

Newsletter

September 2023



What we are up to

At the request of the children this term:

- Cooking
- Building Boards for games
- Dinosaurs
- Balls and Ropes
- Building a bug hotel
- Clay
- The River and Boats
- Go Cart Building
- and more....

Introducing...

The Coed Cariad Core Group- Jeannette Simpson, Emma Rathbone, Chloe Howman, Anita O'Flynn, Pete Llewellyn, Ellie Smallcombe, Janina Henly, Annie Shove, Jo Bond, Siobhan Price and Lauren Faithful.

This group helps to support, manage and run Coed Cariad, in line with the original visioning of the setting. We have a meeting usually over Zoom once per half term and discuss the management and day to day running of Coed Cariad.

If you feel that this is something you would like to be involved in please come along to the next meeting or ask to join the Whatsapp and Facebook groups.



Story telling, children to children, with beautiful natural props

Highlights so far this half-term

The children have settled back into the routine of being at Coed Cariad well.

They have been very forthcoming with some fabulous ideas for projects to complete.

Just a reminder for all. Coed Cariad is a Nature based self directed learning community. We wholeheartedly believe that **PLAY IS A CHILD'S WORK** and we will strive to ensure they have all the opportunities to play as much as they are driven to.



"My child has thrived in this environment, their confidence has grown immensely."

Community Days

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us at this term's community day at the start of September.

We managed to give the resources a good going over and got the garden and paths ship shape ready for the new year!

Upcoming Dates

Half term:
Week beginning 30th November

Core Group Meeting:
13th November 8pm on Zoom

18th and 19th December:
Xmas afternoon drinkies from
2pm-3pm

End of Term
19th December.

Spring term starts:
8th January

**"Coed Cariad is a
marvellous place and
the staff are amazing
with my child."**



Updates

At our recent Core group meeting we discussed and agreed the following points:

- Project Ideas
- Trips will be on hold until we are fully staffed and any new staff are up to speed.
- Emma will be taking on the role of Treasurer for Coed Cariad and Chloe will continue in her role as Secretary.
- Behaviour Management - we will continue with the Kind hands, feet and words, little voices inside, and Stop means STOP>
- Children's meetings will be held every week. One wee this meeting will be on a Monday and the next week this will be on a Tuesday.
- Fees: A considerable amount of time is currently being spent each term chasing unpaid fees. Please if there is an issue simply speak with Ellie or a member of the Core Group. If this continues we are considering adding administration fees for late payment. Fees are due within the half term that the invoice is issued. We will also be working on getting these out quicker each half term.
- Toys brought in daily: We are starting a ONE TOY POLICY. Each child may only bring in one toy to Coed Cariad, as it is becoming too much for staff to manage all the accoutrements!

Points to note are:

- Please remember we operate between the times of 9 am and 3pm, please where possible drop your child/ren off promptly and collect promptly.
- All accidents, however seemingly minor, will now be recorded in the red file in setting by staff and parents or persons collecting will be asked to sign the reports at the end of the day.
- As the weather is now changing, please ensure your child has plenty of changes of clothing, and is dressed appropriately for the weather each day

Job Roles

We Have Interviewed one brilliant candidate and have one more to complete next week, so we are hopeful that the roles available will be filled soon, thank you so much for your continuing support while we recruit! It is very much appreciated.

Thank you
The Coed Cariad Core Group