



Newsletter- January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you've had a lovely Christmas and a good New Year. We are so happy that we have been open to re-open. We just want to thank everyone for their patience in these strange times.

We have also been given a tablet to use, so we have now got a Class Dojo account. We will be posting videos and photos of all our play and learning, as well as recording observations of your child's development. You should have been sent an invitation to your email or been given a paper version with a code on. We hope you enjoy using the app.

Lastly, we would like to say excited we are to be back and we have lots of fun events and activities planned this year!

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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.

**January's School Readiness focus is:
Fine Motor Skills and Counting 1-10
bilingually.**

We will be focusing on:

- Counting forwards and backwards to 10 in both English and Welsh.
- Practising using different tools such as tweezers and screwdrivers to build our smaller muscles in our hands.
 - How to hold a pencil
 - How to safely cut with scissors.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE!

Please can remind all children who will be starting school in September that the application deadline to choose your school is the 1st February. Please make sure that you submit your application with your preferences to the Local Authority by this date so that they can process it in time.



Parent/Carer Bulletin

Slippers inside Meithrinfa

As the weather is getting wetter and it is getting muddy outside, please can we ask all parents to provide their child with a pair of slippers to change into at the start of the session. This is to reduce the amount of mud

Wellies

As we are all digging out our wet and cold weather clothing and shoes you might have found that your child has grown out of their wellies. If this is the case we would really appreciate it if you would consider donating the wellies to us so that we can grow our set of spares for when we go on adventures.

Parent/Carer Winter Survey results

Last month we sent out a survey on Survey Monkey for parents/carers to fill in. Thank you to all that got involved. Here are some of the positives we have been given:

"Approachable, friendly staff. Always welcoming and make time to speak to parents. Speak to the children as individuals and not just as a group, I am always hearing each child greeted with their name and that's lovely. The photographs of the children's activities are a brilliant too. The slips of how the children have got on during the day are a huge positive for us, we rely on these to speak about the day at Meithrinfa."

"The ease in which the older children can go directly to cylich. The familiarity of the aunties and how I feel my child is well looked after."

"Friendly staff, daily diary sheets and the newsletter to keep us up to date on everything, Auntie Elaine and the new staff seem to create a more positive atmosphere than what we have experienced in the past. It doesn't seem like we're in a nursery from the 90s when you look inside. It's also nice to get work back that looks like it was made by a 3-year-old. There was only so many butterflies and months out of date painted decorations we could have! I'm glad Playgroup is moving with the times. I am so glad Auntie Elaine is still here as she is a family favourite among our kids. We're a lot happier now since the takeover"

"Friendly, welcoming"

"The staff are really friendly and there seems to be a more positive, happier atmosphere recently. It is more welcoming now. The Facebook page is really good, and I love seeing photos of all the children and what they have been up to"

"New management has improved Meithrinfa dramatically! We actually are able to communicate with the people looking after our child. I like the new invoice and how it tells you how your bill is made up. Rebecca is a real asset and is someone who is spoke about a lot at home. It feels a lot more professional now and less like a crèche where hardly anyone is qualified to look after children to a high standard. I feel more comfortable knowing we have staff who have spent years learning the theory but also stay up to date with ideas. It's great to see kids being kids and be free to follow their own ideas and be treated as individuals."