



**Adroddiad Blynyddol
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Annual Report
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CYLCH MEITHRIN A TI A FI DREFACH-FELINDRE

Rhif Elusen / Charity no - 1178861

Neuadd y Ddraig Goch / Red Dragon Hall
Drefach-Felindre,
Llandysul,
Sir Gaerfyrddin,
SA44 5UG

Rhif AGC / CIW Number

W16/00001369/O0001/0002

Wedi cofrestru gyda AGC am 14 plentyn/
Registered with CIW for 14 children

Cyllid A.A.Ll i blant 3 oed am 10 awr/
LEA Funding for 3 year old children for 10 hours.
Plant 2-5 oed/Children 2-5



Nod Cylch Meithrin Drefach-Felindre / Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre's Aim

Nod y Cylch Meithrin yw rhoi cyfle cyfartal i bob plentyn i gymeryd mantais ac i ffynnu yn eu profiad o'r gwasanaethau a phrofiadau blynyddoedd cynnar trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg.

Rydym yn credu bod chwarae yn sylfaenol i ddatblygiad y plentyn yn gymdeithasol, emosiynol, corfforol, ieithyddol, a ddeallusol.

Byddwn yn sicrhau bod eich plentyn yn cael pob cyfle posibl ar gyfer dysgu trwy Chwarae gan ddefnyddio adnoddau aml synhwyrdd, sy'n ymgysylltu a chynhwysol sydd wedi eu dewis i greu creadigrwydd a dychymyg.

Y mae'r gweithgareddau a'r Chwarae yn cael ei annog i gymeryd lle y tu allan gymaint a phosib, yn aml drwy ymweld a mannau o fewn y pentref, neu ymhellach ar teithiau dydd a drefnir.

Y mae'r themau dysgu yn dilyn y tymhorau, traddodiadau lleol a chenedlaethol a daearyddiaeth ynghyd a dathlu amrywiolaeth cred a ddiwylliant a archwilio synnwyr y plentyn unigol.

Yr ydym yn rhoi clod a gwobrwyo ymddygiad da tuag at eraill ac yn annog helpu eraill gan gynnwys cydddisgyblion a staff. Lle mae cyflawniadau sgiliau a dysgu, fe fyddwn yn dathlu hyn ac fe atgyfnerthir eu gwerth drwy ein ethos cynhwysol a gofalgarg.

Y mae Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre yn darparu gofal ac addysg rhagorol i blant o 2 oed hyd at oed cynchwyn Ysgol o dan ofal staff cymwys a phrofiadol mewn awyrgylch deniadol, cyfeillgar a Chymreig. Mae hapusrwydd pob plentyn yn flaenoriaeth i ni. Caiff pob plentyn gyfle i gymryd rhan mewn amrywiaeth o weithgareddau fydd yn hybu pob agwedd o'i ddatblygiad mewn awyrgylch hapus a diogel.

The aim of the Cylch Meithrin is to give every child an equal opportunity to take advantage of and thrive in their experience of early years services, through the medium of Welsh.

We believe that play is fundamental to the development of children's social, emotional physical, linguistic and intellectual needs.

We ensure that your child has every possible opportunity for learning through play using a wide variety of multi-sensory, engaging and inclusive resources that have been selected to enthuse creativity and imagination.

Activities and play are encouraged to take place outdoors as much as possible, often visiting parts of the village or further afield on organised day trips.

Our learning themes follow the seasons, local and national traditions and geography in addition to celebrating diversity of faith and culture and exploring your child's sense of self.

We praise and reward kind and thoughtful behaviour towards others, encouraging the value of helping and supporting classmates and staff. Where personal achievements in skills and learning are made, children are celebrated and their sense of worth is bolstered by our inclusive and caring ethos.

Cylch Meithrin Drefach Velindre provides care and education of the highest quality for children aged between two years and school age. Our fundamental priority is the happiness of each child. There is an opportunity for each child to learn through play and develop to their full potential in a happy and safe environment.

Management of the Cylch Meithrin/Rheolaeth y Cylch Meithrin

Mae Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre yn Sefydliad Corfforedig Elusennol a gaiff ei reoleiddio gan Arolygaeth Gofal Cymru ac Estyn.

Mae'r Cylch Meithrin yn cael ei redeg gan bwyllgor o wirfoddolwyr yn cynnwys rhieni a gwarcheidwaid presennol ac aelodau o'r gymuned leol sy'n gwerthfawrogi pwysigrwydd addysg blynyddoedd cynnar cyfrwng Cymraeg.

The Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre is a registered CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which is regulated by Care Inspectorate for Wales and Estyn.

The Cylch Meithrin is managed by a committee of volunteers comprising of current parents, grandparents and guardians of children attending and members of the community who value the importance of locally available Welsh medium early years education.

Pwyllgor Rheoli'r Cylch / Cylch's Management Committee

Cadeirydd/Chairperson: Marion Morris

Ysgrifynydd/Secretary: Natasha Sharman

Trysorydd/Treasurer : Annie Pitt

Person Cofrestredig/Responsible Individual: Rose Mitchell

Staffio / Staff

Ffion Davies (Leader / Arweinydd)

Kate Griffiths (Assistant Leader / Dirprwy Arweinydd)

The Cylch has been active throughout the year, following a number of themes and activities and trips. The Leader will expand on this within her report.

Hyfforddiant Staff / Staff Training

- Updated safeguarding training
- Updated First Aid
- Jabadao Training (movement play)
- Early Years Maths
- Fa la la (music/singing approach learning)
- Design to Smile (teeth brushing)
- Prevent awareness
- Alice Sharp
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- Epi pen Training
- Forest School training
- Paediatric First Aid 12 hours
- Mandatory education and development training from County

Datblygiad y Cylch / The Development of the Cylch

The Cylch remains busy and active with good numbers in attendance. We are indebted for the ongoing commitment of Ffion and Kate who continue to provide an excellent level of provision for the young people through a varied range of activities throughout the year. We appreciate their hard work in maintaining a happy setting.

The year has not been without its challenges and financial viability sadly remains an ongoing concern. For the first time in many years, the fees have had to be raised due to increased outgoings. The Cylch has to rely on continuous fundraising and on occasions this has been quite challenging for what is now a very small committee of trustees. However, I extend my personal thanks to my fellow trustees for their co-operation and support throughout the year to ensure that this important resource continues into the future.

We are grateful to the local Gardening and Knitting Clubs who have kindly donated to the Meithrin during the year.

Feedback from parents has been positive and general appreciative with no complaints. The staff have organised specific sessions during the year where parents have been given the opportunity to visit the Cylch and see their children's work. This has been well received.

The annual SASS has been completed and submitted to CIW.

The setting has also signed up to be part of the Flying Start programme and this will provide additional benefits to both children and their families through additional funding schemes and other support. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Codi Arian / Fundraising

- Psychic Evening with Karen Wilson
- Village Carnival July 2023
- Bingo Evening
- Halloween Event
- Christmas Fayre
- Childrens Christmas Concert

Grantiau a Chyfraniadau / Grants and Donations

- Mudiad Meithrin Emergency grant £2,926.81 - used for day to day running of the Meithrin.
- LA Grant £3,000.00 - Ffalala Workshops, Jabadao Training
- Forest School
- 24th July '23 - Sustainability Grant £923.07 - used towards hall hire, payroll costs, PPE supplies, Pat inspection
- 27th October '23 - Deprivation Grant £1,920.00 - Being used for trips out - including Teifi Valley Railway, also maths resources and language resources
- 17th November '23 - RRRS 23-24(**R**ecruit, **R**ecover, **R**aise **S**tandards) £3,280.00

This is for the 3 mandatory training sessions, extra hours for staff meetings / planning, networking sessions, purchase of relevant resources following these sessions plus another Ffalala workshop.

Cynllunio ar gyfer y dyfodol / Future Planning

We continue in ongoing discussions with the Church in Wales and Penboyr school with regard to the move to the old school house. Unfortunately, the process has been extremely slow due initially to the loss of important paperwork, however we are maintaining momentum and are pleased to see that the initial drawings have now been completed and will be submitted to the local authority.

This is an ambitious scheme which will require substantial funding from various organisations and we hope that this process will commence shortly. The Flying Start Programme have been pro-active and will work with us on a business case to support our fundraising efforts. In addition we will be required to enter into a legal lease agreement with the Church in Wales and the committee are being updated as this develops.

This is indeed an exciting project and will provide an excellent facility for the setting.

The staff and committee continue to work against the Action Plan and Quality Assurance calendar, which will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

I would personally like to thank the staff and fellow trustees for their ongoing support in ensuring the future of Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre.

Diolch / Thank you

Marion Morris

Cadeirydd / Chairperson

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This all came to a head at the start of the current term (Summer'24) when due to the regulations governing child:staff ratio, we had an unprecedented drop in projected revenue, although also having a waiting list of 2 year olds.

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This experience has been a sharp learning curve for the Committee and staff. Although we have just been pulled back from the brink, we realise the huge need of continual and effective fundraising to reduce the monthly shortfall of income and allowing the Meithrin to be able to cover the necessary expenditure.

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We would welcome the opportunity to have a dedicated fundraising committee.

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