

Start at My Feet!



How school A works with the community to support learning.

- Community groups
- Fun days
- Polling station
- Food banks
- Ospreys
- Local education companies

How school A and the government supports less privileged pupils and their families.

- Free school meals
- Second hand uniform
- Free reading books
- Food banks

How school A supports Health and well-being.

- School council
 - Wind chimes
 - Fidget toys
 - Beanbags
 - Weaving ribbon
 - Emoji cushions
- These all help children be happy and confident in school to promote better learning.

The annual school Eisteddfod promotes Cwricwlwm Cymreig, dressing up and celebrating.

Most class teachers offer several live 'check-in' sessions through hwb.

How school A supports parents, and carers when toilet training infants.

- Toilets and school readiness- ERIC
- Potty training and support from action for children
- Resources and advice

The resources school A provides for parents and guardians.

- Doodle Maths
- Spelling Shed
- Reading Planet
- Big Maths
- Read Theory
- My Maths
- Tiles for each year group

WOW walls are also used within school A for parents too see their children's work and for the pupils to feel a sense of accomplishment, these are some of the benefits:

- Boosts moral
- Increases confidence
- Increases self-esteem

Within most of the classrooms in school A they have a class mascot (a teddy) which goes home with pupils over the weeks where the pupils can take photos and document how they have looked after the bear over the last couple of days.

- The advantages that come with doing this is that the pupils will be better engaged in lessons and will think of different situations more positively.

- School A hosts breakfast clubs in the mornings before school to help working parents and they gain school resources.

Pupil Voice committees

- School Council
- Criw Cymraeg
- Digital Leaders
- Sports Council
- Eco Committee

School A happily arranges school visits when a child either moves their place of education or is starting nursery. Which gives the parents/ guardians a chance to view the school grounds.

School A gives the opportunity for the pupils to take part in a 'Topic week,' where the children are able to pick out and choose what topic they want to focus on for that week.

Forest Schools.

- Develops creativity
- Develops imagination
- Develops i team work
- Develops hand eye co-ordination
- Increases happiness

All year groups within school A had the time to take part in a yoga activity where they would practice breathing techniques and learn to control different emotions.

- Digital Leaders
- Ensures that classroom technology is healthy
- Support younger learners
- Attend half term meetings

- There are two well attended school choirs, who perform a few times a year in the community who also had a memorable trip to Paris to sing at a theme park as part of it's Saint David's Day celebrations!

- Within the foundation classes in school A they have a policy where the doors in the classroom, that leads to the yard remain open to give the children the decision on whether they want to take part in outdoor play.

- Calm rooms have been created in school A which have books comfy seating and sensory toys where children can go when their emotions are high to take time to calm down and relax.

- In my bridging school they have a support officer. The support officer is available to parents/ guardians to raise concerns of their child in their home or any major life events that have occurred.



School A aims to nourish and maintain positive relationships between the community agencies.

- Police
- Clergy
- Residents Association

School A's Additional Learning Needs (ALN) policy supplies information to parents, teachers and governors on what support that individual pupil needs in order to have the best care whilst learning and socialising.

The Welsh language is taught in all classes in School A as well as being used throughout the school.

- Welsh songs
- Welsh prayers
- Welsh assemblies
- Welsh displays
- Welsh books
- Welsh focused Tuft trays

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

School A encourages pupils to respect themselves and others, to value diversity, and to built respectful relationships.

There are opportunities for pupils to develop their awareness of other parts of the world, these being different cultures and showing equality and diversity. This is accomplished by sharing books with pupils in Greek schools.

- This is a benefit to school A's community as it brings different culture traditions such as cooking sessions as well as art projects where 'cultural trees' get made by pupils.

How does school A work with families before a child starts school?

- June-
 - Transition meetings for ALN pupils
- July-
 - Information evenings
 - Stay and play sessions
 - Home visits
 - Nursery staff visit children
- September-
 - Staggered entry
 - Length of the school day
- December-
 - Stay and play sessions

How school A works with parents, carers, and the community.

- Information sharing
- PFA and governing body
- ALN support
- Parent open days/ events
- Google classroom
- LAP, NAP, WAP, OLAP
- Theme week videos

School A communicates with parents effectively which builds relationships through highly worthwhile partnership activities.

- Open door culture
- Literacy workshop
- Numeracy workshop

Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

- Organises social and funds raising events
- Facebook page
- Future meetings

Annual reports by governors to parents, this gives parents an insight on how their child is doing in that school term.

LAP: Language and play
NAP: Numeracy and play
WAP: Welsh and play
OLAP: Outdoor learning and play

How does school A include parents in pupil based activities?

- Christmas concerts/ musicals
- Summer and Winter fayre
- Parents invited on school trips
- Parents race on sports day
- Donations
- Making costumes for concerts

- Parents evenings are also part of School A's aim to bring - parents/ carers closer and more involved in their child's education.

