



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

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Dear Parents and Governors,



Attendance. Our attendance rate continues to rise and is currently **94.9%** - 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.

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.

BBC Wales. Last week Coed Glas was featured as part of BBC Wales' coverage of modern foreign languages in primary schools. Children in Mr McInnes' class were filmed as part of the report – some were even interviewed about their experiences learning Spanish. The children all expressed their views very clearly and confidently and were a credit to the school.



Healthy Schools

Healthy schools accreditation. I am delighted to tell you that the school has been successful in achieving Phase 2 of the Healthy Schools award scheme. The aim of the scheme is to promote and protect the physical, emotional and social health and well being of children and young people in Wales. It is recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as playing a key role in promoting the health of children and young people. The assessors were so impressed by the school's work that they feel we will be able to achieve Phase 3 by the end of March.

Thank you for your support in providing healthy lunches and snacks for the children – this is a significant part of the award scheme and ensures that children in Coed Glas are fit, healthy and ready to learn.

Play to learn praise. On Tuesday, the school was visited by Jan Cunningham to observe our work in promoting physical literacy through the 'Play to Learn' scheme. This scheme is delivered with the children in foundation phase as part of the children's PE lessons. Mrs Cunningham was very impressed by what she saw and the responses given by the children. She believes that the PE provision in Coed Glas is amongst the strongest in Cardiff.

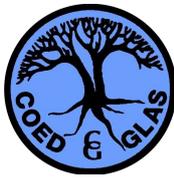


From Coed Glas to Crossroads. Year 2 have been finding out all about Scotland through a learning project with Crossroads Primary in Thurso, Scotland. We have set up a blog to keep in touch with the children in Crossroads. Please visit us at year2coedglas.wordpress.com



Football news. On Thursday January 23rd, eight boys from Year 6 who are members of the Urdd, attended the annual Urdd football tournament at Sophia Gardens. They started off very well, winning their first match comfortably three goals to nil, with Lewis netting two magnificent goals and Ewan adding a skilful third. The next two games also yielded impressive victories with Thomas adding to the goal tally. Trysten, Isaac and Joe kept a strong defence to only concede one goal. Bryn-Leigh and Kyle shared the duty of goal keeper across the matches with excellent results.

The next two games proved to be tough matches which ended with two narrow defeats but still left the team in contention to progress to the semi-finals providing they won the last



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match. Unfortunately after a hard fought battle the team drew their last match which meant they narrowly missed out in competing in the semi-finals.

A great day was enjoyed by all of the boys and Mrs Hunt was extremely proud of the teamwork, commitment and excellent attitude displayed by them all. Bendededig bachgyn, da iawn chi!

HIRB news. On Sunday five of the children from the HIRB went to meet the Welsh Deaf Rugby Union team at Cardiff Arms Park. They started their afternoon with a training session by some of the WDRU coaches and then were lucky enough to watch the professionals in their international match versus England. They had a great day which culminated in an emphatic 36-3 win by the Welsh Deaf Rugby Team!



Many thanks to the parents for supporting this event - especially considering the awful weather! Diolch!

School Council news. The School Council has recently been involved in fundraising for the Philippines disaster and helping to choose Outdoor equipment for the Foundation phase. They organised post boxes for the safe delivery of Christmas cards for the children. The Council has been involved in the development of the Collective Worship Policy and the Cornerstones Curriculum in school.



Eco-Warrior Update. The Eco-Warriors met with Energy Officer, Mathew Preece last week to discuss energy saving ideas for the school. We want the whole school to not only try and lower our energy bills, but to think about saving energy to help the planet. The Eco-Warriors have come up with the motto 'Heat the room not the outside!'.

15.2.14 - The PTA and Miss Darker will be coming into school to work on the 'Secret Garden'. We would be grateful for any support from parents on this weekend and encourage you to bring your children along to help too! If you are able to help, please see Miss Darker.

PTA disco. This will be held after school on Wednesday 12th February. £1 entry, water, squash and a hot dog will be provided. Other snacks will also be available to buy.

Year 3 and 4 3.30 – 5.00

Year 5 and 6 5.00 – 6.30

If you are able to help during the disco, please contact Mrs Davies on the reception desk.

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



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

Diary Dates

February

Tuesday 4th

Mrs Young and Mrs Hunt's class assembly

Thursday 6th

Football match (home)

Friday 7th

PTA meeting

Tuesday 11th

Mrs Wright's class assembly

Llanishen High School pupils to visit Year 6



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Wednesday 12th School disco

Thursday 13th Anti-bullying workshop for KS2
Girls football match

Monday 17th Governors meeting for parents

Tuesday 18th Mr Chin's class assembly
Warburtons bakery to visit

Wednesday 19th Warburtons bakery to visit

Thursday 20th Football match

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Half term

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