

Ty'n y Wern Primary School



School Prospectus 2021 ~ 2022



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 special resource bases for the local authority that provide an excellent and successful provision for pupils with Nurture and Social Communication needs.

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 21st 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 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. Our fantastic PTA 'The Ty'n y Wern Troopers' play a vital role in providing social events and raising much needed funds are always looking for new recruits! 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

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Follow us on social media

Website: tynywernprimaryschool.co.uk

Twitter: @tynywernp

Facebook group: Ty'n y Wern Primary School



We also use a text and email service called Parentmail. Please make sure that you update your contact details with the school office.

Kind hands and clever minds make our school

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)
Mr Glyn Williams (ALENCO)
Mr Aaron Disley (KS2 Leader)
Mrs Caroline ApHywel (SRB Manager)

Governing Body:

Mrs Sophie Goodliffe (Headteacher)
Mrs Zoe Grist (Chairperson)
Mr Ben Curtis-Thomas (Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Lisa Rawlings (Reserve)
Mr Lee Tuckwell (LEA Appointed)
VACANCY (Parent representative)
Mr Simon Tilley (Parent representative)
Mrs Teresa Davies (Parent representative)
Mrs Sophie Roberts (Parent representative)
Mr Brian James (Community representative)
Mrs Jill Priday (Community representative)
Mr Glyn Williams (Teacher representative)
Mrs Afryl Williams (Staff representative)

Clark to the Governing body:

Mr Carl John

School's Challenge Advisor:

Mrs Lisa Bowden

School Business Managers:

Mrs Maria Fear
Mrs Christine Allen

Class Teachers:

Mrs Nicola Kellett
Mrs Lauren Tavner
Mr Glyn Williams
Mrs Rebecca Webber
Mrs Laura Howard
Ms Claire Lippiett
Mrs Sandie Keane
Mr Aaron Disley
Mrs Angela Coates
Mrs Laura Phillips
Mrs Caroline ApHywel
Ms Lauren James

Foundation Phase Learning Support Assistants:

Mrs Aimee Ball
Mrs Julie Cusack

Mrs Christine Osbourne
Mrs Bianca Llewellyn

Key Stage 2 Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Afryl Williams (HLTA)
Mrs Linda Bignell
Mrs Sam Jones
Mrs Deb Murphy (Inclusion)

Relief Caretaker:

Mr Mark James
Mr Lee Tuckwell

School Cook:

Mrs Joanne Bignell

Catering Staff:

Mrs Denise Gay
Mrs Sandra Morgan
Mrs Kirsty Evans
Mrs Louise Davies
Mrs Helen Thomas (Breakfast club only)
Mrs Claire Morgan (Breakfast club only)
Mrs Joanne Cometson (Breakfast club only)
Mrs Teresa Davies (Relief cover Breakfast club)

Lunchtime Supervisors:

Mrs Lynda Hoskins
Mrs Catherine Woodhouse
Miss Jane Hodder
Mrs Debra Thompson
Mr Lee Tuckwell
Mrs Joanne Cometson

School Building Cleaning Services:

Mrs Joanne Tudge
Mr Lee Tuckwell
Mrs Moira Jones
Mrs Trish Morgan








School Crossing Patrol:

Mr Lee Tuckwell



Year 6 Lego League Members

Our Current Classes

	Class Name:	Year group:	Teacher:	LSAs:
	Dosbarth Pili Pala	Nursery / Reception	Mrs Kellett	Mrs Cusack Mrs Ball
	Dosbarth Heulwen	Year 1	Mrs Tavner	Mrs Llewellyn
	Dosbarth Draig Coch	Year 2	Mrs Keane Mrs Howard	Mrs Murphy
	Dosbarth Enfys	Foundation Phase Mix	Mrs Coates / Mrs Phillips	Mrs Osbourne
	Dosbarth Deimwns	Year 3/4	Mrs Webber	Mrs Linda Bignell Miss Elisha Bentley
	Dosbarth Corwynt	Year 3/4	Ms Lippiett	
	Dosbarth Ceirios	Year 4/5	Ms James	
	Dosbarth Gwdihw	Year 5/6	Mr Williams	
	Dosbarth Derwen	Year 6	Mr Disley	
	Dosbarth Mesen	KS2 Mix	Mrs ApHywel	Mrs Jones

Please note that the times shown below are our 'normal' routine. School times have been amended slightly in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please see most recent reopening plan for further details.

Our School Day

Times Of Sessions

Nursery

Morning session: 9.00 – 11.30am
Afternoon session: 12.30 – 3.00pm

Foundation Phase

Mornings: 9.00 – 11.55am
Afternoon: 12.55 – 3.15pm

Key Stage 2

Mornings: 9.00 – 12.15pm
Afternoon: 1.10 – 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 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 Mrs Michelle Humphrey. 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

Please note that due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 all dates are subject to change.

Term dates and Session times			
Term	Term Starts	Half term holiday	Term Ends
Autumn	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	Friday 17 th December
Spring	Tuesday 4 th January	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February	Friday 8 th April
Summer	Monday 25 th April	Monday 27 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Friday 22 nd July

INSET days

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

Monday 1st November

INSET Week:

Monday 6th June ~ Friday 10th June

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 (12.30pm – 3pm). 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

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.

Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two

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. Uniform and bags can be purchased from Safewear Ltd (Former Allwear) and Tesco's Embroidery Service. If your child is entering Reception or Year 3 you could be eligible for a uniform grant from the Welsh Government you will need to contact the Local Authority (CCBC) for further details.

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 Y 4 & 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 Joanne Bignell 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.

School meals currently cost £10.00 per week. Dinner money is to be paid by cash or cheque on the first day of the school week. Payment should be in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class, the amount of money and what it is for. Cheques should be made payable to Caerphilly County Borough Council. Your child will be refused a school lunch if you are in arrears with payments.

The weekly menus are available on the Caerphilly website.

If you think you are eligible for free school meals please ask the school secretary for a free school meal form and return it to the school on completion, even if your child has a packed lunch, as much of our school funding depends on the number of children registered for free school meals.

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. We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.50p per pupil towards these costs. Pupils in Key Stage 2 can purchase a carton of milk for 20p and a piece of fruit for 30p at break time, each day.

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.

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.

Please check www.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly for menu week details, and please check the website regularly for menu updates.
 Caerphilly Catering Services reserves 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	Sticed Beef & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Sausage V	Cottage Pie Margherita Pizza V	Sea Stars or Salmon Fishcake Served with Fruity Curry Sauce
Carbohydrates	Chipped Potatoes	Potato Swirls Oven Baked Crispy Roast Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Non Fried Herby Potato Bites	Cheese Pasta Chipped Potatoes Served with Ketchup
Vegetables (Served Available Daily)	Baked Beans Broccoli	Peas Sweetcorn	Cabbage Carrots	Carrots Coleslaw	Baked Beans
Desserts of the day (Fruit Available Daily)	Spinach Chocolate & Orange Sponge with Custard	Artic Rolf & Fruit Juice	Yoghurt	Carrot Apple Candy & Ice Cream	House of Chocolate

www.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly

Our Curriculum

The education system in Wales is currently under reform and therefore we are currently experiencing great times of change. The new curriculum which will be rolled out across Wales over the next few years is built around the 'Four Purposes' which outline the skills and characteristics that we hope for all pupils to possess by the time they finish their academic journey.

Ambitious, capable learners who:

- › set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge
- › are building up a body of knowledge and have the skills to connect and apply that knowledge in different contexts
- › are questioning and enjoy solving problems
- › can communicate effectively in different forms and settings, using both Welsh and English
- › can explain the ideas and concepts they are learning about
- › can use number effectively in different contexts
- › understand how to interpret data and apply mathematical concepts
- › use digital technologies creatively to communicate, find and analyse information
- › undertake research and evaluate critically what they find and **are ready to learn throughout their lives.**

Enterprising, creative contributors who:

- › connect and apply their knowledge and skills to create ideas and products
- › think creatively to reframe and solve problems
- › identify and grasp opportunities
- › take measured risks
- › lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly
- › express ideas and emotions through different media
- › give of their energy and skills so that other people will benefit and **are ready to play a full part in life and work.**

Healthy, confident individuals who:

- › have secure values and are establishing their spiritual and ethical beliefs
- › are building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy
- › apply knowledge about the impact of diet and exercise on physical and mental health in their daily lives
- › know how to find the information and support to keep safe and well
- › take part in physical activity
- › take measured decisions about lifestyle and manage risk
- › have the confidence to participate in performance
- › form positive relationships based upon trust and mutual respect
- › face and overcome challenge
- › have the skills and knowledge to manage everyday life as independently as they can and **are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.**

Ethical, informed citizens who:

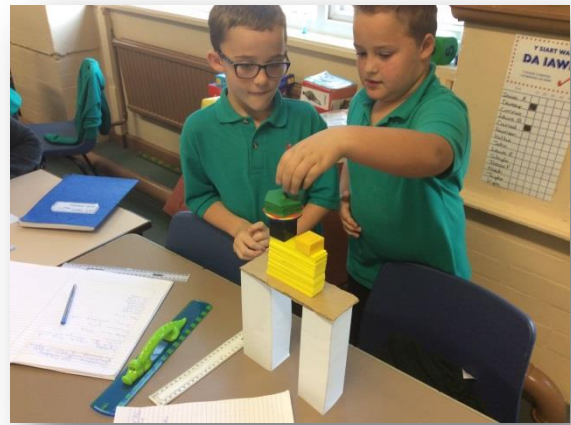
- › find, evaluate and use evidence in forming views
- › engage with contemporary issues based upon their knowledge and values
- › understand and exercise their human and democratic responsibilities and rights
- › understand and consider the impact of their actions when making choices and acting
- › are knowledgeable about their culture, community, society and the world, now and in the past
- › respect the needs and rights of others, as a member of a diverse society
- › show their commitment to the sustainability of the planet and **are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.**

For more information about the new curriculum visit www.learnwales.gov.uk.

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 21st Century.



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.

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 are working hard as a school to raise the profile of these subject areas and they play an important role in our curriculum. We have visited many STEM experiences including the RAF 100 STEM workshop and encourage visitors to school from these lines of work. We currently provide a MadScience workshop for our Year 4 pupils and are taking part in the Lego League competition at Swansea University. We have invested heavily in IT equipment and every class has access to laptops, iPads, programmable robots and other coding devices.

Humanities

Our curriculum topics allow our pupils to learn about the local area and places further afield. Pupils study a range of historical and geographic topic which allow them to make sense of the world around them. The curriculum allows pupils to learn much needed skills rather than just content.

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'. A 'Chillax skills' club is run which allows pupils to experience activities such as yoga and meditation.

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 who currently offer brass, violin and guitar lessons. We hold regular performances and shows with our Key Stage 2 Christmas concerts being performed on stage at Bedwas Workmens Hall.

Religious Education

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.

The Bistro

We are very proud of our well renowned onsite Bistro. Each week 4 pupils from either Year 5 or Year 6 are chosen to attend the Bistro (currently on a Wednesday). These pupils, once they have completed brief health and safety training spend the morning preparing the Bistro for opening time. Activities include reading, writing and following recipes, weighing and measuring ingredients as well as cooking and baking delicious meals and treats. Not only do these sessions help to develop pupil's social and communication skills they also allow pupils to apply literacy and numeracy skills that they have learnt in the classroom, in a real life context. The Bistro is opened to the public during the afternoon, where pupils serve customers, add up bills and prepare stock. It is always very well attended by community members. **Please note that it is likely that the Bistro will remain closed for much of the year.**

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.



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. Currently we have a Minecraft / Digital club, gymnastics, Chill Skills, Craft club and various team sports. We participate regularly in cluster football tournament and cross country events.

Homework

Home tasks and homework are regularly given to all children. Each teacher will inform parents of their homework schedule at the initial consultation, in September each year. Homework is also set online on the HWB / My Maths. Pupils have their own individual login details. 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. This year 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.



School Street Event 2019

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's three rules are displayed in every classroom (READY RESPECT SAFE) and also the agreed rewards and sanctions. This ensures a whole school approach is adopted. 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 Special Needs Code of Practice 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
- Prefects
- Eco Committee
- Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) / Active Travel Champions
- Buddies (Responsible for pupil wellbeing during break times)
- Digital Ambassadors
- Criw Cymraeg

PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association – The Ty'n y Wern Troopers are pivotal in providing the school with much needed financial support. As a result of their hard work we are able to provide discounted trips and opportunities for all pupils. They have also supported the purchase of playground and ICT equipment. They are always on the lookout for new recruits and would appreciate the support of new parents. The Troopers can often be found in the Bistro on a Thursday – why not pop along and see them.



Ty'n y Wern Troopers Disco

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...



Investors in Families

Ty'n y Wern is one of the few school's across Wales to have achieved the Investors in Families award. This award recognised all the wonderful work that the school does with our pupils, parents and families.



Welsh Heritage Awards

The school has been awarded a prestigious Welsh Heritage award every year, for the last 10 years. The award encourages pupils to appreciate the contribution made to Welsh heritage by their families and committees, to help preserve it and contribute to it themselves. Projects are assessed, taking into account the appropriate level of literacy, numeracy and information technology skills. Pupils are encouraged to involve their community and people of different generations in their projects, and to disseminate their findings.



Other Awards

- Woodland Trust Gold Award
- Platinum Green Flag award
- Healthy Schools status
- Autism Friendly school
- Dementia Friendly School
- Sustrans Active Travel Bronze Award



Lego League

In 2019 the Ty'n y Wern Turtles (Digital Learning Group) were placed 3rd in a national competition called the Lego League.

Activities and Events



Lesotho

We are privileged to be linked with James Makhobolo Primary School in Lesotho. To date one member of our teaching staff has 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 know 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;

- Mad Science
- Sustrans
- Skirrid Mountain Storyteller
- Commonwealth Games Wales
- M&M Theatre Productions



Sporting Events

We endeavour to expose our pupil's 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.

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 include;
Year 4 – The Big Sleepover at the Urdd Centre, Cardiff Bay
Year 5 – The Urdd Centre, Llangrannog
Year 6 – Manor Adventures/Glan Llŷn /Butlins

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.