

The Learner, School and The Community

My placement school is considered as a rural school in Neath Port Talbot. According to (My Local school) My placement school, is a English medium school, mixed gender and mixed ethnicity school with 172 pupils in the school ages 3-11. In the school 23.9% of the pupils get free school meals, which average for 3 year. The attendance of the school in 2019 was 94.2%. Each child in the school gets a budget of £3433. This Primary school is also a Yellow Category for support school. In the school there are ANL children who do need support, everyday one of the teaching assistances will take a group of children and do Interventions with them to work on their pronunciation, spelling reading etc. since being in the school I can tell that there is a lot of support offered to all of the pupils if they need it. One of the aims for the school "is to create a happy, secure, stable and caring environment in which children can develop to the full" (School Prospects, 2019-2020, p.7)



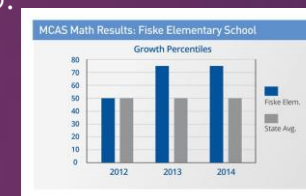
Together (2019)

Policies and Well-being

My placement school has a lot of policies in place to look after the children and their well-being. Around the school there are Poly pockets that that are full of Safeguarding booklets for the pupils to read and take home. In that booklet it states how the school keeps them safe, their rights and helpline numbers. With this booklet being accessible it means that the children know that they are being looked after in the school.

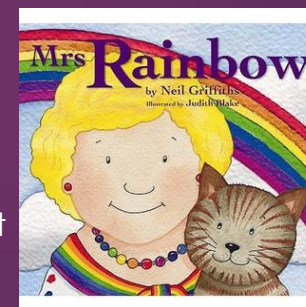
Growth Mindset

My placement school very much likes the idea of the pupils making mistakes, as from this they can learn from them. In Year 2 in their groups they spend 1 session a day improving on their spelling, pronunciation and sentence forming. By doing this, it helps them improve their mindset. With the mistake the pupils make they are always asked to reflected back on it. In a certain book they write down what they did wrong and repeat it 3 times everyday for a week or until they get it right. By doing this it helps the children understand it is fine to make mistakes. Cross Lou, C (2016) notes tell us that Carol Dweck believes that it is important for children to teach themselves to have a growth mindset to enable them to gain the understanding that over time they can improve and develop.



Mindset works, 2017

Blake, 2000



Parental Engagement

Parental Engagement is important for the school as they want to keep the parents involved as much as possible. The school try and influence the parents to get involved as much as possible, they do this by sending books home with the children so the child can read to them, then they note down how they were, to try and get the children to read to their parents, if they do it they get two stars which go towards a rewards at the end of term. For parents to know what is going on in the school they have school they have a meeting that occurs every term to keep them updated. Newsletters are always sent home with the children to keep them updated on what is going on that week. There are also courses the school help provide in the night for the community. For parents who want to know more information, there are links on the school website for them to read and a section just for the parents to know what is going on.

Reading and Literacy

In my placement school, in every classroom there were loads of books. There are also two libraries within the school, one for the Foundation Phase and one for Key Stage 2. There is also a local library across the road, where they go every week to get a new books. The school libraries are used for their guided reading sessions. When I went to the school to read to the Year 2 class I read to the Mrs Rainbow which is about helping other and happiness, which is spread around the school. When I read to the one group they told me they thought it was about Kindness, they also informed my on a system they have at the school called Friendly Stars, and this is when if a child has no one to play with they stand by the star, then when a child see someone standing there they go over to them and ask them to play with them. Each group really enjoyed the book and they all said they will be kind to each other and happy. With reading books to children most days it allows them to understand the concept of being nice to

each other and other aspects in life because they have heard about it in a book.

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