

Trustee annual Report Cylch Methrin Rhymni 30/1/2024

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In September we had CIW inspection which we have looked at the recommendations and Implement them.

This year we have taken the children into the local community visiting the library local fire station has visit from the local police where they bought their police car and van for us to sit in. We also went on a autumn walk where we went looking for trees leaves sticks and acorns.

We also visited a local setting where we shared ideas and looked at how others run their settings and shared planning ideas.

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