

Welsh Language Charter / Siarter Iaith

The Welsh Government have set out the key strategic priorities for increasing the number of Welsh speakers in Wales to a million by 2050 and have introduced the Welsh Language Charter / Siarter Iaith to help achieve this goal. 'Cymraeg Campus' provides a framework which can be used to promote a strong Welsh ethos in schools.

At Crickhowell Community Primary School we are committed to the principles of the Welsh Language Charter / Siarter Iaith and its objective of supporting children and young people to speak Welsh and to encourage the use of Welsh in a variety of situations within the school, outside of the school and in the wider community.

We achieved the *Gwobr Efydd* / Bronze Award in December 2019 and the *Gwobr Arian* / Silver Award in March 2024. Now we are currently working hard towards achieving the *Gwobr Aur* / Gold Award status.

To obtain the *Gwobr Aur* status we must achieve the following 10 targets shown below:



Criw Cymraeg

Our passionate 'Criw Cymraeg' at Ysgol Gynradd Crughywel constantly work hard to drive the Welsh Language Charter / Siarter Iaith forward. The 'Criw Cymraeg' is made up of two members from each class / year group from Reception to Year 6 who work enthusiastically to promote the Welsh language. The role of the 'Criw Cymraeg' is to encourage and support pupils, staff, parents, family members, governors, friends of the school and visitors to the school to make use of the Welsh language and speak Welsh in the classroom, around the school, in the canteen, outdoor areas and on the school yard during break times.

**'Mae siarad Cymraeg yn bril,
mae siarad dwy iaith yn sgil.'**

**GWYBODAETH I RIENI A LLYWODRAETHWYR
AM SIARTER IAITH CYMRAEG CAMPUS**

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND
GOVERNORS ON THE CYMRAEG CAMPUS
LANGUAGE CHARTER**

Our school is working to achieve the Cymraeg Campus Language Charter

We are trying to increase the use of Welsh by pupils, staff and the wider school community

We have three awards to work towards - bronze, silver and gold

We have ten targets to achieve for each award

Our school has an active Criw Cymraeg - a group of pupils who promote Welsh

Our Criw Cymraeg will lead the Charter

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Starter Iaith Cymraeg

Cymraeg Campus

The aim of the Language Charter is to inspire our children and young people to use their Welsh in all aspects of their lives.

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Siaradwr yr Wythnos

Each week members of the 'Criw Cymraeg' from every class listen out for the pupil who speaks the most Welsh both inside and outside of the classroom. This pupil is then rewarded with the title 'Siaradwr yr wythnos' / 'Speaker of the week' and presented with a Welsh award during our weekly assembly. Our weekly 'Siaradwr yr wythnos' award winners take home the class mascot for the weekend where they write about their adventures in Welsh and report back to class the following week. Our weekly 'Siaradwr yr wythnos' award winners are also shared and celebrated through our school Instagram account.

Pattern of the Fortnight / Patrwm yr Pythefnos

The 'Criw Cymraeg' present a new language pattern every fortnight 'Patrwm yr Pythefnos' which is chosen by 'Criw Cymraeg' members during our fortnightly meetings and shared with the whole school during our Welsh assemblies. The 'Patrwm yr Pythefnos' is then added to the weekly school newsletter to encourage parents to support the use of the Welsh language.

Urdd Centenary Celebrations

January 25th 2022 was 'Cariad @ Urdd Day'. Our whole school participated in the centenary celebrations of the Urdd. We all joined the Birthday Party on Zoom and dressed in the Urdd colours - red, white and green and went outside onto the school yard to sing the song 'Hei Mistar Urdd'. We broke two Guinness World Record titles for the highest number of videos of people singing 'Hei Mistar Urdd' uploaded to Facebook and Twitter between 10.45am and 11.45am.



Gwasanaeth Cymraeg

Our 'Crew Cymraeg' lead our whole school fortnightly Welsh assemblies which are discussed and planned in our meetings. 'Crew Cymraeg' choose the Patrwm y Pythefnos as well as the Welsh prayer and song / hymn for each of the assemblies. They also introduce and model the 'Sgwrs y Mis' to the whole school, give out 'Siaradwr yr Wythnos' and 'Seren y Staff' awards and share short Welsh / bilingual presentations or stories with the school celebrating Welsh heritage, traditions and Welsh heroes.

Pod Siarad / Gemau Buarth

Learners enjoy using the Welsh language outdoors during playtimes through the use of both our 'Pod Siarad' and 'Gemau Buarth'. The 'Pod Siarad' is run by Blwyddyn 6 as our older pupils enjoy supporting many of our younger learners to hold Welsh conversations, play Welsh games, read Welsh books, listen to Welsh music and use Welsh apps on the ipads outdoors. Members of our 'Crew Cymraeg' and other enthusiastic helpers run the 'Gemau Buarth'. Popular games include: 'Ga i croesi'r afon?', 'Mae ffermwyr eisiau gwraig' and 'Mae Simon yn dweud'.



Welsh Whisperer

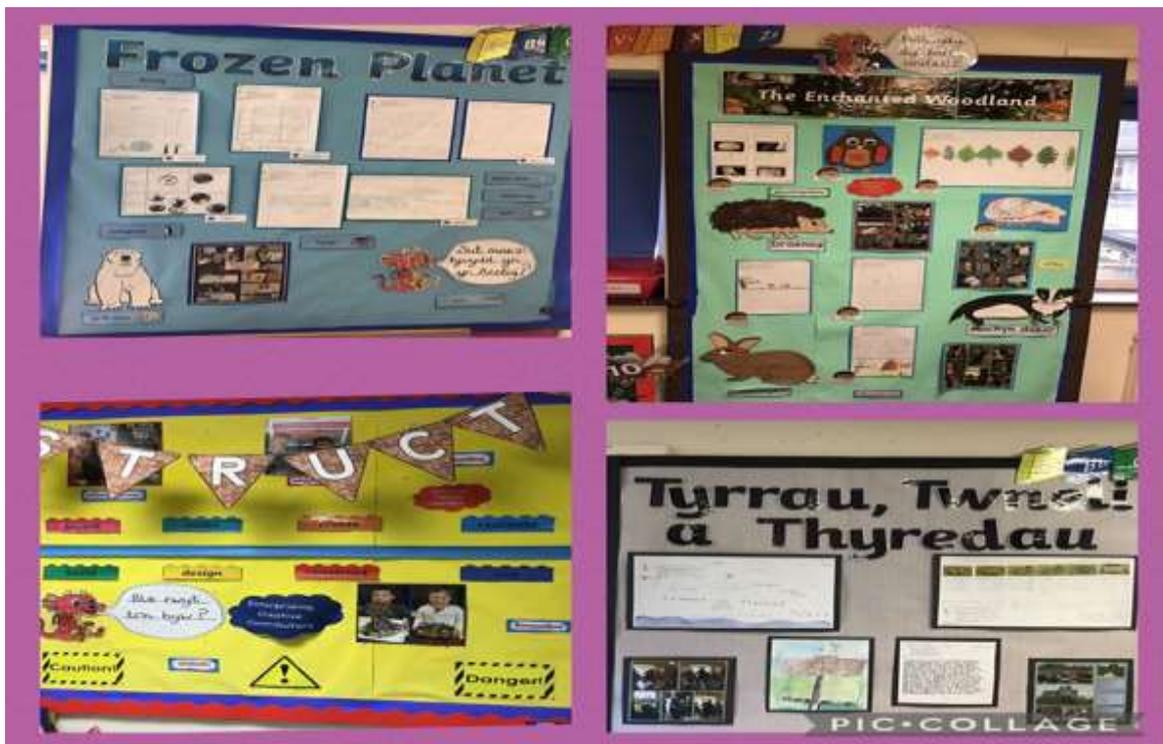
The Welsh Whisperer visited school and worked with all learners to compose a school anthem all about our local area and 'Cynefin'. We had two fabulous days of workshops and thoroughly enjoyed the live Welsh Whisperer Gig!

Mabinogion Workshops

Bigfoot Arts Education visited school to work with Blwyddyn 3-6. They provided an imaginative insight into the history of Wales through their Mabinogion Workshops. Learners enjoyed developing their storytelling skills and passion for reading as well as their knowledge of the Welsh legend Branwen.

The Welsh language is clearly visible around our school environment both indoors and outdoors

All classes have an interactive Welsh display linked to their current Welsh topic as well as a 'Cymraeg ar dy Dafod' display which are used daily. The Welsh language is also prominent on displays in classes, corridors and throughout the school environment both indoors and outdoors. At Ysgol Crughywel we use the 'Ddraig Goch' speech bubble on display to highlight the Welsh language and encourage learner interaction through the use of Welsh questions on our displays. Each class also has a 'Croeso' display as well as a 'Cwtch Cymraeg' area where learners can go to read Welsh books, use Welsh apps on ipads, complete independent Welsh reading, writing and speaking tasks.





Daily 10 minutes of Welsh 'Helpwr Heddiw'

All classes throughout the school ensure daily 10 minute 'Helpwr Heddiw' sessions are carried out. The aim of these sessions is not only to encourage learners to use the Welsh language on a daily basis but also to revisit language patterns taught and introduce new patterns in order to constantly develop and enhance the learner's use of the Welsh language. Some activities carried out during these sessions include: Use of 'Helpwr Heddiw' cards for question and answer sessions, play Welsh vocabulary / sentence pattern games, interactive Welsh games using class whiteboards, singing Welsh songs and rhymes, etc.

Welsh across the curriculum

Learners enjoy using the Welsh language across other areas of learning. Examples of this include: playing Welsh games during introductions to lessons to reinforce new Welsh vocabulary, using ICT to create bar graphs focusing on 'Beth ydy dy hoff siop yn Crughywel?', playing Welsh games during the warm-up to PE sessions, writing and recording Welsh interviews focusing on famous polar explorers, interactive games, naming and describing their own polar region animal, writing fact files about aliens, writing short stories, completing Welsh reading comprehensions linked to their current class theme etc.

Welsh in the community

Learners thoroughly enjoy visiting 'Greenhill' our local residential care home in Crughywel where they sing Welsh songs, read Welsh stories and play Welsh games with the residents.

Welsh group reading

Learners have regular group reading sessions and are able to discuss books confidently in Welsh showing an understanding of the main ideas, events and characters and expressing their opinion.

Most learners have a secure grasp of the Welsh alphabet and phonological awareness e.g. by following schemes such as Tric a Chlic.

School Eisteddfod

The school organises a school Eisteddfod where all singing and recitation competitions are through the medium of Welsh and homework tasks have a Welsh theme. The school also encourages learners to compete in local Eisteddfodau e.g. Cwmdu and Abergavenny.



Orielodl

Take a look below at our wonderful Cynefin project in collaboration with Orielodl! It is proudly displayed in our school hall. Our ambitious and creative children supported by the talented Mr Jones designed and created this masterpiece to celebrate and showcase our school's culture and its connection to our local area and Wales.



Useful Welsh Apps and Websites

Please click on the links below to access a selection of useful Welsh apps and websites: