



## Newsletter- December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We have been so busy during November! We have been doing lots of learning through play and have been exploring the changes in the world around us outside. It's definitely getting colder and wetter! We're so glad for wellies so we can splash in all the puddles.

You should all have received a progress summary report for your child which tells you all about how they have settled into Meithrinfa Sêr Môr. We hope you liked reading them.

Following the latest advice from the Welsh Government about face coverings, please can we ask you to wear a mask when dropping off or collecting your child.

Diolch.

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.

**December's School Readiness focus is: Gross Motor skills and number recognition 0-5.**

We will be focusing on

- ✓ Running safely and avoiding obstacles
- ✓ Balancing
- ✓ Riding pedal bikes
- ✓ Recognising numbers 0-5

### Christmas Holiday Club

We are excited to be able to offer Holiday Club during the Christmas break. We will be doing lots of fun activities and we are even open on Christmas Eve to give the grown-ups at home a little extra time to get prepared for the big day. We will be having a disco on that day! If you would like your child to still attend their usual sessions with us during the holiday, please let us know so we can book them in. We are open 9am-3pm each day, except Christmas Eve when we will close at 1pm. We are also closed on the Bank Holidays.

### Christmas Concert

Consent forms have been either given to you at the door or will be sent home to ask permission for your child to be included on Zoom for our Concert. Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Zoom at 9:30am on Wednesday 16th December. I will email out a link closer to the time to join. It will also be recorded so that families who could not watch the live stream can see it at a later date. If your child would like to take part but they do not usually attend on Wednesdays, please let me know and we can book them in for a session 9am-10am for £4. If you would also like the link sent to your child's other parent or carer, please let me know their e-mail address.



## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### Slippers inside Meithrinfa

To feel more cosy and to prevent mud being walking into Meithrinfa, you are welcome to bring in a pair of slippers or slipper socks with grips on the soles for your child to change into when they arrive. This is completely optional.

### Wet weather opening times

As the weather is becoming worse, we are going to start allowing children into Meithrinfa at 8:50 (according to our clock in the playroom), when it is raining heavily. Please ring the doorbell to let us know you are there. This is to stop you all getting soaking in the wind and rain. Please note, if the weather is dry, we will open at 9am as normal, unless your child is booked in for Breakfast Club.

### 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 cŷlch. 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."*