



*Together We Reach New Heights*



# Ty'n y Wern Primary School

## School Prospectus

2024 – 2025



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Annwyl Parents / Guardians,

The Governing body, staff and I welcome you warmly to Ty'n y Wern Primary School. As a parent, I fully understand that choosing the right school for your child is vitally important, it is therefore with great pleasure that I enclose the following information that will give you a thorough insight into life here at Ty'n y Wern. I hope you find it both useful and informative.

Ty'n y Wern, which caters for pupils aged 3 to 11 is nestled in the heart of our community of Trethomas, situated in the basin of Caerphilly County Borough. The school is currently housed in a large Victorian building that has ample outdoor space and its own on-site Bistro. We are a happy, inclusive school that currently has 236 pupils on role which included 32 part time Nursery pupils. We are proud to host two sector leading Nurture special resource bases for the Local authority.

Pupil wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do and as a school we are fully committed to ensuring that we develop happy, resilient and confident pupils who are fully prepared to meet the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The staff of Ty'n y Wern work tirelessly to ensure we provide a fun, stimulating and engaging curriculum, exposing our pupils to many rich, real life experiences, that ensures all pupils can reach their full potential and become lifelong lovers of learning. Throughout the year we provide many trips and visits and welcome many visitors into school. We encourage our pupils to try new skills and are committed to developing the whole child with a dedication to music, creative, sporting and digital experiences as well as a high quality focus on academic achievement.

We strongly believe in the age-old proverb that it takes a community to raise a child and we seek every opportunity to work with and involve all stakeholders in school life. We were recently awarded the prestigious Heart of the Community award. We ask that all parents play a supportive role in their child's education and build a positive relationship with the school, as working together will inevitably ensure the best outcome for our pupils' futures. We host many events that will provide parents with opportunities to play an active role in school life. We are in desperate need of restarting our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and would therefore welcome any volunteers. We hold an 'open door' policy here at Ty'n y Wern and encourage parents to discuss any concerns or questions with the school immediately.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Ty'n y Wern Primary school and look forward to welcoming your family into ours. If you wish to visit the school please phone the office to book an appointment.

Mrs Sophie Goodliffe,

Headteacher



# Contact details

<b>Headteacher:</b>	Mrs Sophie Goodliffe	029 20852528/9
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<b>Chair of Governors:</b>	Mrs Zoe Grist	029 20852528/9
<b>LA Chief Ed Officer:</b>	Mrs Keri Cole	01443 864891

## School Address:

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## Local Education Authority:

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Borough Council  
Ty Penallta  
Ystrad Mynach  
Caerphilly  
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**Follow us on social media**

**Website:** [tynywernprimaryschool.co.uk](http://tynywernprimaryschool.co.uk)

**Twitter:** @tynywernp

**Facebook group:** Ty'n y Wern Primary School

**Instagram:**

We use Seesaw to share pupils work and achievements – you will be given an access code at the start of the year. It is very important that we have your correct contact details in case of emergency.

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# Who's Who

Ty'n y Wern is run by a friendly, dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly to ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

## Senior Leadership Team:

Mrs Sophie Goodliffe (Headteacher)  
Mrs Nicola Kellett (Deputy Headteacher)  
Mrs Laura Howard (ALNCO)  
Ms Rebecca Rees (KS2 Leader)  
Mrs Caroline ApHywel (SRB Manager)

## Governing Body:

Mrs Sophie Goodliffe (Headteacher)  
Mrs Zoe Grist (Chairperson)  
Mrs Lisa Rawlings (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr Lee Tuckwell (LEA Appointed)  
Mr Kevin Ingram (LEA Appointed)  
Mrs Sophie Roberts (Parent representative)  
Mrs Cathy Broughall (Parent representative)  
Mrs Jill Winslade (Community representative)  
(Teacher representative)  
Mrs Maria Fear (Staff representative)

## Clark to the Governing body:

Mrs Elizabeth Everson

## School Improvement Partner:

Ms Ellen Roberts

## School Business Managers:

Mrs Maria Fear  
Mrs Christine Allen

## Class Teachers:

Mrs Rebeccah Webber  
Miss Arianna Ware  
Mrs Nicola Kellett  
Mrs Lauren Tavner  
Ms Lauren James  
Ms Claire Lippiett  
Mr Christian Ellis  
Ms Rebecca Rees  
Mr Ben Elworthy  
Mrs Caroline ApHywel

## Foundation Phase Learning Support Assistants:

Mrs Hannah Norman  
Mrs Julie Cusack

Ms Elisha Bentley  
Mrs Aimee Ball  
Ms Karen Cole  
Mrs Christine Osborne

**Key Stage 2 Learning Support Assistants**

Mrs Kylie Clarke  
Mrs Dionne Gamble  
Mrs Victoria Dodd  
Mrs Michelle Selway  
Mrs Sam Jones

**Caretaker:**

Mr Andrew Fear  
Mr Lee Tuckwell (Relief)

**School Cook:**

Mrs Megan Smallwood

**Catering Staff:**

Mrs Denise Gay  
Mrs Louise Davies  
Ms Deb Spanswick  
Ms Jane Clarke (Breakfast club only)  
Mrs Michelle Selway (Breakfast club only)  
Mrs Joanne Cometson (Breakfast club only)

**Lunchtime Supervisors:**

Mrs Lynda Hoskins  
Mrs Catherine Woodhouse  
Miss Jane Hodder  
Mrs Debra Thompson  
Mr Lee Tuckwell  
Mrs Joanne Cometson  
Mrs Kirsty Richards  
Mrs Natalie Pole  
Mrs Jodie Olsen (Relief)

**School Building Cleaning Services:**


Mrs Joanne Tudge  
Mr Lee Tuckwell  
Mrs Trish Morgan

**School Crossing Patrol:**

Mr Lee Tuckwell



# Our Current Classes

	<b>Class Name:</b>	<b>Year group:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>	<b>LSAs:</b>
	Dosbarth Robins	Nursery / Reception	Mrs Webber	Mrs Cusack Mrs Norman ANO
	Dosbarth Wrens	Year 1	Miss Ware	Miss Bentley
	Dosbarth Swifts	Year 1 and 2	Mrs Kellett	Mrs Ball
	Dosbarth Magpies	Nurture Foundation Phase Mix	Mrs Tavner	Ms Cole
	Dosbarth Kingfishers	Year 3 / 4	Ms James	Mrs Clarke Mrs Dodd Mrs Gamble Mrs Selway
	Dosbarth Bluebirds	Year 3 /4	Ms Lippiett	
	Dosbarth Starlings	Year 4/5/6	Mr Ellis	
	Dosbarth Owls	Year 5/6	Ms Rees	
	Dosbarth Kites	Year 5/6	Mr Elworthy	
	Dosbarth Puffins	Nurture KS2 Mix	Mrs ApHywel	

# Our School Day

## Times Of Sessions

### Nursery

<b>Morning session:</b>	9.00 – 11.30am
<b>Afternoon session:</b>	12.45 – 3.15pm

### Foundation Phase

<b>Mornings:</b>	9.00 – 11.55am
<b>Afternoon:</b>	12.55 – 3.15pm

### Key Stage 2

<b>Mornings:</b>	9.00 – 12.20pm
<b>Afternoon:</b>	1.20 – 3.25pm

**School opens at 8:50 each morning (Nursery opens at 9am).** Children not attending breakfast club should arrive at school between 8.50 and 9am and go straight to their classes where they will be met by their class teachers. There are no staff on duty at this time, therefore children remain the responsibility of their parents until they enter the school building. Parents are kindly asked not to allow their children to play on the outdoor equipment before or after school. Children in our SRB classes should be taken to the entrance door by the taxi escorts.

### **Breakfast Club**

All Reception to year 6 children are entitled to attend our free breakfast club each morning. Breakfast club doors open at 8.10am and last admittance is at 8.40am. Entrance to breakfast club is through the back door of the junior building. Please ask at the school office for a registration form.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Attendance remains a main focus for the school in its commitment to raising standards. It is each parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school unless too ill to do so. The importance of regular attendance and punctuality cannot be too strongly emphasised. If your child has a dental or medical appointment, which cannot be made outside of the school day, you must take the appointment card to the office the day before, so that it can be photocopied and the absence can be authorised. We encourage you to bring your child to school before and after any appointments so that your child can be marked in. If your child is ill you must telephone the school before 9.00 am on the first day of absence, and send a brief note of explanation on their return. If you do not telephone, the school clerk in charge of attendance, Mrs Christine Allen, will telephone you. We will not authorise holidays that wish to be taken during the month of September or during the National Tests.

We fully understand that some absenteeism's cannot be avoided however we are committed to improving attendance. To aid this we run a host of incentives for pupils and also send home termly letters to parents that inform them of their child's attendance record. We follow a traffic light system for attendance, using the chart shown.



Category	Attendance % at the end of the school year	Total number of days missed at the end of the school year
Green	100%	0
	97%	5
	96%	8
	95%	10
Amber	94%	12
	93%	14
	92%	16
	91%	18
Red	90%	19
	87%	24
	85%	28
	80%	39

The Education Welfare Officer for the school is Ms Louise Pine. She checks our attendance data on a regular basis and will visit families to seek an explanation for persistent absences or lateness and to support families that we are concerned about. She works in close partnership with the school, sitting in on our attendance action group meetings. The Local Authority has the right to prosecute families with particularly poor attendance.



*Outdoor Adventures Reward Trip*



*Wild Animal Workshop*



# Term dates and INSET days

Term dates and Session times			
Term	Term Starts	Half term holiday	Term Ends
Autumn	Friday 1st September	Monday 30th October	Friday 22nd December
Spring	Monday 8th January	Monday 12th February	Friday 22nd March
Summer	Monday 8th April	Monday 27th May	Friday 19th July

## INSET days

Ty'n y Wern's training days for this academic year are listed below;

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

# Admission to School

## **Nursery**

Children are admitted to the morning Nursery class the term after their third birthday on application to the Local Authority, if there is space. This academic year the Nursery class are being moved to the main building where they will share the Early Years space with Reception children. There will be a morning session (9am-11.30am) and an afternoon session (12.45pm – 3.15pm). Tiddlers Wraparound Childcare Service will have full use of the former Nursery building and will be able to provide morning or afternoon sessions for those who need it. They will offer a drop off and collection service to our Nursery.

## **Reception**

Children are admitted to the Reception Class at the beginning of the Autumn Term provided they have reached the age of four years by August 31st and have applied and been accepted by the Local Authority. There is no automatic right to a place in the Primary School and an application must be made to the Local Authority at the appropriate time.

## **Out of Catchment Admissions**

If you live outside the defined catchment area of Trethomas and Lower Graig Y Rhacca and want your child to attend Ty'n y Wern Primary School, you should state the reason you want your child to attend this school on the Local Education Authority admission form. Decisions regarding the allocation of places are made by the Local Authority. The Government class size limit of thirty pupils per class and current accommodation has determined that each year's intake should not exceed 32 in the nursery and main school.

Applications can now be made online by visiting [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk)

## **Admission Procedures**

### **Nursery and Reception class**

The nursery / reception teacher holds a parents' meeting during the last week of the summer term for all parents who have been accepted by the Local Authority to start in September. At this Link meeting parents have the nursery curriculum explained to them and have an opportunity to meet staff and view the facilities. Those who have applied to attend our Reception class, but have not attended our Nursery Class, will be invited to attend meetings and transition day in July.

### **Infants and Juniors**

All children in the main school are given the opportunity to spend time in their new September class, before the end of the summer term. Parents will be informed of their child's new class and teacher prior to this. Children who are new to a year group are invited into school for a visit and a tour of the building. New pupils are allocated a 'buddy' who will take extra care of them during their settling in period.

# School Uniform and PE

Wearing uniform helps the children to identify with the school and gives them a sense of pride and belonging. It is important that your child is practically and comfortably dressed, so we have kept the uniform as simple as possible. We do not insist that the uniform is badged and our school colour is available from most supermarkets. The Welsh Government provide a generous grant for pupils entitled to free school meals (currently in all year groups) which can be used to purchase uniform, equipment and contribute to the cost of trips.

**Winter:** Jade sweatshirt or cardigan; jade or white polo shirt; grey or black trousers.

**Summer:** Jade or white polo shirt; grey or black shorts, skirt or pinafore slip; green and white dress.

**Footwear:** Black, rubber soled shoes or trainers.

**Coat:** Warm, shower-proof coat, **with a hood**. *Children play outside EVERY day.*

**P.E Kit:** White T-shirt and black shorts; trainers for outdoor games. Swimsuit or bathing trunks and towel for Y4 & Y5 swimming lessons

**P.E. Bag:** All children will need a small, drawstring P.E. bag.

## **P.E. Lessons**

You will be informed of your child's PE day at the start of the academic year. Your child will not be excused from PE unless there is a genuine medical reason to do so as we strive to encourage all pupils to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Your child's PE bag can be left in school until the half term holiday when it will be sent home to be washed. Please ensure that all items of clothing and the bag in which they are held are labelled clearly with your child's name and class. *As we have no changing rooms it is essential that your child always wears a full vest and pants.*

For health and safety reasons trainers **MUST** be worn for games lessons. Jewellery should not be worn to school. If it is worn by mistake to school your child will be expected to remove it and give it to their teacher for safe keeping. Studs must be covered up with plaster and long hair must be tied back.



*Team sports - team effort*

# Lunchtime and Snacks

## School Lunches

Our school cook, Mrs Megan Smallwood and her staff provide tasty and nutritious lunches. As part of our Health Education policy, pupils are taught about a balanced diet. If your child has food allergies, special dietary requirements or is vegetarian, please ask to speak to her. All children having school dinners can select a meal during registration. The numbers of children choosing each meal option is sent to the office before 9.15am in the morning. Supervisory Assistants and staff on duty in the dining hall encourage children to eat the food they have chosen, with good table manners. All children are taught to use a knife and fork.

All primary aged pupils are now entitled to free school meals,

The weekly menus are available on the Caerphilly website and the school website.

It is really important that you still apply for free school meals as school received funding based on the number of pupils registered. It also ensures that you are able to access additional grants annually which can help towards uniform, equipment and trips.



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Visit Cati at her website  
www.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly  
You can enter competitions and win great prizes, play games and tell Cati what you think of your school dinners. See you soon.

Three Week Compiled Menu Cycle - Issue 2, Sept 2018

Caerphilly Catering Services reserve the right to change products subject to availability.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Sausages Macaroni Cheese V	Meatballs Tomato & Lentil Pasta Bake V	Spiced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Sausage V	Cottage Pie Margherita Pizza V	Sea Trout or Salmon Fishcake Served with Fruity Curry Sauce
Carbohydrates	Chipped Potatoes Garlic Bread	Potato Saveris Whole-wheat Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	Oven Baked Crispy Roast Potatoes Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Non Fried Herby Potato Bites	Cheese Fennel Chipped Potatoes Served with Ketchup Savoury Wedges
Vegetables <i>(Served Available Daily)</i>	Baked Beans Broccoli Spinach	Potato Croquette Peas Sweetcorn	Cabbage Carrots Coleslaw	Carrots Coleslaw	Chopped Beans Sweetcorn Coleslaw Honey Mustard Coleslaw Coleslaw
Desserts of the day <i>(Fruit Available Daily)</i>	Chocolate & Orange Sponges with Custard	Artic Roll & Fruit Juice	Artic Roll & Fruit Juice	Carrot Apple Cakes & Ice Cream	Honey Mustard Coleslaw Coleslaw

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## Packed Lunches

If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch these will be stored in secure boxes in the canteen area. Your child should have a healthy lunchbox with one small treat included. No fizzy drinks are permitted. Healthy lunchbox ideas can be found on the NHS website.

## Milk and Fruit

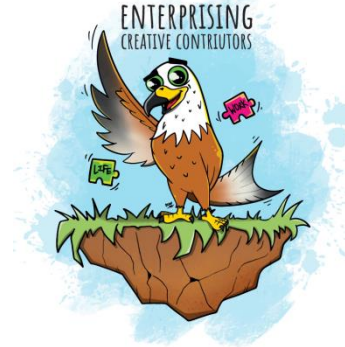
All Nursery and Foundation Phase children are entitled to a free carton of milk each day and are provided with a healthy snack each day. Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (fruit, cheese) to eat at playtimes.

## Water

It has been scientifically proven that pupils, who have access to a ready supply of water, concentrate better throughout the day. Please send your child to school with a bottle of water (reusable, with their name on it) each day.

# Our Curriculum

Our Curriculum is underpinned by the Four Core Purposes which outlines the values, skill and characteristics that we wish for our pupils throughout their learning journey. We have used the Red Kite bird of prey as the character for each of our purposes.



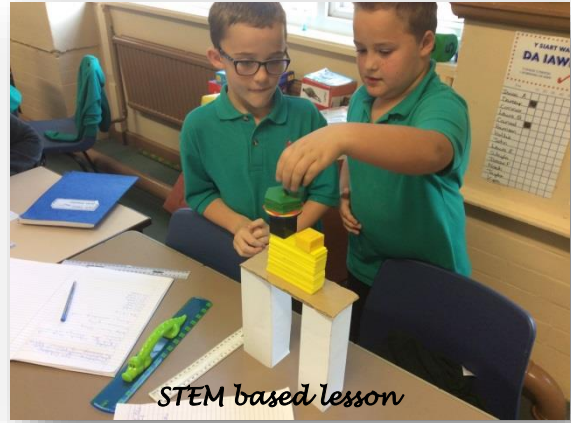
Here at Ty'n y Wern we are realising curriculum reform by providing our pupils with a fun, engaging curriculum that will foster a love of learning as well as ensuring that they achieve their full potential, academically. We strive to provide our pupils with rich opportunities and experiences embedded in real life contexts that take them out into the wider community and seek to broaden their horizons to the prospects that lay ahead of them. Ours is a curriculum whose foundations are set in developing moral wellbeing and core values in our pupils that will provide them with a 'growth mindset', allowing them to tackle the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

To learn more about our Curriculum please visit our website [tynywernprimary.co.uk](http://tynywernprimary.co.uk)





*Police Liaison Officer, Year 1 Workshop*



*STEM based lesson*

### **Language, Literacy and Communication**

The ability to communicate effectively through spoken word, reading and writing is paramount and therefore these skills play a prominent part in the curriculum since listening, discussing, reading and writing are essential pre-requisites for progress in all curriculum areas. We provide opportunities for pupils to develop and practise acquired skills during all lessons. Teachers choose texts and stimuli that will capture the imagination and interests of class members. Welsh is taught as a second language and is promoted both in classes and around the school. Pupils are encouraged to use Welsh as part of their everyday language in school. We aim to develop the use of the language and to provide a relevant context for the teaching of it. Pupils are encouraged to be proud of their Welsh heritage and to respect the cultural identity of all children in our school. We are currently developing our Modern foreign language offer.

### **Mathematics and Numeracy**

All classes follow an age appropriate curriculum for mathematics that develops pupil's number, shape, space and measure and mathematical reasoning skills. There is a balance between practical methods and written recordings. Pupils are given ample opportunities to apply skills learnt across the curriculum, in real life contexts.

### **Science and Technology**

We thoroughly value the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology) in the world of work. We have invested heavily in our provision of IT equipment and each class has an ample supply of iPads, laptops and chromebooks. We have a dedicated IT room which is home to our radio station and Lego league area.

### **Humanities**

Our curriculum topics allow our pupils to learn about the local area and places further afield as active global citizens. Through authentic contexts, pupils develop and apply their historical and geographical skills in order to achieve their potential; beginning with an appreciation of their own identity before exploring their relationship with the locality, Wales and the Wider World. Pupils have had their heritage work celebrated and recognised with the prestigious Welsh Heritage Award, which we have attained for the past 12 years.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

The physical and mental wellbeing of our pupils is at the heart of everything that we do. We teach our pupils how to look after their physical health through healthy eating workshops, regular physical activities and visits from health professionals and the school police liaison officers. Older pupils visit Wings to Fly which educates them of the dangers of drugs and

alcohol. Strategies to support mental health are also promoted and all pupils take part in daily Mindfulness activities and are encouraged to have a 'growth mindset'.

### **Expressive Arts**

We value all talents and are fortunate to have our own Art studio and music room here at Ty'n y Wern. As well as regular music lessons we also host peripatetic music lessons which are run by the Caerphilly Music Team, which the school is paying for again this year. We currently offer brass, violin, drums, ukulele and singing lessons. We hold regular performances and shows with our Key Stage 2 Christmas concerts being performed on stage at Bedwas Workmen's Hall.

### **Religious Education and RSE**

Our teaching of Religious Education is in line with the guidance provided by Welsh Government. It allows pupils to develop an understanding and respect for various world religions. All pupils attend collective worship assemblies unless parents request for them to be excluded. We have fantastic links with the local church who run a weekly 'Open the book' assembly for all pupils and also assist with key religious calendar events throughout the year. We are about to embark on our first year of delivering the Jigsaw Relationships and Sexual Education scheme of work. All topics are covered in an age-appropriate manner and parents will be informed of the content, ahead of the lessons.

### **The Bistro**

We are hoping to get our onsite Bistro up and running this year and hope that it will once soon become the successful venture that it once was. Our Bistro is home to our Uniform recycling rail and football / rugby boots. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to access either of these.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Our outdoor areas are well resourced and nearly all classes have direct access to the outdoors. We have our own garden area that is equipped with raised beds, ample seating and a range of trees and foliage. Several members of staff are Forest School trained and run weekly sessions for pupils across the school. We link closely with the local allotment who are a great resource and are a fantastic support to the school. Our pupils visit regularly and have helped to win many awards. We have invested heavily in our outdoor play provision. Each class in Progression step 1 and 2 has a large, sheltered area and further developments of the outdoor areas are planned for this year.



*Planting in the garden*



*Cakes on sale @ The Bistro*



### Extra-curricular clubs

We are very fortunate that our dedicated team of staff provide a wealth of after school and lunchtime clubs. The clubs offered are based on the interests of the pupils and are advertised at the start of each term. Pupils know in advance which clubs they are able to attend and permission letters are sent home.

### Homework

A menu of homework tasks is uploaded to the website each term (with instructions on how to complete). We also pay for a number of subscription packages that the pupils can access at home. These include Oxford Reading Buddies, our home reading scheme and Timestable Rockstars. Pupils have their own individual login details which will come home in the style of a personalised bookmark. Parents of children in the Early Years will be told how they can support their child's learning and development at regular parent workshops. A homework club is also available as an after school extra – curricular activity and parents / guardians are welcomed. **Please help your child with their homework and make sure it is completed.**

### Active Journeys

We are very proud to be an Active Journeys School. This means that we actively encourage our pupils to walk, bike or scoot to school each day. We were the only school in Wales to hold a 'School Street event' which celebrated the fact that we close the road at the front of the school at the start and end of the day to ensure maximum safety for our pupils. We have also successfully participated in the Big Pedal and Active Travel Thursdays which saw a dramatic reduction in the amount of pupils travelling to school by car. This year we will be working towards our Gold Award.



*School Street Event*

### Safeguarding

Everyone at Ty'n y Wern is accountable for pupil safety and wellbeing. We have rigorous procedures to safeguard our pupils and work closely with a range of external support agencies. Mrs Sophie Goodliffe (Headteacher) is the designated Safeguarding officer and Mrs Nicola Kellett (Deputy Headteacher) is the deputy officer. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare you must inform them immediately or speak to the Information, Advice and Assistance team on 0808 1001727. Our full Safeguarding policy can be found on the school website.

### Conduct

The school prides itself on the positive relationships that it builds with all stakeholders. Our Relationships policy is centred around kindness and restorative approaches which exemplify correct behaviour and aims to restore relationships at all times. Pupils are expected to show consideration for the needs and feelings of others and to show respect and courtesy to all members of staff and also to visitors to the school. In caring for and teaching your children, all staff members encourage self - discipline. A Restorative Justice behaviour strategy approach is designed to promote an environment in which each child can feel happy, safe and secure. Whenever there is an incident of serious misconduct parents will be informed and asked to

support their child in learning to conform to an acceptable standard of behaviour. Where children are having difficulty maintaining an acceptable standard of behaviour s/he will be referred to the school's behaviour support teachers who will advise teachers and parents on a Behaviour Support Plan and, if necessary, refer children to the Local Authority Behaviour Support Service. We will not tolerate any form of bullying (repeated incidents of unkindness) and any concerns should be brought to the school's attention immediately. All adults strive to be positive behaviour role model for our pupils and therefore we expect that all adults visiting the site do so in a respectful manner.

### **Physical Intervention**

When a child poses a threat to themselves or another person we have a duty of care to protect them and as a last resort can use physical intervention. Staff are trained in TEAM TEACH Awareness to do so safely. Our full Physical Intervention Policy can be found on our website.

### **Additional Educational Learning Needs**

We are proud to be an inclusive school and value every pupil as an individual. Children who are experiencing some difficulty in developing skills or concepts, or who are exhibiting behavioural and emotional difficulties, may need to be registered as having an additional learning need. The class teacher will seek support from the school's ALENCO, Mr Glyn Williams, in formulating an individual plan for your child. If there is continued cause for concern s/he may seek further advice from the educational psychologist who may decide to formally assess your child. Children who find it difficult to function within the school's Code of Conduct will be referred to the Behaviour Support Advisory Service. All procedures undertaken will enable children to progress effectively in line with the Additional Learning Needs Act and the school's Code of Conduct.

### **Pupil Voice**

We value the contributions of our pupils in the day to day running of and planning the way forward for our school. They attend senior management, staff and governing body meetings and also take the lead in assemblies and have even played a part in the recruitment of new members of staff. We have many pupil voice groups who meet on a regular basis and feed into the schools self-evaluation processes. Some of the pupil voice groups that currently run are;

- Head boy and Head girl
- School Council
- Sports Ambassadors
- Eco Committee
- Active Travel
- Buddies (Responsible for pupil wellbeing during break times)
- Digital Ambassadors
- Criw Cymraeg
- Heddlu Bach

### **PTA**

Unfortunately our PTA disbanded during the pandemic. We are therefore looking to recruit lots of new members who can support the school in organising fundraising activities and events and treats for the pupils. If you would be interested in setting up a PTA or would like to join the PTA please contact the school.

# Awards and Achievements

We are very proud of our awards and achievements that recognise the hard work and excellent practises here at Ty'n y Wern. Here are just a few...



## *Active Travel*

We are very proud to be a GOLD Active Travel school (the first in Caerphilly and only the 3<sup>rd</sup> across Wales). We strongly encourage our pupils to travel actively to school and hold many exciting events throughout the year.



## *Welsh Heritage Awards*

The school has been awarded a prestigious Welsh Heritage award every year, for the past 14 years. In recent years we have won one of the top prizes for our Taith Trwy Trethomas project in which all classes researched and created a video about an important landmark in our village. The work from each class was put together to create a permanent walking tour in and around Trethomas.



## *Lego League*

Each year we enter a team into the First Lego League competition which involves robot design, teamwork and digital coding. It's a fantastic opportunity to compete against other schools in Wales.



## *Caerphilly 2K*

The number of pupils (and staff) who participate in the Caerphilly 2K grows each year. It is one of our favourite events and is such an enjoyable morning. We host a running club in the build up to the event. Go Team TYW!



# Activities and Events



## *Lesotho*

We are privileged to be linked with James Makhobolo Primary School in Lesotho. To date two members of our teaching staff have visited the school and the headteacher of the school has been to Ty'n y Wern. We are very excited to strengthen the link over time.



## *Hay Book Festival*

Each year we take a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to the Book Festival at Hay on Wye. This year they saw a range of presentations from a range of well known children's entertainers / authors including Harry Hill and got to browse the many stalls and book shops.



## *Visitors*

We are dedicated to enriching pupil's lives and learning at every opportunity. One of the ways we do this in addition to external trips is to invite visitors into school. Some of the visitors we have had this year include;

- Fusion Stunt Show
- Welsh Rugby Union
- The Fire Service
- PC Madley
- Sustrans

## *Residential Trips*

We are fortunate that our dedicated team of staff give up their time to organise a range of residential trips for pupils. These have included; The Big Sleepover at the Urdd Centre, Cardiff Bay Llain, Manor Adventures and The Urdd Centre, LLangrannog



## *Sporting Events*

We endeavour to expose our pupils to as many sporting experiences as possible. In addition to timetabled PE sessions, regular outdoor learning and extra-curricular sporting clubs we also take part in a range of sports competitions. This year alone, pupils have taken part in girls and boys football tournaments, cricket matches and cross country events. Pupils have also had the opportunity to attend an international cricket test match at the stadium in Cardiff.

## *Family Engagement*

We like to get parents actively involved in school life. In addition to twice a year parent consultations there are many events that parents are invited to attend. Also, both the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 departments host a family trip for parents and pupils.