



"Roots to Grow,

Wings to Fly"



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Dear Parents and Governors,

Read, Write, Inc. is coming to Coed Glas after half term!

Following two intensive days of training, we are now ready to deliver the Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) phonics and reading scheme after half term. This scheme is proven to be a very successful way of developing all children's early reading skills and to support those children who find some aspects of reading difficult.



The staff team have been busy assessing the children from Reception to Year 3 this week so that we can organise the teaching groups over half term. If your child is in one of these year groups, they will have their RWI session during the first half an hour of the day.

One of the many benefits of RWI is that the children are taught in smaller groups with others at the same stage of development in their reading. This will mean that your child may not be taught by their class teacher for their RWI sessions.

Over the course of each term the children are regularly assessed and if they have moved on a RWI stage they will move to a new group. Having introduced this scheme at my previous school, I know that the children really enjoy being aware of their progress in reading and feel very proud when they move to a new group.

Equally, if any child is not making the expected progress, RWI allows them to consolidate their learning at their pace

If you would like to find out more about how RWI works, please visit www.ruthmiskin.com and click on the 'parents' link.

National Categorisation

You may have read that each school in Wales has been placed in a category based on the children's standards of English and maths as well as the school's attendance rate.

I am pleased to inform you that Coed Glas Primary has been placed in the 'B' category for standards. We are, of course, aiming to be placed in the 'A' category and everyone in the school is working hard with the children to ensure that they all reach their potential in English and maths. We also hope that your continued support will continue to boost our attendance rate.

School inspection

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend last week's meeting with the school inspectors. The inspection report will be published in the middle of December.

New teacher in Year 6

After half term we will be very pleased to welcome Mrs Sophie Notley as our new English leader and Year 6 teacher. Mrs Notley has worked in Tredegarville Primary School and has a particular passion for English and music.

Special thanks to Mrs Hunt who ensured that the Year 6 class has enjoyed an excellent start to their final year in Coed Glas. Mrs Hunt will return to teach in Year 5 with Mrs Young after half term. We are also very grateful to Mrs Hammond who has been teaching in Year 5 in place of Mrs Hunt.

Parents Evening

Want to help the school? Email pta@coedglasprimary.co.uk

Follow us on twitter! [#coedglas](https://twitter.com/coedglas)



This term's parent consultations will take place during the week commencing Monday 10th November. You will receive further information nearer the time but please remember there will be no after school clubs that week.



Parent/carer e-mail addresses

This is a reminder that parents and carers are able to sign up to receive all communications from school via e-mail. Please visit the school website www.coedglasprimary.co.uk, select the parents tab, then the 'submit e-mail address' link. So far over 120 parents have registered. We will be introducing e-mail communication after half term.

Cardiff Schools Rugby

Many congratulations to Harrison and Luke who have been selected to play for Cardiff Schools Rugby U11's. They have already competed in two games and Mr Charles has been very impressed with their performances.

Twitter accounts

To stay up to date with the latest news and events from the school, please 'follow' @coedglas on Twitter. Many of your children's classes are also using Twitter to let you know their latest news.



Attendance

Our overall figure for this academic year is **95.3%** - 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. This year we aim to continue to improve attendance rates and achieve 95% by next July – with your help and support I am sure that this can be achieved.

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.



INSET days 2014-15

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January 2015

Diary dates

October

27th – 31st

Half term

November

Wednesday 5th

PC Hughes to Yr 5

Monday 10th

Parent consultations

Tuesday 11th

PC Hughes to Yr 3

Wednesday 12th

School council visit to the Senedd

Friday 14th

Children in Need fundraising

Friday 21st

Pete Hodge to assembly

Monday 24th

Governors finance sub-committee meeting

Friday 28th

INSET day

December

Monday 1st

Reception classes Christmas concert

Tuesday 2nd

Year 1 classes Christmas concert

Wednesday 3rd

Year 2 classes Christmas concert

Thursday 4th

Year 3 classes Christmas concert

Governing Body meeting

Friday 5 th	Year 4 classes Christmas concert
Friday 12 th	Christmas Fair
Monday 15 th	Foundation Phase Christmas party
Wednesday 17 th	Magician for Foundation Phase children
Friday 19 th	Last day of term

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