



## Newsletter- November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a lovely October! We have really enjoyed getting back into the swing of things and welcoming a couple of new faces along the way. A big hello to our new families!

We really enjoyed running our first Holiday Club during half-term. We are looking forward to Christmas Holiday Club. If you would like to book your space, please let us know. We will be sending out a flyer with further information in the coming few days. Spaces will be given on a first come first served basis, with priority going to our Meithrinfa children, however siblings and other children from Ysgol Gynradd Beaumaris are also welcome to join us.

We are also recruiting a Level 3 Nursery Assistant. Please see the next page for information.

Kind regards,

Rebecca

### Our Journey to School Readiness

We understand that the transition from Meithrinfa to Reception can be a big leap. This is why we are dedicated to giving the children access to focused activities that help build their skills ready for starting school. Each child has a Journal that they will stick photos and examples of their work to look back on how they've progressed.

#### November's School Readiness focus is: Independence and Self-Help Skills.

We will be focusing on

- ✓ Washing and drying our hands.
  - ✓ Blowing our noses
- ✓ Putting our own coats, hats and wellies on.
- ✓ Doing up zips, Velcro and popper buttons.
- ✓ Opening packaging in our lunchbox.

### Staff news

Firstly, we need to say goodbye to Aunty Hannah who has decided to leave Meithrinfa to go onto a new chapter. We wish her all the best in whatever she does next.

In happier news, we would like to congratulate Laura on her promotion to Nursery Supervisor. She is a great asset to our team and provides us with a valuable insight into being a parent of our nursery.

Aunty Elaine is progressing onto her Level 3 Childcare and Development qualification as part of a workplace learning scheme.

Rebecca is going to be starting her Level 3 Forest School qualification in the new year, which means that we will be able to run Forest School activities each week for the children. We will build skills such as safely using tools, recognising elements of the natural world, and even cooking and being safe around a real campfire!



## What we have been up to this month

We have been very busy again this month. We have successfully run our very first Holiday Club during half term where the children visited the local forest almost every day and even had a Halloween Disco on the Friday!

One of our focuses from a management point of view this month has been improving relationships between home and Meithrinfa. We have done this by sending daily diaries home and regularly updating the private Meithrinfa Sêr Môr Parent Information Facebook page. We share lots of photos and information on there. If you're not already a member of the group, feel free to request to join.

**We have also posted a Parent/Carer survey link to the page for you to share your thoughts and experiences with us.** It is on Survey Monkey and will only take a few minutes to complete but will provide us with vital information about how you feel about Meithrinfa. If you have not already participated in the survey, and you would like to, please scan the QR code above. We will be sharing the feedback in December's newsletter.

### Our Team

We thought it would be nice to share who is who, our qualification levels and what our roles are within Meithrinfa.



Rebecca-

Nursery Manager

BA (Hons) Childhood Studies



Laura-

Nursery Supervisor

Level 3 in Childcare and Education



Elaine-

Nursery Assistant

Level 2 in Childcare and Development

### We are recruiting!

We are recruiting **1x Level 3 Nursery Assistant** to work 17.5 hours (plus extra during school holidays and to cover staff sickness/holidays). We need the candidate to be fully flexible and available to work the hours required. The candidate must have a full and relevant Level 3 qualification and experience working within the 2-5 years age range. They must also have experience of planning and observing children in a childcare setting. Ideally, the candidate would be a Welsh speaker, but consideration will be given to an active learner.

**All members of staff receive 10% off childcare** and are given a **free uniform**. Staff are also given **free training and professional development** such as Food Hygiene, Safeguarding and Paediatric First Aid and higher Childcare qualifications.

If you are interested, please let us know and we will send you an application form to fill in to return by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.