



Ysgol Trebannws

Addysgu plant i garu dysgu ar gyfer dyfodol disglair.
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Croeso i Ysgol Trebannws

Rhagair: Dywed Rhian Evans, Pennaeth:

Rwy'n falch iawn o'ch croesawu i'n hysgol wych.

Calon y pentref

Mae Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Trebannws wrth galon y pentref gyda hanes cyfoethog o dros 130 mlynedd o addysg, addysgu a meithrin cenedlaethau o blant lleol. Rydym yn ysgol fach o 90 o ddisgyblion, ac mae llawer o ymwelwyr i'r ysgol yn sôn am y croeso cynnes y maent yn ei dderbyn a'r awyrgylch cyfeillgar sy'n rhedeg drwyddi draw. Rydym yn ymfalchïo yn y teimlad hwnnw – un sy'n gallu bod yn anodd ei ddisgrifio heb ymweliad â'r ysgol i'w brofi drosoch eich hun.

Gofalgydoldydd

Mae'r ysgol yn darparu ar gyfer plant 3-11 oed mewn pedwar dosbarth prif ffrwd sy'n cynnwys dosbarth Meithrin, ynghyd â Dosbarth Cymorth Dysgu ar gyfer CDU a gynhelir gan yr awdurdod lleol. Rydym bellach wrth ein boddau o fod yn cyflwyno cyfleuster gofalgydoldydd newydd ar gyfer plant oed meithrin a phlant cyn oed ysgol, mewn partneriaeth â Chylch Chwarae Trebannws.

Ein treftadaeth ddiwylliannol ac iaith Gymreig

Mae'r ysgol wedi'i dynodi'n Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg, a'r Gymraeg yw'r iaith gyfathrebu swyddogol ledled yr ysgol, gyda phlant yn ddwyieithog erbyn diwedd Blwyddyn 6.

Nid yw llawer o ddisgyblion YGG Trebannws yn dod o deuluoedd Cymraeg eu hiaith, felly mae'r ysgol yn brofiadol o ran cynorthwyo rhieni i gefnogi eu plant drwy gydol eu haddysg Gymraeg.

Mae rhieni hefyd yn cael eu cyfathrebu'n ddwyieithog, er mwyn sicrhau nad oes dim yn cael ei golli wrth gyfieithu! Rydym yn deall y gall fod llawer o gwestiynau ynghylch sut yn union y mae addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg yn gweithio, a byddem yn croesawu unrhyw riant neu warcheidwad chwilfrydig i ddod i mewn i'r ysgol i drafod hyn gyda ni.

Sgiliau gwerthfawr

Mae manteision enfawr i addysg ddwyieithog, ac mae cyflogwyr yng Nghymru yn gofyn am y gallu i siarad Cymraeg yn fwy nag erioed o'r blaen. Rydyn ni'n ymfalchïo yn yr iaith a'r diwylliant Cymraeg, ac wrth ein boddau yn gweld plant yn datblygu'r iaith a'r ymdeimlad o hunaniaeth Gymreig wrth iddyn nhw symud drwy'r ysgol.

Cysylltiadau cymunedol

Rydym yn falch o fod yn rhan ganolog o Drebanws, gyda chysylltiadau cryf â grwpiau eraill yn y gymuned fel Neuadd Gymunedol y Graig a'r Gardd a Fy Nghwm Gwyrdd. Rydym yn mynd â disgyblion o bob oed i'r pentref yn rheolaidd am dro ac i archwilio eu hamgylchedd a'u hanes.

Dysgu yn yr awyr agored

Un o ddiwrnodau mwyaf disgwyledig yr wythnos ar gyfer ein blynyddoedd 3-6 yw Dydd Mercher Ysgol y Goedwig! Mae'r disgyblion yn cymryd drosodd darn lleol o goetir, ac yn dysgu sgiliau awyr agored hanfodol, yn ogystal â mwynhau holl fanteision bod ym myd natur. Mae rhai gweithgareddau diweddar yn cynnwys adeiladu gwestai bygiau, gwneud bwydwr adar, a gwneud s'mores a siocled poeth.



Partneriaeth rhieni

Rhan bwysig arall o'n hysgol yw chi, y rhiant! Fel y gwelwch, trwy ddarllen straeon rhieni a disgyblion yn y prospectws hwn, rydych chi a'ch plentyn yn bwysig iawn i ni. Rydym yn hyrwyddo'r cysylltiad rhwng yr ysgol a'r rhiant ac yn gweithio'n galed iawn i'ch cynnwys ym mhob cam o amser eich plentyn yma..... a chynyddu mwynhad eich plentyn o ddysgu.

Cysylltu

Diolch i chi am gymryd yr amser i ddarllen am ein hysgol – rydym yn hynod o falch o'i chyfleusterau, ethos a'i hamgylchedd cynnes maethlon. Rydym yn croesawu unrhyw un i ddod draw i weld a hoffech wybod mwy a'i weld drosoch eich hun. Cysylltwch â ni drwy e-bost ar swyddfa@ygggtrebannws.npt.school neu ffoniwch 01792 864004.

Mae bachgen hynaf Victoria Hopkins, Harry, wedi symud i YGG Trebannws yn ddiweddar ac mae'r symudiad wedi newid ei fywyd

Newidiadau enfawr eisoes

Dim ond ers ychydig o wythnosau y mae Harry wedi bod yn ddisgybl yn YGG Trebannws, ond mae ei fam Victoria eisoes yn sylwi ar wahaniaeth enfawr yn ei bachgen bach. Nawr ei fod yn YGG Trebannws mae e fel plentyn gwahanol," meddai Victoria.

Amgylchedd dysgu cadarnhaol

Mae Victoria yn teimlo mai'r amgylchedd dysgu cadarnhaol y mae YGG Trebannws yn ei greu sydd wedi gwneud cymaint o wahaniaeth i Harry ac sydd wedi ei alluogi i setlo'n hawdd. "Mae Harry yn teimlo'n ddiogel ei fod yn gallu gwneud camgymeriadau. Nawr, mae'n meddwl am yr ateb, a bydd yn gofyn am help a chefnogaeth pan fo angen, nid yw'n teimlo mewn penbleth nac yn cael ei farnu. Mae'r athrawon yn rhoi "Pump Uchel" iddo'n rheolaidd. Mae'n ystum mor hyfryd ac uniongyrchol, ac mae'n golygu'r byd i Harry. Mae'r atgyfnerthu cadarnhaol yn wych ac am y tro cyntaf erioed, er ei fod yn wyth mlwydd oed, rwy'n teimlo bod Harry yn ymgysylltu â dysgu," meddai Victoria.

Cofleidio eu hymdeimlad o hunan

Mae YGG Trebannws yn creu amgylchedd meithringar lle mae'r plant i gyd yn teimlo'n rhydd i fod yn naturiol iddyn nhw eu hunain ac mae pawb yn cael eu cofleidio am eu gwahaniaethau unigryw a'r hyn y gallant ei gynnig i fywyd yr ysgol. "Mae YGG Trebannws yn cofleidio pawb, gall pawb fod yn nhw eu hunain. Mae Harry yn teimlo y gall ddod â'i wir hunan i'r ysgol, rydyn ni'n byw ar fferm weithiol a nawr, mae Harry yn teimlo y gall rannu bywyd gartref gyda'i ffrindiau ysgol. Mae'n teimlo'n ddiogel i fod yn wir ei hun. Mae'n teimlo ei fod yn cael ei glywed a'i barchu," meddai Victoria.

Wedi setlo yn yr ysgol ac yn y cartref

Gall bywyd ysgol plant gael effaith enfawr ar fywyd gartref ac mae Victoria a'i theulu wedi sylwi ar newidiadau cadarnhaol enfawr i fywyd gartref ers i Harry ddechrau yn YGG Trebannws. "Rydyn ni wedi sylwi nid yn unig gwahaniaeth yn ei les emosiynol ond hefyd ei les corfforol. I ni fel teulu, mae wedi newid bywydau. Ni fyddai Harry wedi cael llun o'i hun wedi tynnu, roedd mor hunanymwybodol ac eto nawr mae yng nghylchlythyr YGG Trebannws gyda gwên fawr wych, mae'n hyfryd gweld," meddai Victoria.

Dod i adnabod yr ardal leol

Mae YGG Trebannws yn cofleidio eu hardal leol ac yn gweithio'n galed i sicrhau bod y plant yn dod i wybod beth sydd ar garreg eu drws. "Maen nhw bob amser yn mynd allan ar deithiau. Mae'n ysgol mor fach ond mae 'na llwyth bob amser yn digwydd, maen nhw wedi bod i Gaerdydd i wylïo Cymru'n chwarae pêl-droed ac maen nhw wedi bod i seremoni enwi pont y gamlas, pob math o deithiau a phrofiadau gwahanol. Maen nhw'n gwneud defnydd o'r holl gyfleoedd lleol, parciau a ffermydd lleol, ac felly dydy'r plant ddim hyd yn oed yn sylweddoli eu bod nhw'n dysgu," meddai Victoria.

Dathlu llwyddiant

Mae Harry a'i deulu yn dod i arfer â dathlu llwyddiant yn YGG Trebannws, o gael Seren yr Wythnos i sticeri gwobrwyo cadarnhaol rheolaidd Mae Harry yn gwneud yn arbennig o dda diolch i'w amgylchedd dysgu newydd. "Cafodd Harry ei arddangosfa gelf gyntaf. Roedd hwn yn blentyn a allai prin ysgrifennu ei enw ei hun a nawr dyma fe'n arddangos ei waith celf, cawsom



Mae Harry ym Mlwyddyn 3 yn YGG Trebannws ac mae wedi ymgartrefu yn wych

wahoddiad i ddod i'w weld ac yna gallem fynd ag ef adref. Mae'r cyfan mor bositif ac mae Harry wedi dechrau ymfalchïo yn ei waith, mae o eisiau plesio ei athrawon. Ni allaf ganmol yr ysgol ddigon. Mae Harry yn codi ac yn rhoi ei wisg ymlaen, brwsio ei ddannedd ac yn bwyta ei frecwast ac mae'n gyffrous i fynd i'r ysgol. Mae wedi newid ein bywyd yn llwyr," meddai Victoria.

Mae'r plentyn yn dweud

Dywedodd Harry: "Rwy'n caru fy ffrindiau i gyd ac rwyf wrth fy modd yn mynd i'r ysgol."

Setlo i mewn a’n cwricwlwm ysgol

Ein horiau ysgol

- Meithrinfa
12.50pm – 3.20pm
- Sylfaen
8.50am – 11.50am
12.50pm – 3.20pm
- Cyfnod Allweddol 2
8.50am – 11.50am
12.50pm – 3.20pm

Clwb brecwast

Mae gennym Glwb Brecwast am ddim i ddisgyblion yn y dosbarth Derbyn i Flwyddyn 6. Mae’r clwb yn agor am 8.10am tan 8.25am. Caiff hyn ei oruchwyllo gan gogydd yr ysgol a goruchwylwyr y clwb. Yn ogystal, mae’r gofalgdydddydd hefyd yn darparu brecwast am ddim i ddisgyblion Meithrin o 8:10am.

Bwyd yn yr ysgol

Mae cinio poeth yn cael eu paratoi yn ffres ar y safle gan y cogydd. Darperir prydau bwyd yn unol â’r polisi dietegol a gynhyrchir gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot a Gwasanaeth Arlwygo Castell-nedd Port Talbot. Gellir dod o hyd i’r fwydlen dymhorol lawn ar wefan yr ysgol. Mae pob disgybl oed cynradd yn derbyn prydau ysgol am ddim.

Mae rhai disgyblion yn dewis dod â pheccyn bwyd i mewn yn hytrach na chael pryd ysgol. Wrth i ni hyrwyddo bwyta’n iach ac yfed, anogir disgyblion i ddod â bocs bwyd iach i mewn, a dŵr i’w yfed.



Gwisg ysgol

Mae gwisg ysgol swyddogol, y mae ei gwisgo yn ddewisol. Fodd bynnag, anogir pob plentyn i wisgo gwisg ysgol i ddangos ei fod yn falch o fod yn aelod o’r ysgol.

Ein cwricwlwm

Cwricwlwm amrywiol, cytbwys a pherthnasol

Ein nod yw darparu cwricwlwm amrywiol, cytbwys a pherthnasol mewn modd diddorol a chreadigol, fel bod y disgyblion yn gallu datblygu’r sgiliau a’r priodoleddau sy’n angenrheidiol ar gyfer dyfodol disglair a chwarae rhan lawn yn y gymdeithas. Yn ogystal, byddwn yn annog datblygiad pob disgybl i symud ymlaen ar hyd continwwm dysgu fel bod pob dysgwr yn cyflawni ei botensial llawn.

Mae’r cwricwlwm newydd yn seiliedig ar y pedwar diben canlynol gan sicrhau y bydd pob plentyn a pherson ifanc yn:

1. Dysgwyr uchelgeisiol, galluog sy’n barod i ddysgu drwy gydol eu bywydau.
2. Cyfranwyr creadigol mentrus sy’n barod i chwarae rhan lawn mewn bywyd a gwaith.
3. Dinasyddion egwyddorol, gwybodus sy’n barod i fod yn ddinasyddion Cymru a’r byd.
4. Unigolion iach, hyderus sy’n barod i fyw bywydau boddhaus fel aelodau gwerthfawr o gymdeithas.



Mae YGG Trebannws yn ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg ac mae Shannon Jade wrth ei bodd gyda chynnydd dwyieithog ei merch Amber

Profiad ysgol gyntaf

Symudodd Shannon Jade a’i theulu o Loegr dair blynedd yn ôl ac YGG Trebannws oedd y lleoliad ysgol cyntaf i Amber ei fynychu. “Mae Amber wrth ei bodd yn yr ysgol, mae’n anhygoel. Symudon ni o Loegr, a doedd hi ddim wedi bod mewn ysgol na meithrinfa yno, felly dyma oedd ei phrofiad cyntaf o leoliad ysgol. Mae Amber yn caru unrhyw beth sy’n ymwneud â cherddoriaeth, celf a chrefft. Pan mae hi ar ei gwyliau mae hi wastad yn dweud faint mae hi’n gweld eisiau’r ysgol,” meddai Shannon.

Bod yn rhan o gymuned yr ysgol

Mae Shannon yn aelod gweithgar o’r CRAFF ac yn rhiant-lywodraethwr ac mae hi’n profi’r ysgol fel rhiant ac fel gwirfoddolwr felly mae’n gweld plant yn rhyngweithio ar draws yr ysgol. “Mae’r ysgol yn gyfeillgar ac yn groesawgar ac yn darparu amgylchedd dysgu tosturiol i’r plant. Maent yn rhyngweithio dros y grwpiau blwyddyn; mae pawb yn adnabod pawb, ac mae’r plant yn hyfryd gyda’i gilydd. Mae’n amgylchedd mor ddymunol. Mae cydlyniant rhwng y gwahanol grwpiau blwyddyn, ac maen nhw’n cefnogi ei gilydd ac yn cydweithio,” meddai Shannon.

Teulu yr ysgol

Mae maint dosbarthiadau bach a chymuned glos yn gwneud i YGG Trebannws deimlo fel teulu, ac mae’n un o’r pethau a ddenodd Shannon ac Amber i’r ysgol. “Rwyf wrth fy modd pa mor fach ac agos yw’r ysgol. Mae hyn yn golygu bod gan yr athrawon berthynas agos iawn â phob plentyn, mae pob plentyn yn cael ei ystyried yn unigolyn. Os oes gan y plant anghenion neu ‘quirks’ penodol mae’r athrawon yn ymgysylltu ac

yn cydymdeimlo â sut maen nhw’n cefnogi’r anghenion hynny,” meddai Shannon.

Profiad dysgu Cymraeg

“Dwi’n meddwl gyda’r ysgol yn gyfrwng Cymraeg mae’n brofiad gwahanol iawn i os oedden nhw mewn ysgol Saesneg. Nid ydynt yn dysgu darllen nac ysgrifennu yn Saesneg nes eu bod yn saith neu wyth oed. Mae eu holl ddysgu mewn ail-iaith i’r rhan fwyaf o’r myfyrwyr, dim ond canran fach sy’n dod o aelwydydd Cymraeg eu hiaith. Mae hyn yn ei gwneud hi’n anodd cymharu cynnydd â’u cyfoedion mewn ysgolion Saesneg eu hiaith, ac mewn rhai ffyrdd, byddai’n edrych fel eu bod ar ei hôl hi. Fodd bynnag, maen nhw’n cael y cyfle anhygoel hwn i ddysgu iaith wahanol a dod yn ddwyieithog. Mae dull yr ysgol yn dyner iawn. Pan oeddwn i’n arfer mynd i mewn a helpu yn Meithrin a Derbyn bydden nhw’n dweud popeth yn Gymraeg, ailadrodd yn Saesneg ac yna dweud popeth yn Gymraeg eto. I ddechrau, roedd y plant i gyd yn ateb yn ôl yn Saesneg, yn deall yn glir ond ddim yn gallu ymateb yn Gymraeg. Wrth iddyn nhw symud i fyny yn yr ysgol, ti’n eu gweld nhw’n ymateb yn Gymraeg, sy’n eitha’ anhygoel, o gofio ei fod yn dechrau digwydd mor gynnar â Blwyddyn 1. Rwy’n credu bod yr ysgol yn darparu profiad dysgu hyfryd sy’n teimlo’n naturiol iawn, weithiau gall deimlo bod llawer o bwysau ar blant i gyrraedd disgwiliadau penodol ar rai oeddrannau, fodd bynnag, mae’r dull tyner a ddarperir gan yr ysgol yn teimlo’n fwy priodol o ran oedran na lleoliadau eraill ac mae eu dysgu yn cyd-fynd â cherrig milltir datblygiadol naturiol a chynnydd y plant,” meddai Shannon.



Mae merch Shannon, Amber ym Mlwyddyn 1 yn YGG Trebannws

Cymuned gefnogol

“Mae’r CRAFF yn benodol ar gyfer codi arian, rydym yn ceisio codi cymaint ag y gallwn fel bod y plant yn mwynhau amrywiaeth o brofiadau. Mae’r myfyrwyr Blwyddyn 6 yn derbyn cyfraniadau tuag at eu Hwdiŷ Ymadawyr ac rydym yn ariannu gweithgareddau’r Nadolig. Mae gennym lai na chant o ddisgyblion ac i gymuned fach, mae ein holl ddigwyddiadau’n cael eu mynychu’n dda ac mae pawb yn gefnogol iawn. Fel teulu cymharol newydd i’r gymuned, rydym wedi gweld pawb mor groesawgar a chyfeillgar. Rydym wedi ymgartrefu ac adeiladu rhwydwaith cymorth oherwydd amgylchedd a theuluoedd hyfryd yr ysgol. Mae’n gymuned ffyniannus yr ydym yn teimlo’n ddiolchgar iawn i fod yn rhan ohoni,” meddai Shannon.

Mae’r plentyn yn dweud

Meddai Amber: “Rydw i wrth fy modd yn mynd i’r ysgol.”

Cwricwlwm cyfoethog: gweithgareddau, Addysg Gorfforol a Chwaraeon

Gweithgareddau

Mae ethos Cymreig cryf yn treiddio i bob agwedd o fywyd yr ysgol. Mae gweithgareddau allgyrsiol fel clybiau ar ôl ysgol, gweithgareddau'r Urdd a chymryd rhan mewn chwaraeon ar gael. Mae llawer iawn o bwysigrwydd ynghlwm wrth gynnwys disgyblion mewn gweithgareddau o natur ddiwylliannol, hamdden a chwaraeon, gan gynnwys:

- Gwersi pres a drwm.
- Clwb wythnosol (ar ôl ysgol).
- Timau chwaraeon amrywiol - rygbi, pêl-rwyd, pêl-droed ac athletau.
- Cysiau preswyl mewn canolfannau gweithgareddau awyr agored.
- Cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod.
- Cyngherddau a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus.
- Ymweliadau addysgol rheolaidd.

Addysg Gorfforol a Chwaraeon

Nodau addysgu Addysg Gorfforol yw annog a helpu ein holl blant i fyw bywydau iach ac egnïol a hyrwyddo datblygiad priodoleddau personol dymunol a rhinweddau ymdrech, chwarae teg, gwaith tîm, dyfalbarhad, ymdeimlad o gyflawniad a hunan-barch. Nod ein staff yw cyflawni'r nodau hyn drwy gynnig ystod eang o weithgareddau i ddisgyblion o bob oed, yn y cwricwlwm wedi'i amserlennu a thu hwnt i wersi arferol, lle maent yn wynebu gwahanol fathau o heriau ac yn cael eu hannog i wella ar eu perfformiadau unigol eu hunain.

Mae personoliaethau chwaraeon a hyfforddwy'r gwadd hefyd yn cyfrannu at ddatblygiad y plant. Mae'r ysgol yn defnyddio'r cyfleusterau chwaraeon lleol canlynol:

- Parc Trebannws.
- Canolfan Hamdden Pontardawe.
- Pwll Nofio Castell Nedd.



Welcome to Ysgol Trebannws

Foreword: Rhian Evans, Headteacher, says:

I am very proud to welcome you to our wonderful school.

Heart of the village

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Trebannws is at the heart of the village with a rich history of over 130 years of education, teaching and nurturing generations of local children. We are a small school of 90 pupils, and many visitors to the school remark on the warm welcome they receive and the friendly atmosphere running throughout. We pride ourselves on that feeling - one that can be hard to describe without a visit to the school to experience it for yourself.

Wraparound

The school accommodates children aged 3-11 in four mainstream classes which includes Nursery, along with a Learning Support Class for local authority maintained IDPs. We are now absolutely thrilled to be introducing a new Wraparound Care facility for nursery-aged children, in partnership with Cylch Chwarae Trebannws.

Our rich Welsh cultural and language heritage

The school is designated as a Welsh Primary School, and Welsh is the official language of communication throughout the school, with children being bilingual by the end of Year 6.



Many pupils at YGG Trebannws do not come from Welsh-speaking families, so the school is experienced with assisting parents in supporting their children throughout their Welsh education. Parents are also communicated with bilingually, to ensure nothing gets missed in translation! We understand that there can be many questions surrounding exactly how Welsh-medium education works, and we would welcome any curious parent or guardian to come into the school to discuss this with us.

A valuable skill

There are huge advantages to a bilingual education, and employers in Wales are asking for the ability to speak Welsh more than ever before. We take great pride in the Welsh language and culture, and love seeing children develop the language and sense of Welsh identity as they move through school.

Community links

We are proud to be a central part of Trebannws, with strong links to other groups in the community such as Graig Community Hall & Garden and My Green Valley. We regularly take pupils of all ages into the village for walks and to explore their surroundings and history.

Outdoor learning

One of the most anticipated days of the week for our years 3-6 is Forest School Wednesdays! The pupils take over a local patch of woodland, and learn vital outdoor skills, as well as enjoying all the benefits of being in nature. Some recent activities include building bug hotels, making bird feeders, and making s'mores and hot chocolate.



Parent partnership

Another very important part of our school is you, the parent! As you will see, by reading the parent and pupil stories within this prospectus, you and your child are very important to us. 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

Thank you for taking the time to read about our school - we are immensely proud of its facilities, ethos and warm, nurturing environment. We welcome anyone to come along to see if you would like to know more and see it for yourself. Contact us by email on swyddfa@ygggtrebannws.npt.school or telephone 01792 864004.

Victoria Hopkins’ eldest boy Harry has recently moved to YGG Trebannws and the move has proved life changing

Huge changes already
Harry has only been a pupil at YGG Trebannws for a matter of weeks, but his mum Victoria is already noticing a huge difference in her little boy. Now that he’s in YGG Trebannws he’s like a different child,” says Victoria.

A positive learning environment
Victoria feels that it is the positive learning environment that YGG Trebannws creates which has made such a difference to Harry and has enabled him to settle easily. “Harry feels safe that he can make mistakes. Now, he thinks about the answer, and he’ll ask for help and support when needed, he doesn’t feel embarrassed or judged. The teachers regularly give him “High-fives”. It’s such a lovely and immediate gesture, and it means the world to Harry. The positive reinforcement is great and for the first time ever, even though he’s eight years old, I feel that Harry is engaging with learning,” says Victoria.

Embracing their sense of self
YGG Trebannws creates a nurturing environment where all the children feel free to be their natural selves and everyone is embraced for their unique differences and what they can bring to life at school. “YGG Trebannws embraces everyone, everyone can be themselves. Harry feels he can bring his true self to school, we live on a working farm and now, Harry feels he can share life at home with his school friends. He feels safe to be his truest self. He feels listened to and respected,” says Victoria.

Settled at school and at home
Children’s school life can have a huge impact on life at home and Victoria and her family have noticed huge positive changes to life at home since Harry has started at YGG Trebannws. “We’ve noticed not only a difference in his emotional well-being but also his physical well-being. For us as a family it’s been life changing. Harry wouldn’t have a photo taken, he was so self-conscious and yet now he’s in the YGG Trebannws newsletter with a great big smile, it’s wonderful to see,” says Victoria.

Getting to know the local area
YGG Trebannws embrace their local area and work hard to make sure the children get to know what’s on their doorstep. “They’re always going out on trips. It’s such a small school but there’s always tonnes going on, they’ve been to Cardiff to watch Wales play football and they’ve been to bridge naming ceremonies, all sorts of different trips and experiences. They make use of all the local opportunities, local parks and farms, and that way the children don’t even realise that they’re learning,” says Victoria.

Celebrating success
Harry and his family are getting used to celebrating success at YGG Trebannws, from being awarded Star of the Week to regular positive reward stickers Harry is doing tremendously well all thanks to his new learning environment. “Harry had his first art exhibition. This was a child that could barely write his own name and now here he was displaying his artwork, we were invited to come and see it and then we could take it home. It’s



Harry is in Year 3 at YGG Trebannws and has settled in brilliantly

all so positive and Harry has started to take real pride in his work, he wants to please his teachers. I cannot praise the school enough. Harry gets up and puts his uniform on, brushes his teeth and eats his breakfast and is excited to go to school. It’s completely changed our life,” says Victoria.

Children say:
Harry says: “I love all my friends and I love going to school.”

Settling in and our school curriculum

Our school hours

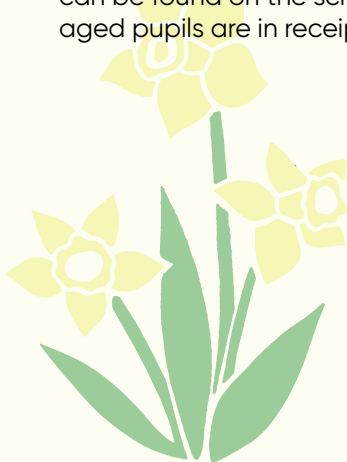
- Nursery
12.50pm – 3.20pm
- Foundation
8.50am – 11.50am
12.50pm – 3.20pm
- Key Stage 2
8.50am – 11.50am
12.50pm – 3.20pm

Breakfast club

We have a free Breakfast Club for pupils in Reception class to Year 6. The club opens at 8.10am until 8.25am. This is supervised by the school cook and club supervisors. In addition, the wraparound also provides free breakfast for Nursery pupils from 8:10am

Food in school

Hot lunches are prepared fresh on the premises by the cook. Meals are provided according to the dietary policy produced by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Neath Port Talbot’s Catering Service. The full termly menu can be found on the school website. All primary aged pupils are in receipt of free school meals.



Some pupils choose to bring in a packed lunch rather than having a school meal. As we promote healthy eating and drinking, pupils are encouraged to bring in a healthy lunch box, and water to drink.

Uniform

There is an official school uniform, the wearing of which is optional. However, every child is actively encouraged to wear uniform to show that they are proud to be a member of the school.

Our curriculum

A varied, balanced and relevant curriculum

Our aim is to provide a varied, balanced and relevant curriculum in an interesting and creative manner, so that the pupils are able to develop the skills and attributes necessary for a bright future and to play a full part in society. In addition, we will encourage the development of all pupils to progress along a continuum of learning so that all learners achieve their full potential.

The new curriculum is based on the following four purposes ensuring that all children and young people will be:

1. Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
2. Enterprising creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
3. Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
4. Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.



YGG Trebannws is a Welsh-medium school and Shannon Jade is thrilled at her daughter Amber's bi-lingual progress

First school experience

Shannon Jade and her family moved from England three years ago and YGG Trebannws was the first school setting that Amber attended. "Amber loves school, it's amazing. We moved from England, and she hadn't been in a school or nursery there, so this was her first experience of a school setting. Amber loves anything to do with music, art and crafts. When she's on holiday she always says how much she misses school," says Shannon.

Being part of the school community

Shannon is an active member of the PTA and a parent governor and she experiences school as a parent and as a volunteer so sees children interacting across the school. "The school is friendly and welcoming and provides a compassionate learning environment for the children. They interact over the year groups; everyone knows everyone, and the children are lovely with each other. It's such a pleasant environment. There is cohesion between the different year groups, and they support each other and work together," says Shannon.

The school family

Small class sizes and a close-knit community make YGG Trebannws feel like a family, and it is one of the things that attracted Shannon and Amber to the school. "I love how small and intimate the school is. This means the teachers have very close relationships with each child, each child is seen as an individual. If the children have particular needs or quirks the teachers are engaged and sympathetic with how they support those needs," says Shannon.

Welsh learning experience

"I think with the school being Welsh medium, it's a very different experience to if they were in an English school. They don't learn to read or write in English until they're seven or eight years old. All their learning is in a second language for most of the students, there is only a small percentage that come from Welsh speaking households. This does make it hard to compare progress with their peers in English speaking schools, and in some respects, it would look like they were behind. However, they're having this incredible opportunity to learn a different language and become bi-lingual. The school's approach is very gentle. When I used to go in and help in Mythryn and Derbyn they would say everything in Welsh, repeat it in English and then say everything in Welsh again. Initially, the children were all answering back in English, clearly understanding but not quite able to respond in Welsh. As they move up in the school, you see them responding in Welsh, which is quite incredible, bearing in mind it starts to happen as early as Year 1. I think the school provides a lovely learning experience that feels very natural, sometimes it can feel there is a lot of pressure on children to reach certain expectations at certain ages, however, the gentle approach provided by the school feels more age appropriate than other settings and their learning is in tune with the natural developmental milestones and progress of the children," says Shannon.

Supportive community

"The PTA is specifically for fundraising, we try and raise as much as we can so that the children enjoy a



Shannon's daughter, Amber is in Year 1 at YGG Trebannws

variety of experiences. The Year 6 students receive contributions towards their Leavers' Hoodies and we fund Christmas activities. We have less than one hundred pupils and for a small community, all our events are well attended and everyone is very supportive. As a relatively new family to the community, we've found everyone to be so welcoming and friendly. We have settled in and built a support network due to the lovely school environment and families. It's a thriving community which we feel very grateful to be a part of," says Shannon.

Children say:

Amber says: "I love going to school."

Enriched curriculum: activities, Physical Education and Sport

Activities

A strong Welsh ethos permeates all aspects of school life. Extra-curricular activities such as after school clubs, Urdd activities and participation in sport are readily available. A great deal of importance is attached to the involvement of pupils in activities of a cultural, recreational and sporting nature, including:

- Brass and drum tuition.
- Weekly club (after school).
- Various sporting teams - rugby, netball, football and athletics.
- Residential courses at outdoor activities centres.
- Eisteddfod participation.
- Public concerts and services.
- Regular educational visits.

Physical Education and sport

The aims of the teaching of P.E. are to encourage and help all our children to lead healthy and active lifestyles and to promote the development of the desirable personal attributes and qualities of endeavour, fair play, teamwork, perseverance, sense of achievement and self-esteem. Our staff set out to fulfil these aims by offering pupils of all ages a wide range of activities, both in the timetabled curriculum and outside normal lessons, in which they are faced with different kinds of challenges and are encouraged to improve upon their own individual performances.

Sports personalities and visiting coaches also contribute to the children's development. The school utilises the following local sporting amenities:

- Trebannws Park.
- Pontardawe Leisure Centre.
- Neath Swimming Pool.



Derbyniadau... a chymryd rhan

Derbyniadau

Gall plant gael mynediad i le meithrin rhan-amser o ddechrau'r tymor yn dilyn eu trydydd penblwydd. Mae'r ysgol wedi mabwysiadu, ac yn dilyn Gweithdrefnau Derbyn yr Awdurdod Lleol. Mae manylion llawn Polisi Derbyn Castell-nedd Port Talbot i'w gweld yn y Llawlyfr Gwybodaeth i Rieni sydd ar gael gan y Tîm Ysgolion a Chymorth i Deuluoedd ar 01639 763600.

Rhaid i bob cais am fynediad i'n hysgol gael ei wneud drwy'r Awdurdod Lleol. Gall rhieni fynd at Bennaeth yr ysgol feithrin o'u dewis i gael mynediad. Gellir gwneud ffurflen gais neu geisiadau fel arall ar-lein ar wefan www.npt.gov.uk (gellir dod o hyd i ffurflenni o dan dderbyniadau ysgol). Bydd pob cais yn cael ei ddychwelyd i'r Swyddog Derbyn, Tîm Cefnogi Ysgolion a Theuluoedd, Canolfan Ddinesig Port Talbot, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ.

Cymryd rhan

CRAFF

Mae gennym CRAFF gweithredol sy'n trefnu digwyddiadau codi arian amrywiol yn rheolaidd fel disgo ysgol a Ffair Nadolig a'r Haf, trefnu anrhegion Sul y Mamau a Sul y Tadau ynghyd â darparu Siop Gwisg Ysgol Ail-ddefnyddiadwy. Mae'r holl help yn cael ei dderbyn yn ddiolchgar!

Gwirfoddolwyr

Anogir rhieni i gefnogi'r ysgol mewn modd gwirfoddol, fel darllen gyda disgyblion a chynorthwyo wrth fynychu teithiau ysgol.

Llywodraethwyr

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

Admissions... and getting involved

Admissions

Children can access a part-time nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday. The school has adopted, and follows the Local Authority Admission Procedures. Full details of the Neath Port Talbot Admission Policy can be found in the Information for Parents Handbook available from the Schools and Family Support Team on 01639 763600.

All admission applications to our school must be made through the Local Authority. Parents can approach the Headteacher of their preferred nursery school for an Admissions. Application Form or alternatively applications can be made online at the www.npt.gov.uk website (forms can be found under School Admissions). All applications are to be returned to Admissions Officer, Schools & Family Support Team, Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ.

Getting involved

PTA

We have an active PTA which regularly organises various fund-raising events such as a school disco and Christmas and Summer Fayres, arranging Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts along with providing a Pre-loved School Uniform Shop. All help is gratefully received!

Volunteers

Parents are encouraged to support the school in a volunteering capacity, such as reading with pupils and accompanying pupils on school trips.

Governors

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



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