

WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

Although we are a predominantly English-speaking Nursery, it is our aim to provide children with an understanding of the Welsh language and Culture. We do this, in line with the Welsh Governments "Cymraeg 2050". This is the Welsh Government's aim to achieve a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

The Nursery has achieved A Bronze Welsh Promise Award and is currently working towards a Silver Award.

HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED (Specific Policies & Procedures):

Ways in which we encourage the use of the Welsh language and promote the Welsh Culture in and around the Nursery setting: -

- Staff will speak basic incidental Welsh with the children every day e.g. "Bore da, Da iawn, Amser cinio"
- Staff will sing Welsh songs with the children
- Staff will count in Welsh with the children
- Staff will encourage the children to learn their colours in Welsh
- Display Welsh signs in and around the Nursery. Welsh will be shown first and English shown second.
- The Nursery will provide Welsh story books for the staff and children
- The Nursery will provide opportunities to taste and cook traditional Welsh foods
- The Nursery will provide opportunities for children to explore traditional Welsh costumes and other traditional Welsh items such as wooden love spoons in all playrooms and outside areas
- Staff will provide opportunities and activities for children based around Wales and Welsh Culture
- The Nursery will provide display boards or scrap books displaying Welsh cultural activities
- The Nursery will encourage children to discuss their local environments and what they see that is Welsh, e.g. Welsh flags, castles, Welsh cakes
- The Nursery will provide opportunities for staff and children to participate in Welsh Cultural celebrations e.g. St David's Day

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