

Nursery Handbook

PENTWYNMAWR PRIMARY SCHOOL

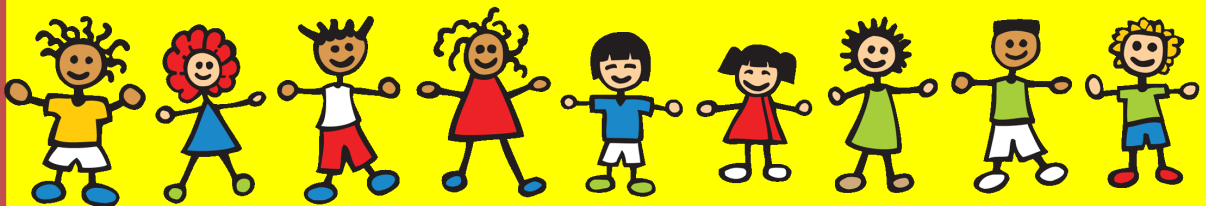


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We are very pleased to welcome you and your child to our Nursery at Pentwynmawr Primary School and we look forward to meeting you on many occasions throughout the year.

At Pentwynmawr Primary we have a friendly and welcoming staff who will ensure the well being and happiness of your child.

In preparation for starting nursery, we have arranged this visit to enable your child to have the opportunity to meet their teacher, visit the nursery classroom and spend time with the children who will be in their class.



**MEET THE STAFF
(CYFARFOD Y STAFF)**

Senior Management Team

Mr. J Harris

Head Teacher

Mrs. L Porthouse

Deputy Head Teacher



**Nursery teacher
ALNCO
Mrs E Riva-Jones**



**Teaching Assistant
Mrs R Rocha**

NURSERY UNIFORM AND ACTIVITIES (GWISG MEITHRIN A GWEITHGAREDDAU AWYR AGORED)

Children wear uniform to nursery. We ask that the clothing is labelled with your child's name so that it is easily identifiable in the case of it being mislaid.

BOYS UNIFORM/GIRLS UNIFORM

Navy jumper/navy cardigan

White shirt/polo shirt

Navy skirt/pinafore

Grey/black trousers/joggers

Velcro shoes

Wellington boots

Waterproof rainsuit

Activities will take place outside in all weathers. We aim to take the children outside as often as possible to do a variety of activities. As a result the children will need a pair of wellies and a waterproof rain suit. It will be necessary for these to be kept in school so that they are available at all times. Please ensure that they are **CLEARLY LABELLED** with your child's full name.



SCHOOL AIMS AND MISSION STATEMENT (YSGOL NODAU A DATGANIAD O GENHADAETH)

"Success for all success for life!"

To help pupils to develop lively, enquiring minds, the ability to question and to apply themselves to tasks and physical skills.

To help pupils to use language and numbers effectively.

To continue to work in partnership with parents.

To help pupils to understand the world in which they live and the interdependence of living things .

To instil respect for religious, moral values and tolerance of other races and ways of life.

To provide a broad and well taught curriculum where children have many wide and varied experiences.

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At Nursery we aim to provide a caring, relaxed and happy atmosphere which will allow your child to enjoy the learning experiences offered while developing their potential at their own time and pace.

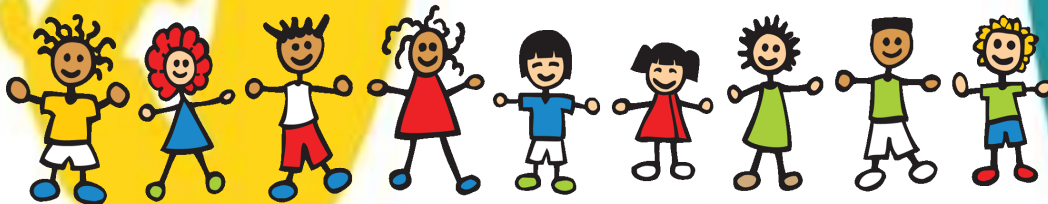
Structured play is a key part of the curriculum. Learning experiences are play based and practical to ensure wide ranging and first hand experiences for all. Play helps to develop children's imagination, communication and understanding. Play is the principle means of learning in early childhood and it is a necessary part of their lives in school and at home.

We must always remember that "play" is the young child's work and that the ground we cover will lead to readiness for reading, writing and number work in school.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS (DERBYNIADAU MEITHRIN)

A child is eligible to be admitted to the nursery class the term following his or her third birthday. Intakes into the nursery take place in September, January and after Easter. Therefore your child must have reached the age of three on or before the 31st August before commencing in September, on or before the 31st December before commencing in January and on or before the 31st March before commencing after Easter. (The Easter intake date is likely to alter subject to Caerphilly LEA recommendations).

Nursery begins with a welcome session for both parents and children. On this day time will be spent establishing a relationship between child and teacher in a warm and friendly environment. It also allows you the opportunity to discuss any queries you may have.



NURSERY TIMES AND TERM TIMES

(AMSERAU MEITHRIN A DYDDIADAU'R TYMOR)

- At the beginning of each session, please ensure that your child is admitted by a member of staff and not left alone to wait for the start of nursery.
- * Please ensure that you collect your child from a member of staff at the end of each session. Children **MUST** be collected by a known adult. **Please let us know if someone other than the usual person is to collect your child.**
- * Please collect your child promptly at the end of each session. Little ones often become distressed if they think they have been forgotten.
- * Please ensure that your child attends regularly and is punctual. **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**
- * If your child is absent due to illness or for any other reason please telephone the school and let us know or contact us via Seesaw. (**01495 243400**).
- * We ask parents to avoid taking holidays during term time. If this cannot be avoided then please request a holiday form from the school reception.



** The dates on which school will be closed for INSET days will be circulated to parents via the school website, newsletters, on Seesaw and Parentmail.

Term Dates 2022—2023

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts Monday 4th September 2023

Half term starts Monday 30th October 2023

Half term ends Friday 3rd November 2023

Term ends Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term starts Monday 8th January 2024

Half term starts Monday 12th February 2024

Half term ends Friday 16th February 2024

Term ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term starts Monday 8th April 2024

Half term starts Monday 27th May 2024

Half term ends Friday 31st June 2024

Term ends Friday 19th July 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Health

Regular daily attendance is expected but sometimes absence is unavoidable through illness. Please ensure you inform the school if your child is unable to attend.

Parents are asked not to bring their child to nursery if they are unwell. Infections spread very quickly through the nursery setting, it is important that unwell children do not return until they are completely recovered. If there is any doubt as to whether a child is well enough to attend nursery a GP's opinion may be requested.

Please inform the nursery staff if:

- * Your child has recently suffered from diarrhoea or vomiting. To prevent the spread of infection children will not be admitted to the nursery until **48 hours** has passed since the last episode.
- * Your child has had a contagious infection or is in any pain.
- * Your child has had medication before arrival at nursery or has recently been immunised.
- * Your child has any, or develops any, allergies or other medical conditions.
- * Your child has an allergy to particular materials and/or food types.
- * Medicines including antibiotics are not administered at school unless there are exceptional circumstances and / or a child has a long term condition e.g. Asthma, diabetes, epilepsy - staff will receive training if this situation arises.
- * If your child has asthma you will need to fill in an asthma card which will be kept in school. If your child has a medical condition a medical form and care plan will need to be completed.



SNACK TIME



We are a Healthy School and we promote healthy eating. A snack of milk and fruit is provided every day. If your child is unable to drink milk or requires an alternative please let a member of staff know.

NURSERY LIFE - GENERAL POINTS

- 1: Nursery can be messy. At Pentwynmawr Primary School we have a school uniform that makes us proud to belong to our school. Sometimes this may get a little messy, this shows what and how I have been learning!
- 2: Often a nursery child leaves it to the last moment before dashing to the toilet, so please help by dressing him/her appropriately and showing them what to do (maybe practice at home). You are welcome to send a spare set of clothing to be kept in nursery if you wish.
- 3: There are many opportunities for outdoor learning. Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat every day.
- 4: Practise putting coats on an off and doing up buttons/ zips. We encourage children to learn to do this independently in nursery.
- 5: Please label all coats, clothing and wellingtons etc. with your child's name to avoid them being lost.
- 6: Please be aware head-lice is very common in nursery settings and school.
- 6: Please do not allow your child to bring sweets, money or toys to nursery.
- 7: Please bring a change of footwear if wellingtons are worn to school on rainy days.
- 8: Please do not smoke or use inappropriate language in the school grounds.
- 9: Please do not bring dogs into the school grounds.
- 10: Taking of photographs in the school grounds is strictly prohibited.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND CO-OPERATION!

CURRICULUM FOR WALES

What is the Curriculum for Wales?

The aim of the curriculum for Wales is to make learning more experience-based and practical and ensure it is relevant and accessible to all.

How will my child learn?

Children will learn through structured play, outdoor learning activities and hands-on activities and experiences. It will be exciting, stimulating and fun! The nursery environment will promote discovery and independence.

The Curriculum for Wales is a rich curriculum under six Areas of Learning and Experience. These areas complement each other and work together, to provide a cross-curricular approach to form a practical relevant curriculum. Emphasis is placed on developing children's skills across the Areas of Learning.

The six areas of learning are indicated below:

Mathematical Development

Science and Technology

Language, Literacy and Communication Skills

Health and Well-being

Expressive Arts

Humanities



Learning Journey

In the nursery at Pentwynmawr we use topics to theme our learning and plan a series of activities throughout the year around these. These activities are focused as much as possible on the school grounds, the local area and Wales. As much as possible we use 'pupil voice' to plan our topics. This is where we ask the children for their ideas about what they would like to learn and how. Our topics extend the children's knowledge, help them progress in understanding concepts and ideas and reinforce skills and enable them to acquire new skills.

Some of the topics we have covered include:

Autumn

Colours of the World

Spring

The World Outside my Window

Summer

Saving the World, one class at a time!

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Children are able to do lots of things before they start school and they learn about the world around them by talking and listening to you and through the things that they do with you.



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

When your child starts nursery an important new partnership is created between you as adults at home and the adults at school.

At Pentwynmaur Primary the education of your child is viewed as a shared venture and staff are committed to creating a happy, effective and organised learning environment for all children.

Good home/school relationships are vital to the success of the children attending nursery. We believe that the relationship between parent and teachers should be friendly and open and staff will therefore be ready and willing to discuss any concerns with you.

Should you wish to speak to the class teacher about your child please do so **after** the nursery session.

Parents Evenings take place in the Autumn and Spring term, and are planned in order to discuss your child's progress. You will be provided with feedback on the baseline assessment that will be undertaken within the first six weeks of your child entering Nursery.

A written statement of progress in the form of a detailed report will be issued in the summer term.

PUPIL INFORMATION

Pupil Information Forms:

These are a vital resource and must be returned on the first day that your child starts school. The form requires you to give contact numbers in addition to your home telephone number/mobile number. Please give as much information as you can as these will be used if your child falls ill or in the event that we need to contact you urgently. If any of the numbers you provide are changed please don't forget to update us.

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH THE PUPIL INFORMATION FORM.



