



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

Ty Glas Avenue,
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Dear Parents and Governors,



Attendance

Our attendance rate is currently **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.

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 8.55 causing significant disruption to the children's learning. Congratulations to Bethan C, Daniel B, Ruben James and Milli M who all won free family tickets to Jump as part of last half term's attendance raffle.

Eisteddfod

Thank you for your support in preparing the children for this year's Eisteddfod. They all looked fantastic in their house colours and costumes. The standard of performances and competition was very high this year. Special congratulations to Ty Melyn who became the house champions and to Olivia for being chosen as the Bard for her poem entitled 'The Welsh Sprite'.



World Book Day

The children all enjoyed celebrating World Book day this week. They particularly enjoyed dressing up and being able to read with children from other classes.

Parents' meetings

I would like to remind all parents about a special meeting that is being held on Tuesday 18th March at 3.30pm. During this meeting, Miss Shapley will be explaining the school's new approach to teaching maths.

I would also like to confirm that the proposed change to the lunch hour in Foundation Phase will be going ahead this term.

Foundation Phase playground

The midday supervisors have been concerned recently about the number of parents approaching the children over the school fence at lunchtime. Whilst we understand parents wanting to greet their children, it is very difficult for the midday supervisors to manage and can sometimes be unsettling for the youngest children. We also continually remind the children of the 'Stranger Danger' messages and ask them not to speak to anyone through the school fence. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Sports news

The football teams have played a number of fixtures recently. The Year 5 and 6 team reached the final of the New Directions football tournament at Cardiff City's House of Sport, eventually losing 5-4 on penalties to Trelewis. Mrs Hunt was extremely impressed by the children's skill, commitment and team work throughout the tournament.

The Year 3 and 4 teams played two fixtures on Friday 7th March against Whitchurch Primary. Particularly pleasing was the Year 3 and 4 girls' team performance in their first game. They eventually won 1-0 – well done girls!



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The Big Pedal

A number of events have been organised to promote safe cycling. The children enjoyed their 'Bikers' Breakfast' today and the children in the HIRB benefitted from their 'Pedal Power' activities this morning. Next week, children in Key Stage 2 will be entertained by Matti Hemmings a professional BMX stunt rider.



PTA news

The Valentine's disco was enjoyed by the children and raised £115. Thank you to all parents who donated bags of old clothes to 'Bags for school' which raised £130. The PTA are busy organising a number of events for the children to enjoy as part of the school's Easter celebrations. Please contact any of the PTA members if you are able to help.

Brain Games



Cardiff University have once again organised The Brain Games at the National Museum Cardiff on Sunday March 16th 11am-4pm. Shrink your friends in the incredible shrinking chair, make your skin crawl, use the force, test and dazzle your senses in an array of activities designed to entertain, inform and teach about how the brain works. Ideally suited for children aged 6-11 but free and open to anyone who would like to take part.

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 to walk safely. 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

March

Monday 10 th	BMX demonstration
Tuesday 11 th	Miss Shapley / Mrs Featherstone's family assembly Sherman Dance performance Llanishen High School Eisteddfod
Thursday 13 th	Governors open morning
Friday 14 th	Cathy Farr (children's author) to visit Julie Morgan (Welsh Assembly Member) to visit
Monday 17 th	Parents' evening for Mr McInnes' class
Tuesday 18 th	Mrs Hatfield's class assembly Meeting for parents regarding Big Maths Parents' evening for Mr McInnes' class
Wednesday 19 th	Governors finance sub-committee meeting
Thursday 20 th	School council to Commonwealth workshop Governing Body meeting
Friday 21 st	Superstars fundraising day
Friday 28 th	Earth day
Saturday 29 th	PTA family gardening morning



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Tuesday 1 st	Police liaison to visit Year 6
Thursday 3 rd	Football match v Thornhill Primary
Friday 4 th	'Easter Cracked' at Llanishen Baptist Church
Monday 7 th	Parents evening
Tuesday 8 th	Parents evening
Wednesday 9 th	PTA Easter treasure hunt
Thursday 10 th	Easter bonnet parade for Foundation Phase children
	PTA Easter raffle
Friday 11 th	Memorial for Amman
	Decorated egg competition for Key Stage 2 children.

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