Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmllynfell

Dysgwyr Da, Dyfodol Disglair

Croeso i Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmllynfell

Rhagair gan y pennaeth: Mr Alun Sterl,

Mae pob plentyn yn unigolyn

Croeso i Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmllynfell. Rydym yn darparu amgylchedd croesawgar, gofalgar, cynhwysol ac ysgogol. Lle mae disgyblion yn cael eu gwerthfawrogi ac yn teimlo'n hapus ac yn ddiogel i gyrraedd eu llawn botensial.

Anghenion unigol

Rydym yn cydnabod cryfderau a thalentau unigryw pob disgybl ac yn ymdrechu i ddarparu ar gyfer eu hanghenion dysgu unigol.

Gonestrwydd, parch a chwrteisi

Anelwn at ddatblygu ein disgyblion fel unigolion cytbwys ac rydym wedi ymrwymo i feithrin gonestrwydd, parch a chwrteisi.

Cofleidio ein treftadaeth

Sicrhawn fod pob agwedd o fywyd yr ysgol yn cefnogi ac yn datblygu ein disgyblion ar eu taith addysgol a thu hwnt. Wrth iddynt symud ymlaen drwy'r ysgol, anogir pob disgybl i wneud ei orau glas a llwyddo mewn cymdeithas ddwyieithog. Anogir disgyblion hefyd i ddangos cariad at eu cymuned, gwlad, iaith a threftadaeth.

Addysg gyfannol

Trwy brofiadau y tu mewn a thu allan i'r ystafell ddosbarth, mae ein cwricwlwm wedi'i gynllunio i fod yn ddifyr a heriol, gan annog disgyblion i archwilio a gofyn cwestiynau. Credwn ym mhwysigrwydd addysg gyfannol sydd nid yn unig yn pwysleisio cyflawniad academaidd, ond sydd hefyd yn hyrwyddo creadigrwydd, iechyd corfforol, a lles cymdeithasol ac emosiynol.

Cydweithio

Credwn yng ngrym cymuned a'r rôl y mae rhieni a gwarchodwyr yn ei chwarae yn addysg plentyn. Rydym yn annog cyfathrebu agored a chyfranogiad gweithredol, wrth i ni gydweithio i gefnogi twf a datblygiad ein disgyblion.

Nid geiriau ni yn unig!

Fel y gwelwch, wrth ddarllen straeon rhieni a disgyblion yn y prosbectws, rydym yn hyrwyddo'r cysylltiad rhwng yr ysgol a'r rhiant ac yn gweithio'n galed iawn i'ch cynnwys ym mhob cam o addysg eich plentyn... gan sicrhau mwynhad eich plentyn wrth ddysgu.

Cysylltwch

Byddem wrth ein bodd yn eich tywys o amgylch ein hysgol hyfryd, er mwyn i chi weld eich hun yr hyn y gallwn ei wneud ar gyfer eich plentyn. Cysylltwch â ni ar 01639 830630 neu E-bostiwch swyddfa@yggcwmllynfell.npt. school i drefnu ymweliad.

Fel Pennaeth, mae Martin Evans yn gwerthfawrogi'r gwerthoedd meithringar a'r diwylliant trochi Cymreig y mae YGG Cwmllynfell yn ei ddarparu i'w deulu.

Mae Elan yn 11 oed ac ym Mlwyddyn 6, Efa yn 8 mlwydd oed ac ym Mlwyddyn 4. Mae Gwenan nawr yn Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera ym Mlwyddyn 8.

Dewis ysgol i ni

Pan ddaeth hi'n amser dewis ysgol ar gyfer eu merch gyntaf, roedd Martin a'i wraig yn gwybod eu bod eisiau bod yn agos i'w cartref a chofleidio profiadau blaenorol eu teulu o fywyd ysgol. "Fe wnaethon ni ddewis yr ysgol oherwydd bod yr ysgol yn ein pentref leol ac roedden ni eisiau rhoi addysg gwbl Gymraeg i'n plant, dyna oedd ein prif flaenoriaeth. Rydym yn gymuned agos ac mae YGG Cwmllynfell yn creu ymdeimlad o fagwraeth yr ydym yn ei werthfawrogi'n fawr. Mynychodd teulu fy ngwraig YGG Cwmllynfell felly roedd yn gyf

Profiadau cyntaf

Gall rhieni gael nifer o bryderon neu ddisgwyliadau gwahanol pan fydd eu plant yn dechrau yn yr ysgol. Cafodd Martin a'i wraig argraff gyntaf hyfryd sydd wedi aros drwy gydol cyfnod eu plant yn YGG Cwmllynfell. "Roedden ni'n teimlo bod YGG Cwmllynfell yn gynhwysol iawn. Roedden ni eisiau i Gwenan a'r merched i gyd deimlo'n hyderus a chan mai ysgol fach oedd hi roedd yn gwneud i ni deimlo'n gyfforddus y byddai maint dosbarthiadau yn fach a phlant yn cael sylw unigol. Roeddwn yn teimlo pan ddechreuodd Gwenan yn y Meithrin ei bod yn ffynnu, roedd hi'n chwarae yn y gegin fwd ac yn llawn dychymyg yn ei chwarae, tyfodd ei chreadigrwydd a'i hyder ac mae'r daith drwy'r ysgol wedi bod yn hawdd," meddai Martin.

Dysgu'r ardal leol

Mae'r ffordd y mae YGG Cwmllynfell wedi cofleidio'r ardal leol a'i gwneud yn rhan ymdrochol o brofiad dysgu'r plant, wedi creu argraff ar Martin. "Rwy'n meddwl ei bod yn bwysig bod plant yn gwybod ac yn cydnabod ble maen nhw, eu bod yn gyfarwydd â'u cymuned a'u hardal leol. Mae'r cwricwlwm Cymraeg newydd yn canolbwyntio'n fawr ar blant yn gwybod am eu cymdogaeth ac mae Elan wedi cael ei throchi yn y dysgu hwn yn YGG Cwmllynfell. Mae pobl wedi dod i'r ysgol i siarad â'r plant am hanes lleol. Mae hanes lleol yn rhan enfawr o fywyd yr ysgol. Maent yn mynd allan yn rheolaidd i'r pentref lleol ac yn oedi a thrafod hanes adeiladau lleol. Byddant yn archwilio ffotograffau lleol ac yn cymharu'r hyn y gallant ei weld. Trwy adeiladu ar eu gwybodaeth o'u hardal leol mae'r plant yn adeiladu ar eu sgiliau bywyd," meddai Martin.

Cystadlu yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd

Mae Tymor y Gwanwyn yn ymwneud â Eisteddfod yr Urdd, dathliad o'r iaith Gymraeg a'i diwylliant; digwyddiad blynyddol sy'n cael ei gynnal dros wythnos gydag ysgolion cynradd lleol yn canu, llefaru a dawnsio. "Yn ddiweddar bu YGG Cwmllynfell yn cystadlu yn nigwyddiad mawreddog Eisteddfod yr Urdd ac mae'r ysgol yn cystadlu bob blwyddyn. Eleni, aeth YGG Cwmllynfell drwodd i'r Genedlaethol. Mae fy merched yn eithaf cerddorol ac mae'r ysgol yn cynnig hyfforddiant ychwanegol. Mae'r merched wedi cael cyfleoedd i berfformio mewn gwahanol ddigwyddiadau. Mae'n brofiad a gafodd fy ngwraig a minnau fel plant ac roeddem eisiau'r un peth i'r merched," meddai Martin.

Cyflawni eu potensial

"Rydym yn falch bod y merched wedi gallu gwireddu eu potensial drwy gydol eu blynyddoedd yn YGG Cwmllynfell. Mae yna weithgareddau ar ôl ysgol a rhai allgyrsiol, ond yr ymdeimlad cryf o feithrin sy'n disgleirio'n llwyr. Mwynhaodd Gwenan ysgrifennu straeon a cherddoriaeth, mae Elan wrth ei bodd â mathemateg ac mae'r merched i gyd wrth eu boddau yn yr ysgol a gyda'u ffrindiau. Mae Efa yn greadigol, mae hi'n hoffi darllen, mae ei sgiliau darllen yn ardderchog. Mae'r staff yn adnabod y plant, rhieni a rhieni-cu a gwahoddir pawb i'r ysgol i helpu i gefnogi cymuned yr ysgol. Mae pawb yn adnabod ei gilydd ac yn gofalu am ei gilydd, mae'n elfen gref o fywyd ysgol. Mae'r ysgol yn gynnes, yn groesawgar, yn hapus ac yn ffynnu," meddai Martin.

Mae plant yn dweud:

Dywed Efa: "Mae'r staff yn ein helpu i fod y gorau y gallwn fod."

Meddai Elan: "Rwyf wrth fy modd yn dysgu gyda fy ffrindiau."

Meddai Gwenan: "Rwy'n mwynhau ysgol uwchradd wrth adeiladu ar y sgiliau dysgais yn Ysgol Cwmllynfell yn enwedig gyda dwy iaith."

Ymgartrefu a'n cwricwlwm ysgol

Ein horiau ysgol

Mae'r diwrnod ysgol yn dechrau am 8.50yb ac yn gorffen am 3.20yp. Bydd plant meithrin yn dechrau am 8.50yb ac yn gorffen am 11:20yb. Gall plant sy'n mynychu Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell, ar safle'r ysgol cael eu casglu gan staff i fynd at y Cylch o 11:20yb tan 3:20yp.

Clwb Brecwast

Pob bore mae yna glwb brecwast i ddisgyblion sy'n rhad ac am ddim, yn dechrau am 8:10yb.

Bwyd yn yr ysgol

Mae pob pryd yn cael ei baratoi, ei goginio a'i weini ar y safle gan ein staff arlwyo. Mae pob plentyn, gan gynnwys y rhai sy'n dod â phecyn bwyd, yn eistedd gyda'i gilydd yn y neuadd, ond rydym yn annog disgyblion i fwyta ein prydau maethlon sydd wedi'u paratoi'n ardderchog. Mae pob disgybl o'r Derbyn i Flwyddyn 6 yn derbyn prydau ysgol am ddim. Mae'r plant sy'n mynychu Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell yn ymuno gyda ni am eu cinio hefyd.

Gwisg Ysgol

Disgwylir i bob plentyn gwisgo'r wisg ysgol, ond nid yw'n orfodol. Bydd staff yr ysgol yn annog y plant i wisgo'r wisg swyddogol i ddangos eu bod yn falch o fod yn aelod o'r ysgol.

Cwricwlwm

Yn YGG Cwmllynfell, mae staff, disgyblion, llywodraethwyr, rhieni a gofalwyr wedi cydweithio i ddatblygu cwricwlwm eang, cytbwys a chyffrous: sy'n ganolbwynt i'n gweledigaeth a'n hethos: "Dysgwyr da, Dyfodol Disglair".

Mae ein cwricwlwm yn canolbwyntio ar sicrhau bod disgyblion yn datblygu'r pedwar prif ddiben sef:

1. Dysgwyr Uchelgeisiol, Galluog.
2. Cyfranwyr Mentrus, Creadigol.
3. Dinasyddion Moesegol a Gwybodus.
4. Unigolion Iach, Hyderus.

Mae ein cwricwlwm hefyd yn sicrhau bod disgyblion yn datblygu dull integredig o ddysgu, gyda chysylltiadau ystyrlon yn cael eu gwneud ar draws y chwe Maes Dysgu a Phrofiad:

1. Y Celfyddydau Mynegiannol.
2. Iechyd a Lles.
3. Y Dyniaethau.
4. Ieithoedd, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu.
5. Mathemateg a Rhifedd.
6. Gwyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg.

Cymuned

Mae ein cwricwlwm wedi'i gynllunio i hybu ymdeimlad o berthyn daearyddol, hanesyddol a diwylliannol o fewn cymuned yr ysgol.

Mae dau blentyn Lauren Davies yn ffynnu yn YGG Cwmllynfell: ysgol fach gyda chalon fawr.

Plant Lauren yw Ella Davies ym Mlwyddyn 1 ac Eddie Davies sy'n 2 oed ac yn mynychu Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell.

Cysylltiadau teuluol

Nid yw Lauren yn dod o'r ardal leol ond mae ei gŵr yn ac mae dewis YGG Cwmllynfell yn cynnal traddodiad teuluol y mae'r plant yn ei goleddu. "Mae'r plant wrth eu bodd yn mynd i'r ysgol. Ble rydyn ni'n byw, mae'n bentref bach iawn felly roedd yn bwysig i ni fod y plant yn tyfu i fyny yn adnabod eu hardal leol a'u cymuned leol. Mae teulu fy ngŵr wedi tyfu i fyny yma ac mae yna ymdeimlad cryf o gymuned ac mae pobl yn adnabod ei gilydd. Roedden ni eisiau i'r plant brofi'r un peth a chael yr un profiad â'u tad," meddai Lauren.

Dod â dysgu adref

Rhan o'r llawenydd i rieni eu plant sy'n dechrau'r ysgol yw pan ddaw plant adref yn frwdfrydig ac yn gyffrous am yr hyn y maent wedi bod yn ei ddysgu. "Mae Ella yn dysgu am 'Y Ddaear' ar hyn o bryd. Mae hi'n dod adref yn dweud wrthon ni i gyd am yr hyn mae hi wedi bod yn ei ddysgu yn y dosbarth. Mae hi'n dweud wrthym am y planedau gwahanol, mae hi'n gallu eu henwi. Mae hi wedi bod yn tynnu lluniau o'r Ddaear allan o bapur sidan ac yn eu paentio, mae hi wedi bod yn mwynhau hynny'n fawr. Mae fy machgen bach wedi bod yn gwneud blodau allan o fowldiau cacennau, dim ond dwy oed ydyw ac mae'n gwneud yn dda iawn. Mae wrth ei fodd yn gallu dod â phethau adref i'w cadw," meddai Lauren.

Meithrin hyder

Wrth i deuluoedd addasu i drefn newydd yr ysgol, mae plant yn dechrau profi anturiaethau newydd ac mae Ella wedi dechrau mentro allan i'r ardal leol gyda'i dosbarth. "Mae Ella ychydig yn ifanc ar gyfer y gweithgareddau ar ôl ysgol ond mae hi wedi mynd ar deithiau gyda'r ysgol. Dim ond ym mis Chwefror y dechreuodd Eddie felly mae'r ffocws wedi bod ar setlo i mewn i'r drefn. Mae Ella yn dechrau mentro allan i'r ardal leol ac mae hi'n edrych ymlaen at wneud mwy ohoni. Mae dosbarthiadau hŷn yr ysgol yn mynd ar deithiau addysgol yn rheolaidd. Dim ond ddoe y dywedodd Ella ei bod hi'n hoffi mynd i'r ysgol.

Dydw i ddim yn siŵr beth fydd gan y dyfodol iddyn nhw, mae'n anodd dweud ond mae'n hyfryd cael rhannu'r daith gyda nhw. Hyd yn oed gyda fy machgen bach, mae ei hyder eisoes wedi cynyddu cymaint. Mae'n hapus i gyfathrebu ag unrhyw un ac rwy'n gwybod bod y profiadau yn ei baratoi yn barod ar gyfer symud trwy gyfnodau hŷn bywyd ysgol," meddai Lauren.

Cofleidio diwylliant Cymreig

Mae llawer o rieni yn chwilio am gyfleoedd lle gall eu plant gofleidio diwylliant Cymreig ond gallai peidio â siarad Cymraeg eich hun greu gofid, ond nid yn YGG Cwmllynfell. "Dydw i ddim yn siarad Cymraeg yn bersonol ond dyw e erioed wedi bod yn rhwystr, mae'r athrawon yn gyfarwydd â phwy sy'n siarad pa iaith sy'n creu awyrgylch cyfforddus. Nid yw byth yn teimlo fel problem ac mae pawb bob amser mor groesawgar a chyfeillgar. Mae'r plant yn teimlo'n ddiogel yn mynd yno ac maen nhw'n hapus iawn. Mae gweld y plant yn tyfu yn yr iaith Gymraeg, yn enwedig gan nad ydw i'n siarad Cymraeg fy hun yn wych. Mae'n hyfryd gweld sut maen nhw eisoes yn dod yn ddwyieithog a sut maen nhw'n gallu newid yn hawdd rhwng y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg. Mae'n newid sut rydyn ni'n siarad gartref ac mae'n wych cael y dylanwad cadarnhaol hwnnw yn dod adref o'r ysgol. Gallaf weld eu personoliaethau yn dechrau datblygu," meddai Lauren.

Ysgol fach gyda chalon fawr

Ysgol fechan yw YGG Cwmllynfell o gymharu ag ysgolion eraill yr ardal ond gyda hynny daw gwir ymdeimlad o gymuned ysgol a bod yn rhan o deulu estynedig. "Mae'n ysgol fach, leol, mae'r bechgyn a'r merched mwy yn gofalu am y plant ifancach. Mae yna ymdeimlad o feithrin a gofalu am ein gilydd. Fe fyddwn ni yn Tesco neu allan a bydd Ella yn dechrau chwifio at bobl, maen nhw'n dod i adnabod pawb yn yr ysgol ac mae eu byd yn tyfu y tu allan i ffiniau'r buarth chwarae," meddai Lauren.

Mae'r plant yn dweud:

Dywed Ella: "Rwy'n caru fy ffrindiau."

Cwricwlwm cyfoethog: clybiau, teithiau, ymwelwyr ac Addysg Gorfforol

Clybiau Allgyrsiol

Rydym yn darparu amrywiaeth o glybiau sy'n cynnwys: chwaraeon, coginio, garddio, cyfrifiaduron a celf a chrefft.

Teithiau, ymwelwyr a digwyddiadau

Rydym yn trefnu cyngherddau a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus, er enghraifft dros y Nadolig ac ar Ddydd Gŵyl Dewi, ymweliadau gan Theatr Na N'Og ac eraill. Ymwelwn â mannau o ddiddordeb, sy'n cyfoethogi dysgu'r plant, ac yn croesawu ymwelwyr i'r ysgol i siarad am eu harbenigedd a'u profiadau.

Ymweliadau Preswyl

O Flwyddyn 3, mae disgyblion yn cael cynnig y cyfle i fynychu cyrsiau preswyl ym Mharc Margam, Llanion, Abernant a Gwersylloedd yr Urdd, Llangrannog, Glan-Llyn a Chaerdydd.

Chwaraeon ac Addysg Gorfforol

Mae gan ein hysgol gae mawr yn y cefn, ac arwyneb caled o flaen yr ysgol. Ymgymerir ag ystod eang o weithgareddau chwaraeon yn ystod y flwyddyn lle mae plant yn cynrychioli'r ysgol. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys nofio, rygbi, pêl-droed, criced, pêl-rwyd, rownderi ac athletau. Mae unrhyw blentyn sy'n cymryd rhan wrth gynrychioli'r ysgol yn cael ei gydnabod fel braint sy'n gyfartal â chyflawniad academaidd ac artistig. Mae hefyd yn meithrin ysbryd tîm a sgiliau datblygu.

Welcome to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmllynfell

Foreword: Alun Sterl, Headteacher, says:

Each child an individual

Welcome to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmllynfell. We provide a welcoming, caring, inclusive and stimulating environment. Where pupils are valued and feel happy and safe to reach their full potential.

Individual needs

We recognise the unique strengths and talents of each pupil and strive to cater to their individual learning needs.

Honesty, respect and courtesy

We aim to develop our pupils as balanced individuals and are committed to nurturing honesty, respect and courtesy.

Embracing our heritage

We ensure that every aspect of school life supports and develops our pupils on their educational journey and beyond. As they progress through the school, all pupils are encouraged to do their very best and succeed in a bilingual society. Pupils are also encouraged to display a love of their community, country, language and heritage.

Holistic education

Through experiences inside and outside of the classroom, our curriculum is designed to be engaging and challenging, encouraging pupils to explore and ask questions. We believe in the importance of a holistic education that not only emphasises academic achievement, but also promotes creativity, physical health, and social and emotional well-being.

Working together

We believe in the power of community and the role that parents and guardians play in a child's education. We encourage open communication and active participation, as we work together to support our pupils' growth and development.

Not only our words!

As you will see, by reading the parent and pupil stories within this prospectus, we champion the link between school and parent and work very hard to involve you in every step of your child's time here...and increase your child's enjoyment of learning.

Get in touch

We would be delighted to show you around our lovely school, so that you can see for yourself what we can do for your child. Please contact us on 01639 830630 or

Email swyddfa@yggcwmllynfell.npt.school to arrange a visit.

As a Headteacher, Martin Evans values the nurturing values and immersive Welsh culture that YGG Cwmllynfell provides for his family.

Elan is 11 years old and is in Year 6, Efa is 8 years old and is in Year 4 and Gwenan is now at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera in Year 8.

Choosing a school for us

When it came to choosing a school for their first daughter, Martin and his wife knew they wanted to be close to home and to embrace their family's previous experiences of school life. "We chose the school because it's in our local village and we wanted to give our children a fully immersive Welsh education, it was our main priority. We are a close-knit community and YGG Cwmllynfell creates a sense of nurture which we highly value. My wife's family attended YGG Cwmllynfell so it was familiar to us and it's wonderful the children are sharing that bond," says Martin.

First experiences

Parents can have many apprehensions and expectations when their children start school. Martin and his wife received a wonderful first impression that has remained throughout their children's time at YGG Cwmllynfell. "We felt YGG Cwmllynfell to be very inclusive. We wanted Gwenan and all the girls, to feel confident and with it being a small school it made us feel comfortable that class sizes would be small and children would receive individual attention. I did feel when Gwenan started in Meithrin she thrived, she was playing in the mud kitchen and being imaginative in her play, her creativity and confidence grew and the journey through school has been easy," says Martin.

Learning the local area

Martin has been impressed how YGG Cwmllynfell have embraced the local area and made it an immersive part of the children's learning experience. "I think it's important that children know and recognise where they are, that they are familiar with their community and local area. The new Welsh curriculum focuses heavily on children knowing about their locality and Elan has been immersed in this learning at YGG Cwmllynfell. People have come into school to talk to the children about local history. Local history is a huge part of life at school. They regularly head out into the local village and they pause and discuss the history of local buildings. They will examine local photographs and compare what they can see. By building on their knowledge of their locality the children build on their skills for life," says Martin.

Competing at Schools Eisteddfod

Spring Term is all about the Urdd Eisteddfod, a celebration of the Welsh Language and Culture. This annual event is held over a week with local primary schools performing songs, recitation and dance. "Recently YGG Cwmllynfell competed in the prestigious Urdd Eisteddfod event and the school competes every year. This year, YGG Cwmllynfell went through to the final round. My girls are quite musical and school offers additional tuition. The girls have had opportunities to perform at various events. It's an experience that my wife and I had as children and we wanted the same for the girls," says Martin.

Fulfilling their potential

"We're happy that the girls have been able to fulfil their potential throughout their years at YGG Cwmllynfell. There's after school and extra-curricular activities, but it is the strong sense of nurturing that really shines through. Gwenan enjoyed writing stories and music, Elan loves maths and all the girls love being at school and with their friends. Efa is creative, she likes reading, her reading skills are excellent. Staff know the children, parents and grandparents and everyone is invited into school to help support the school community. Everyone knows each other and cares, it's a strong element of school life. School is warm, welcoming, happy and thriving," says Martin.

Children say:

Efa says: "The staff help us to be the best we can be."

Elan says: "I love learning with my friends."

Gwenan says: "I'm enjoying secondary school building on skills especially with two languages."

Settling in and our school curriculum

Our school hours

The school day starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm. Nursery children will start at 8.50am and finish at 11:20am. Pupils that attend Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell, on the school grounds, can be collected from school by the staff to attend Cylch from 11:20am until 3:20pm.

Breakfast Club

A breakfast club is held at the school for every pupil, free of charge, from 8.10am.

Food in school

All meals are prepared, cooked and served on the premises by our catering staff. All children, including those who bring packed lunches, sit together in the hall, but we do encourage pupils to eat our excellently prepared and nutritious meals. All pupils from Reception to Year 6 receive free school meals. The nursery children who attend Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell also join us for their lunch.

School Uniform

It is expected that each child will wear the school uniform, but it is not compulsory. The school staff will encourage the children to wear the official uniform to show that they are proud to be a member of the school.

Curriculum

At YGG Cwmllynfell, staff, pupils, governors, parents and carers have worked together to develop a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum: that is underpinned by our vision and ethos: "Dysgwyr Da, Dyfodol Disglair".

Our curriculum is focused on ensuring that pupils develop the four main purposes of being:

1. Ambitious, Capable Learners.
2. Enterprising, Creative Contributors.
3. Ethical and Informed Citizens.
4. Healthy, Confident Individuals.

Our curriculum also ensures that pupils develop an integrated approach to learning, with meaningful links being made across the six Areas of Learning and Experience:

1. The Expressive Arts.
2. Health and Wellbeing.
3. The Humanities.
4. Languages, Literacy and Communication.
5. Mathematics and Numeracy.
6. Science and Technology.

Community

Our curriculum is designed to promote a sense of geographical, historical and cultural belonging within the school community.

Lauren Davies' two children are thriving at YGG Cwmllynfell: a small school with a big heart.

Lauren's children are, Ella in Year 1 and Eddie who is 2 years old and attends Cylch Meithrin Cwmllynfell.

Family connections

Lauren is not from the local area but her husband is and choosing YGG Cwmllynfell is carrying on a family tradition which the children are embracing. "The children love going to school. Where we live it's a very small village so to us it was important that the children grow up knowing their local area and local community. My husband's family have grown up here and there is a strong sense of community and people know each other. We wanted the children to experience the same and have the same experience as their dad," says Lauren.

Bringing learning home

Part of the joy for parents of their children starting school is when children come home enthusiastic and excited about what they have been learning. "Ella is currently learning about 'Earth'. She's coming home telling us all about what she has been learning in class. She tells us about the different planets, she can name them. She's been drawing Earth pictures out of tissue paper and painting them, she's been enjoying that very much. My little boy has been making flowers out of cupcake moulds, he's only two years old and he's doing really well. He loves being able to bring things home to keep," says Lauren.

Building confidence

As families adapt to the new routine of school, children start to experience new adventures and Ella has started to venture out into the local area with her class. "Ella is a little young yet for the after-school activities but she has been on school trips. Eddie only started in February so the focus has been on settling into the routine. Ella is starting to venture out into the local area which she's looking forward to doing more of. The older classes in school go on educational trips regularly. Ella said only yesterday that she likes going to school. I'm not sure what the future will hold for them, it's hard to say but its lovely getting to share the journey with them. Even with my little boy, already his confidence has grown so much.

He's happy to communicate with anyone and I know the experience is preparing him ready for moving through the older stages of school life," says Lauren.

Embracing Welsh culture

Many parents are looking for opportunities where their children can embrace Welsh culture but not speaking Welsh yourself could be nerve wracking, but not at YGG Cwmllynfell. "I don't speak Welsh personally but it's never been a barrier, the teachers are familiar with who speaks which language most comfortably. It never feels like an issue and everyone is always so welcoming and friendly. The children feel safe going there and they're very happy. To see the children growing in the Welsh language, especially as I don't speak Welsh myself is wonderful. Its lovely to see how they are already becoming bilingual and how they can easily switch between English and Welsh. It's changing how we speak at home and it's brilliant to have that positive influence coming home from school. I can see their personalities starting to develop," says Lauren.

A small school with a big heart

YGG Cwmllynfell is a small school in comparison to other schools in the area but with that comes a real sense of school community and being part of an extended family. "It's such a small, local school you can see even the bigger boys and girls look after the younger ones. There is a sense of nurture and caring for each other. We'll be in Tesco or out and about and Ella will start waving at people, they get to know everyone in school and their world grows outside of the boundaries of the playground," says Lauren.

Children say:

Ella says: "I love my friends."

Enriched curriculum: clubs, trips, visitors and P.E.

Extracurricular Clubs

We offer a wide range of clubs, including: sports, cooking, gardening, computing and arts and crafts.

Trips, visitors and events

We arrange public concerts and services, for example at Christmas and on St. David's Day, visits from Theatre Na N'Og and others. We visit places of interest, which enrich the children's learning, and welcome visitors to the school to talk about their expertise and experiences.

Residential Visits

From Year 3, pupils are offered the opportunity to attend residential visits in Margam Park, Llanion, Abernant and the Urdd Camps at Llangrannog, Glan-Llyn and Cardiff.

Sport and P.E.

Our school has a large field to the rear, and a hard surface at the front of the school. There is a wide range of sports activities undertaken during the year where children represent the school. These include swimming, rugby, football, cricket, netball, rounders and athletics. Any child taking part represents the school and this is recognised as a privilege equal to academic and artistic achievement. It also fosters team spirit and the developmental skills.

Derbyniadau – a bod yn rhan o'n hysgol

Derbyniadau

Y Cyngor yw'r awdurdod derbyniadau ar gyfer yr holl ysgolion a gynhelir yn y gymuned yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol. Y Cyngor sy'n pennu'r meini prawf a ddefnyddir wrth ddyrannu lleoedd mewn ysgolion cymunedol.

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Bod yn rhan o'n hysgol

CRAFf

Mae gennym CRAFf gweithgar iawn sy'n cefnogi'r ysgol wrth drefnu nifer o ddigwyddiadau hwylus a chodi arian sy'n cefnogi ein disgyblion yn ystod y flwyddyn. Os hoffech ymuno a'r CRAFf, gofynnwch yn swyddfa'r ysgol.

Gwirfoddolwyr

Gwerthfawroga'r staff addysgu unrhyw gymorth a fydd yn eu galluogi i ddarparu addysg o ansawdd gwell. Felly, anogir rhieni i ddod i'r ysgol a darparu cymorth a chefnogaeth wirfoddol gyda digwyddiadau a gweithgareddau allgyrsiol lle bynnag y bo modd.

Llywodraethwyr

Mae Llywodraethwyr yr Ysgol yn cymryd diddordeb gweithredol yn y disgyblion a'r ysgol ac yn ymweld yn rheolaidd. Os hoffech chi fod yn llywodraethwr ysgol, gofynnwch yn swyddfa'r ysgol.

Admissions – and getting involved at our school

Admissions

The Council is the admission authority for all community-maintained schools in the County Borough. As admissions authority, the Council determines the criteria that will be applied when allocating places at community schools.

Application forms are available from the School Admissions Section, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Admissions Officer, School and Family Support Team, Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ or online.

Tel: 01639 686868

Email: admissions@npt.gov.uk.

Website: www.npt.gov.uk

Getting involved at our school

PTFA

We have a very active PTFA that support the school in putting on many fun events and helping to raise money that supports our pupils during the year. If you would like to become a member of the PTFA, please ask at the school office.

Volunteers

The teaching staff appreciate any assistance that will enable them to provide a better-quality education. Therefore, parents are actively encouraged to come into school and provide voluntary help and support with events and extra-curricular activities wherever possible.

Governors

School Governors take an active interest in the pupils and school and visit regularly. If you would like to be a school governor, please ask at the school office.

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