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Dear Parents and Governors,



### Attendance

The week before half term was another good week for attendance with the school reaching **96.1%**! This increased the overall figure to **95%** for the academic year - thank you for all your support. Attendance rates are a key indicator in the success 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.

***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.

### New Deputy Head Teacher

I am very pleased to inform you that Mrs Cath Dutfield will be joining the school as our new Deputy Head Teacher in September. Mrs Dutfield is currently working at Llanishen Fach Primary School and is really looking forward to starting with us at Coed Glas. She has previously worked in a number of Cardiff schools as well as being an advisory teacher and lead practitioner.

### Twitter communication

We have set up a new Twitter account which will be used to keep you up to date with all of the latest news and events at the school. To access the account please log on to your Twitter accounts and search for @coedglas – we're aiming for 100 followers by the end of today!

### Teaching award

Mr Charles has been nominated for an 'Inspirational Teacher' Award, sponsored by New Directions. He will be attending an awards evening later this month and we all wish him well.

### PE recognition

Sport and physical activity continues to be a significant strength of Coed Glas. This work is led by Mrs Kennard and Mrs Hunt, both of whom have been asked to showcase their work at a conference at The Vale Hotel next week. The conference will include school leaders and PE specialists from all over Wales. Good luck to them both!

### ICT Teachmeet

This week Mr Chin hosted a meeting for ICT leaders from Cardiff schools to share good practice. Our visitors were very impressed by the work being carried out in Coed Glas. Particular praise must go to Mr Chin for his excellent leadership in improving the ICT work in our school.

### Meeting for parents and carers

All parents and carers are invited to school on Monday 30th June as part of Cardiff Council's consultation on a possible increase to the school's capacity.

This is a very important meeting which will give you all an opportunity to ask questions and voice opinions about the Council's proposal to increase our standard admission number to 75. Please make every effort to attend.

Want to help the school? Email [pta@coedglasprimary.co.uk](mailto:pta@coedglasprimary.co.uk)

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## PTA news

The Summer Fair was a great success. Thank you to all who came and supported the event, it was a very enjoyable day. With some matched funding from Barclays Bank the grand total raised was £2500. This money will be used to help the school to develop the outdoor learning areas for the children to enjoy as well as additional ICT equipment.

The PTA are planning to lay on refreshment stalls at various events this half term including sports days, the grand opening of the Secret Garden, the year 6 leavers assembly, shows and disco. If you would like to offer help on any of these days please contact the PTA.



## Healthy Schools Award

This week has been healthy eating week in school as we continue to encourage the children to eat healthily. Thank you for your support in providing healthy snacks for the children to enjoy at breaktime.

We will continue to run the fruit tuck shop and ask that any snacks provided from home are healthy, avoiding crisps, sweets, chocolates and foods high in sugar or fat.

## 'Bike it' news

Sustrans have informed us that we have been awarded the bronze quality mark for Bike-it schools as a result of our work to promote safe cycling to school. This is a fantastic achievement in a short space of time and credit must go to the children for their enthusiasm in supporting safe cycling.

We hope to receive the award during sports day next week.

## 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 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Diary Dates

#### June

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| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> | National cycle week                                     |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | Yr 3 to Garwnant  |
| 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                                  |
|  | Forest school opening                                   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>                   | Year 6 to Llanishen High School                         |
|  | Families learning together workshop                     |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                 | Road safety activities in Nursery and Reception         |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Eco day   |
| 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 a 'Commonwealth Games Day' |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | 7pm – meeting for parents regarding school capacity     |

#### 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) |

### Confirmed dates for the summer concerts

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| 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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