



## Our Vision

### *"Tyfu a Llwyddo Gyda'n Gilydd"*

Our aim is to present a dynamic, broad and balanced curriculum with pupils' wellbeing at its heart and the agreed ethos of ensuring a caring learning community and an education which is inclusive, innovative and purposeful. Our vision is rooted in the values, culture and traditions of Wales and the local community of Llantwit Major, where children can be proud of their language and their heritage. We commit to ensuring that individuals reach their full potential and have high aspirations to succeed, today and in the future. We aim to offer stimulating and memorable opportunities that ignite the passion for learning in our children whilst nurturing positive mindsets and relationships so that our learners thrive.



# Our Cynefin



## The Context of our Area

Our curriculum vision is rooted in the values, culture and traditions of Wales and the local community of the historical town of Llantwit Major. We nurture **ethical, informed citizens** who are proud of their **cynefin, of Wales and of the Welsh language**. We are fortunate to enjoy beautiful views of green fields and farming land around us, while sitting within walking distance of the beach. We aim to incorporate the local community and any experiences it can offer to support our learning and we will draw on the expertise of all our stakeholders where possible. A low percentage of our children arrive at school from Welsh-speaking homes

but we ensure that Welshness and a love for our language forms an integral part of life at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant.



## Our Values

The values of the school were shaped considering the views of parents and staff about the type of children we would like to raise.

Love and Friendship	Patience and Tolerance	Perseverance
Care and Respect	Honesty	Enthusiasm
Freedom and Rights	Cooperation	Independence
Appreciation	Pride	Responsibility

We intend for the opportunities given through our curriculum to develop individuals who are ready to walk forwards confidently as lifelong learners.





# Developing an Inclusive Curriculum

## Cross-Curricular Skills

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Digital Competacy

We plan together to develop an inclusive curriculum to engage **ambitious and inquisitive** pupils through purposeful and exciting learning experiences. We commit to ensuring that individuals reach their full potential and set themselves high standards, whilst seeking and enjoying a challenge. The development of literacy, numeracy and digital competence is at the heart of our curriculum, alongside practical classroom and outdoor learning opportunities. We continually promote experiences that will enable the children to develop the necessary skills to be **healthy and confident individuals who** are ready to live and work as valued members of society.

## Cross-Cutting Themes

- Relevant, Purposeful and Authentic
- Local, National, Global Context
- Diverse Opportunities and Work Experiences
- Rights of the Child

## Teaching & Learning

- Promote Cooperative learning
- Develop Resilience and Independence
- Assessment for Learning
- Promote Positive Relationships
- Taking Responsibility and Welcoming Challenges
- Problem Solving
- Encouraging Effort
- Building on Previous Learning

## Integral Skills

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Creativity and Innovation
- Personal Effectiveness
- Planning and Organising

## Statutory Elements

- Welsh
- English
- Religion, Values and Ethics
- Sex Education and Relationships



# Areas of Learning and Experiences



We plan a broad and balanced curriculum and develop learners who meet the characteristics of all [four purposes](#), giving full consideration to each of the six areas of learning and experience and encompassing the [statements of what matter](#). The curriculum was designed with the consideration and participation of all stakeholders of the school with the agreed ethos of ensuring a caring community and an inclusive, innovative and purposeful education.

*Creative Arts*

*Health and Wellbeing*

*Science and Technology*

*Language, Literacy and Communication*

*Maths and Numeracy*

*The Humanities*





# Teaching and Learning

## Learning and Experiences

Learning is adapted to provide opportunities for each child and for all abilities as they develop skills and explore concepts. These will enable them to **contribute creatively and with enterprise** whilst building their knowledge and understanding through topics that will capture their interest and stimulate their imagination. Some will be a whole school approach and others are age appropriate, or targeted for individual pupils including those with Additional Learning Needs.

Eco School

Forest School

Healthy Eating

Language Charter

Visits / Trips

Extra Curricular Clubs

Eisteddfodau

School Council

Dreigiau Dewi

Amser Antur

Digital Wizards

Problem Solving

Daily Reading

Reasoning

Voice 21

Rights of the Child

Pie Corbett

Visitors



# Assessment and Progression



## Assessment

As a school, we recognise that the purpose of assessment is to support all individual learners to progress appropriately and to ensure that they are supported and challenged accordingly. Our main focus is to identify, capture and reflect on their progress over time. In addition to that, we encourage learners to reflect independently on their learning so as to inform future provision and to continually improve.

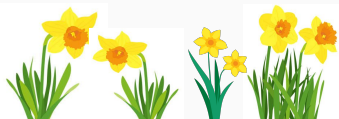


## Working Together

We work alongside the Vale of Glamorgan Welsh Schools cluster in developing and mapping the stages of progress in the six learning areas and we share good practice. We consider the pupil's voice when preparing our enquiry questions and seasonal topics. We will constantly reflect and refine the curriculum taking into account evaluations from our stakeholders as part of our self-evaluation processes across each Progress Step and at a school-wide level.

## The Way Forward

In line with Welsh Government developments and the forthcoming Curriculum for Wales rollout, we are developing and designing our own school curriculum on an ongoing basis. We will trial, evaluate and evolve the curriculum to ensure the very best for our pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant.





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