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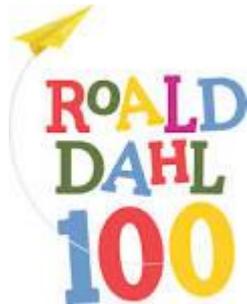
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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors



Roald Dahl 100

It's been another exciting two weeks at Coed Glas! The highlight has been the children's Roald Dahl exhibition in the Norwegian Church which has been viewed by hundreds of visitors from last weekend. The exhibition formed part of Cardiff's celebrations to commemorate the birth of Roald Dahl in 1916 and will remain in the Norwegian Church until 30th September.

We also joined the celebrations with our very own Roald Dahl day last Friday and were delighted with the children's response to his stories.

There is still plenty of time for the children to bring their 'dream jars' into school – we hope that they all enjoy creating them at home.

Competition

We are organising an official opening of the new extension and are very pleased that the leader of Cardiff County Council, Phil Bale, will be joining us on Wednesday 5th October.

As part of the official opening, we would like the children to think of a name for the new extension – the winner will be chosen by the School Council and the name will then be placed on a plaque in the school. In addition, the winner will play a very important part in the official opening!

To enter, please ask your child(ren) to write their entry on a piece of paper, decorated if they wish and labelled with their own name and class. A special box will be placed outside the main hall for children to place their entries.

The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 28th September – good luck everyone!



School Attendance



I am delighted to tell you that we reached our attendance target last year. The final figure was 95.2%.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children attend school regularly. We hope to maintain above 95% attendance again this year.

PTA news

The first PTA of the year was held last Friday – thank you to those who were able to attend. The group have decided that all fundraising efforts this year will go towards funding a minibus for the school.

If enough funds are raised, we hope to further extend opportunities for the children outside the school as well as minimising the cost of transport for school visits.

If you know anyone in the motor trade who could advise the school on purchasing a minibus, please contact the PTA.

The PTA AGM will be held on Friday 30th September at 3.30pm in the school hall. A crèche facility will be available.



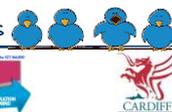
Confirmed INSET days

There are a total of 5 INSET days over the academic year; the following dates have now been confirmed.

Monday 5th September, Friday 21st October, Monday 31st October, Tuesday 3rd January, Friday 28th April

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We are in early discussions with Sports Extra to provide activity days at the school for the children on INSET days and are hopeful that the first will be offered on Friday 21st October. A new parent survey about activity days in school during INSET days is available by clicking on the following link:



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N5TZ6HL>

The survey will be open for two weeks, after which Sports Xtra will confirm the arrangements directly to you all.

Schedule of Year 6 Open evenings for admission to Year 7 in September 2017

We are very grateful to Mrs Bateman who has put together the following information for Year 6 parents and carers regarding open evenings being organised by the local High Schools:

Date	Venue	Anticipated Commencement Time
Tuesday 4 th October	Corpus Christi H.S.	6pm
Wednesday 5 th October	Llanishen H.S.	5pm
Thursday 6 th October	Bishop Of Llandaff C.I.W.H.S.	5.30pm
Thursday 20 th October	St Teilo's C.I.W.H.S.	6pm
Thursday 17 th November	Cardiff H.S.	4pm

Please note

- 1) This is not an exhaustive list of open evening you may wish to consider.
- 2) For exact details regarding all of these open evenings please consult the individual school websites in the first instance. Alternatively, contact the above mentioned schools directly to request the literature published by them regarding their year 6 open evenings.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent questionnaire on Survey Monkey, there have been a total of 76 responses so far.

The survey will be open for a further two weeks and can be accessed by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8KL53GR>

Visit from Assistant Director

We were very pleased to welcome the new Assistant Director of Education, Mrs Jackie Turner, to the school on Thursday. Mrs Turner was able to meet with children, staff and governors as well as touring the new facilities in the school.

School photographs

A reminder that the photographer will be visiting next Tuesday to take individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that your child(ren) wears their school uniform for the photograph. Thank you.



Defibrillator Appeal



An organisation called Welsh Hearts visited the school today to provide defibrillator demonstrations for Year 6 children, staff and community members. During the afternoon the defibrillator was presented to the school and we were joined by the major sponsors – Morrisons, The Pendragon, The Bach Choir, Llanishen History Society and Ellie's Zumba. We have also organised some first aid training for the older children with the additional money that was raised. Sincere thanks to Mrs James for all of her hard work in organising the fundraising and the purchasing of the defibrillator.

Jamie Baulch visit

Next Monday, we will welcome Jamie Baulch (former Olympic and World champion) athlete to the school. Jamie is working on a new workshop for children, focussing on positive attitudes, and would like to trial his presentation with one of the Year 5 classes.





European day of languages

Next week, the children will all be involved in celebrating and finding out about a variety of European Languages in their classrooms. The activities are designed to promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which we feel must be preserved and fostered.

Please see your child's teacher for further information.

Sports news

Congratulations to Matthew Bridge and Ellis Richards who were both successful in reaching the last selection matches for the Cardiff Schools' U11 rugby squad.



Diary Dates

Please remember to check the Google calendar on the school website for an up to date list of the school events across the year.

September

- Mon 26th Jamie Baulch to visit Yr5KT/ER
- Tues 27th Individual photographs
- Weds 28th Keeping safe online workshop for Yr6
- Thurs 29th Parent Discussion Group meeting (6pm)
- Fri 30th 3.30pm PTA AGM
3.30pm Storey Arms meeting for Yr4 parents and carers

October

- Mon 3rd – Fri 14th Year 6 swimming lessons
- Weds 5th Extension opening
- Thurs 6th Welsh air ambulance to assembly
Full Governing Body meeting
- Mon 10th – Fri 21st Eco Council '10 day turndown'
- Mon 10th – Fri 14th Scholastic book fair
- Weds 12th Gardening day in Reception
- Fri 14th Nursery 'Great Gingerbread Toddle'
9am – PTA meeting
- Sat 15th NCT nearly new sale
- Thurs 20th First aid training for Yr 6
- Fri 21st INSET day
- Mon 24th – Fri 28th Half term holiday

Term dates reminder

Autumn Term 2016	Spring term 2017	Summer term 2017
Term starts on Tuesday 6/09/16	Starts: Wednesday 04/01/2017	Starts: Monday 24/04/17
Half term: Monday 24/10/16 - Friday 28/10/16	Half term: Monday 20/02/2017 - Friday 24/02/2017	Half term: Monday 29/5/2017 - Friday 02/06/2017
Ends: Friday 16/12/16	Ends: Friday 07/04/2017	Ends: Friday 21/07/2017

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