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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Happy New Year to everyone in the Coed Glas community! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week and listen to their excitement about Christmas and New Year at home. The last week of term was memorable for many reasons: the carol services, Christmas parties, Christmas lunch, Goldies Cymru, 'A Christmas Carol' play, the Elf concert at Llanishen High and of course our very own 'Coed Glas got Talent' show which was so enjoyable for everyone involved. We said 'goodbye' to Mrs Young as she begins her retirement – I know that she really appreciated the fabulous send off that the children took part in. We wish her every happiness in her new ventures.

Western Mail article

We were delighted to be featured in the Western Mail earlier in December. The article focussed on the school being one of the first in Wales to be awarded with the Achievement for All Quality Mark. Our thanks and congratulations to Miss Shapley who has led the school's work on this programme for the last two years.



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PTA news

All of the fundraising efforts organised by the PTA this year are going towards buying a minibus for the school. This is an ambitious target but we know that all of the children will benefit tremendously from having access to a minibus to visit local places of interest and to

participate in local events. In addition, by using a minibus, we aim to reduce the transport costs for class trips and visits.

The staff are also getting involved and a Coed Glas cycling team will be setting off on a 250 mile adventure in the spring, cycling from North to South Wales. Early plans are in place and training is underway! We have contacted a number of businesses, who support the school, to ask for financial donations – if you know of anyone who you think may be able to support our efforts, please let a member of staff know.

We are very grateful to YC Sports who will be donating cycling kit for the team to wear. Please contact Mr Hart if you know of a company/business who may like to advertise on the cycling tops.

Other fundraising events are being discussed, including monthly cake sales and a Valentine's Disco – more news to follow.....



Spice Time Credits – Parent forum tomorrow, please come along to find out more!

<p>What are Time Credits?</p> <p>Spice Time Credits are a social currency.</p> <p>The time that you give to the school earns you credits to 'spend' in the local community, in the city or further!</p>	<p><i>It's easy to remember -</i></p> <p>1 hour of your time = 1 Time Credit</p>
<p>How do I earn Time Credits?</p> <p>There are a range of different ways to earn Time Credits at Coed Glas. A few examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering in school to listen to children to read • Helping the PTA to set up and run events in school • Taking part in Family After School Clubs • Attending workshops • Gardening in the outdoor areas • Sharing your skills with others <p><i>You may even have your own ideas for helping out!</i></p> <p><i>Please let us know.</i></p>	<p>How do I spend Time Credits?</p> <p>There are a wide range of public and private organisations that accept Time Credits as 'payment' for activities or events. These are just a few examples -</p> <p>Llanishen Leisure Centre - Soft play (2 ch) = 2 Time Credits</p> <p>Swim = 1 Time Credit or Fitness class = 1 Time Credit or</p> <p>Gym Induction/session = 2 Time Credits</p> <p>Jump - 1 child ticket = 3 Time Credits</p> <p>Sherman Theatre - Ticket for a performance = 2 Time Credits</p> <p>Boulders - Give it a Go climbing session = 2 Time Credits</p> <p>Cardiff City Football Club - Match ticket = 2 Time Credits or Stadium Tour (certain days) - 1 Time Credit</p> <p><i>And much, much more!</i></p>

'Welly Walk' and Walking Wednesdays



The Eco Council has been busy discussing ways to encourage children to walk safely to school. The aim is to reduce the number of cars around the school during 'drop off' and 'pick up' times, reduce carbon emissions from car exhausts and to help the children to be fit and healthy.

They have spoken to the children during assembly about their idea for a whole school 'Welly Walk' on Friday 10th February. During the day every class will take part in a 'Welly walk' around the school grounds, dressed in their coats, hats, gloves and most importantly wellies! Their motto is 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes!'

Following this launch day, they have also planned to set up 'Walking Wednesdays' each week to encourage everyone to walk to school for at least one day a week. Even children living further away can join in by being

dropped off a short walking distance away from the school – every little helps! Children taking part will be rewarded with 3 Dojo points. Look out for the posters being prepared by the Eco Councillors.

Sports news

Two tournaments have been held so far this term. Last week, the football team competed in a regional festival in Cardiff sponsored by New Directions. The team played very well, losing only one of their group games and reaching the 'knock out' stage of the competition. Mrs Hunt chose the whole team as 'Players of the match' as she was so impressed by their performance throughout the tournament.

On Tuesday this week, children from HIRB took part in a 'Deaf Rugby' event organised by the WRU. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing on Cardiff Arms Park and learning some new rugby skills – well done to them all!



Roadie came to visit Year 2 children on Wednesday this week. This was a part of the children's Kerbcraft lessons which develop their road safety skills.

Before Christmas, all of the children in Year 2 took part in practical road safety activities in the local area.

The programme has been a huge success and enjoyed by all of the children. Sincere thanks to the parents who have come to support the children's sessions – we hope that you enjoy spending your Time Credits!

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, so far our overall attendance is 94.7%.



Family Liaison Officer

Whilst Mrs Hopwood is looking after her new baby, Mrs Jasmin Thorn will be taking on the role of our Family Liaison Officer. Mrs Thorn will be contacting you all soon to provide some more information about the Time Credits Scheme. She is available in school each day to help with any issues around your child's education and welfare – please don't hesitate to speak with her if you have any concerns her number is 07391946401

Confirmed INSET days

There is 1 remaining INSET day over the academic year - **Friday 28th April.**

Term dates reminder

Spring term 2017	Summer term 2017
Starts: Wednesday 04/01/2017	Starts: Monday 24/04/17
Half term: Monday 20/02/2017 - Friday 24/02/2017	Half term: Monday 29/5/2017 - Friday 02/06/2017
Ends: Friday 07/04/2017	Ends: Friday 21/07/2017

Diary dates

January

Tuesday 17 th	Mr Key's class assembly
Weds 18 th	Dinosaur visit to Reception
Thurs 19 th	Jeff Smith – Everest explorer to assembly
Fri 20 th	PTA meeting

Tues 24 th	Mrs Kennard/Mrs Seymour's class assembly Toothbrushing talk in Foundation Phase
Thurs 26 th	Fire Service safety talk
Tues 31 st	Mrs Goode's class assembly
February	
Weds 1 st	Yr3 to Cilfynydd
Thurs 2 nd	Parent Discussion Group meeting @6pm
Tues 7 th	Mrs Wright's class assembly
Thurs 9 th	Pandemonium Theatre to perform
Fri 10 th	'Welly Walk' day
Tues 14 th	Mrs Westgarth/Miss Roberts' class assembly Magistrates in the Community to Year 6
Weds 15 th	Football Festival – Gol Centre Magistrates in the Community to Year 6
Thurs 16 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 17 th	Last day of half term.

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