children in Need. We raised a grand total of £528.28.

Family Assembly – Mrs Seymour / Mrs Kennard. Congratulations to Mrs Seymour and Mrs Kennard's class for their class assembly about the 'Slimy Stuarts' this week. All of the children contributed to a very enjoyable performance and impressed everyone with their knowledge of the Stuarts.

Sports news. The rugby team played their second match this week against Whitchurch Primary School. Whitchurch won the match by four tries to two, with the Coed Glas tries being scored by Joe Evans. By Thomas.

Christmas card competition. Congratulations to Jessica in Year 6 who was runner up in the Christmas card competition organised by Julie Morgan (Assembly Member for Cardiff North).

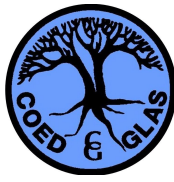
Text messaging system. We are currently trialling a new text messaging system to keep you updated about the latest news and events in school. In order to receive these updates, please ensure that the school has your current mobile phone number.



Year 5 trip to 'Big Pit'

Our class went to Big Pit on Wednesday 20th November. It was a really enjoyable trip and we learnt how terrible the conditions were for the miners. We even went down the lift shaft which was over 300 feet deep. We all felt a little anxious because it was very dark. We learnt how the Victorian children would have felt having to go to work each day. By Maddie.

HIRB news. Children in the HIRB have started their rehearsals with the BBC orchestra in preparation for a concert in December. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in a professional performance. The children's performance will be part of BBC Cymru Wales *Carols for Christmas* and will be recorded for future broadcast on BBC Radio Wales over the Christmas period.



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PTA news

The PTA will be trialling an evening meeting to provide an opportunity for a wider representation/cross section of parents, guardians and grandparents to meet. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 5th December** at **7.30pm**. A local venue is to be announced soon.

The last PTA meeting was well attended and discussions centred on the organisation of the Christmas fair and the children's Christmas parties. Please do everything that you can to support this hard working and dedicated group – without their support a number of these events would not go ahead.

Applications for reception places 2014 – message from Cardiff County Council

Please ensure that all applications for reception classes are received by the local authority by **Monday 2nd December 2013**.

Applications can be made either by returning the preference form or alternatively by applying on line.

I have been asked to remind you that applications received after the closing date will not be considered in the initial round of allocations. If all places are allocated in the initial round it may not be possible for the Council to approve a late application for the parents preferred school, it is therefore important that the parents apply before the closing date.

Childline. The Childline Schools Service has recently visited all children in Years 5 and 6 to provide them with key messages about keeping safe. It can be beneficial for these messages to be reinforced at home. The NSPCC has developed some guides for parents of primary school aged children to speak to your child about keeping safe. These guides may be found at www.nspcc.org.uk



Car Parking

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.

School closure days Friday 17th January, Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July

Diary Dates

November

Friday 22nd

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

December

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Saturday 7th

PTA race night at Llanishen Rugby Club – doors open at 7pm

Governing Body meeting

Christmas all wrapped up – Year 2 RW

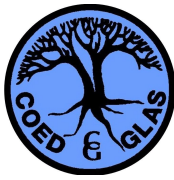
Christmas all wrapped up – Year 2 RH, SD

Christmas tree delivery

PTA evening meeting

PTA meeting at 9.15

PTA car boot sale (one off change to the first Saturday of the month)



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Wednesday 11 th	School choir to perform in Llanishen village
Thursday 12 th	PTA Christmas fair
Friday 13 th	9.30 Reception classes Christmas concert
Monday 16 th	9.30 Year 4 Christmas concert
	1.30 Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 th	9.30 Year 2 Christmas concert
	1.30 Foundation Phase Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th	Nursery Christmas party
	9.30 Year 3 Christmas concert
Thursday 19 th	9.30 Year 1 Christmas concert
Friday 20 th	9.30 Foundation Phase carol service
	11.00 Key Stage 2 carol service

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Mr Hart