

The Welsh Not



Wales Online (2020)

The History of the Welsh Language

- . Today, The welsh language is spoken by 23% of the population
- . Up until 1850, 90% of the population spoke welsh
- . The welsh language is potentially 4,000 years old and one of the oldest living languages in Europe
- . The welsh language originates from the celtic language spoken by ancient Britons
- . Today in Wales there are 378 Welsh schools in which welsh is the first spoken language

Jacob, 2017



Historical even that Affected the Welsh Language!!

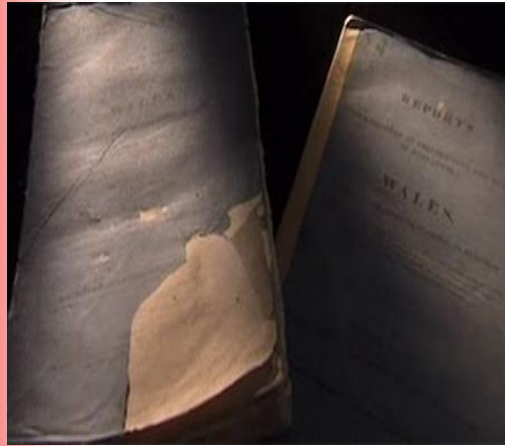
. In 1536 Henry VIII's act of union enforced English sovereignty over Wales.

. The use of the Welsh language was banned and laws were passed which removed the official status of the Welsh Language.

. The language was suppressed and this extended into education too.

. By the 20th Century the number of Welsh speakers had fallen so much it looked as though the language would die out.

Treachery of the Blue book



Wales History, (2011)

.Many people in England and Wales thought something needed to be done about Welsh

Speaking communities,

. In 1846 people proposed for a specific enquiry into education in Wales

. It was thought that Education could be used to stabilise and civilise Welsh speakers

. William Williams instigated the enquiry as he felt the Welsh language was holding them back economically

. Three commissioners from England took evidence from 100's of people, mostly Anglicans. 1847 saw the report on the state of Education in Wales, this became known as the treason of the blue book

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RADIO Wales
(1999)



Findings of the blue book

- . The blue book made claims the Welsh language was evil.
- . They claimed the Welsh language helped people distort the truth and the language led to deceit.
- . Poor conditions and sanitation and teaching equipment
- . Low standards of education.
- . Welsh children had no understanding of the welsh language, were ignorant, dirty and badly motivated.
- . All of the childrens basic needs were pushed to the background and more emphasis was made on their inability to speak English.



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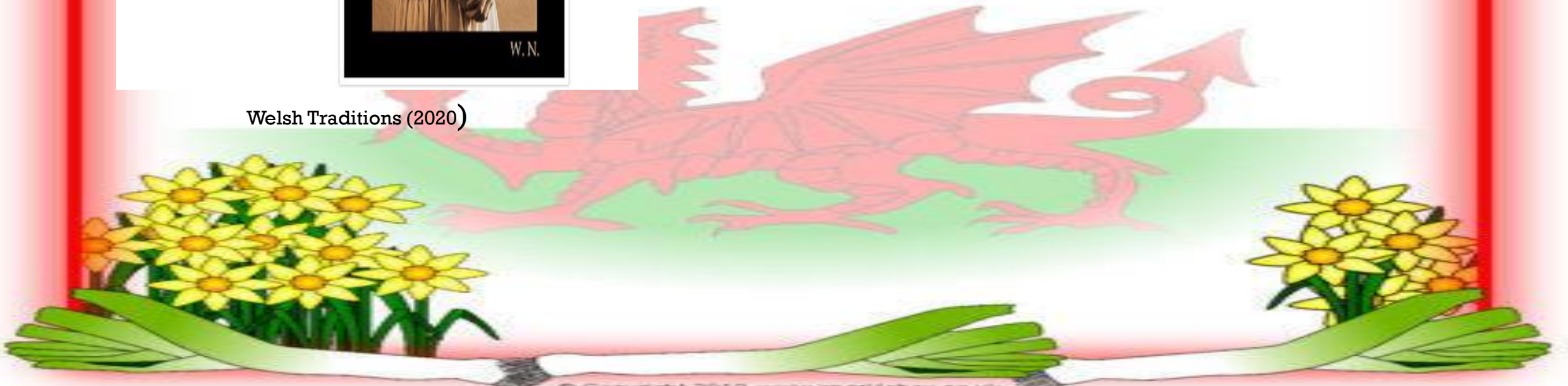


Welsh Traditions (2020)

- . Attempts to kill off the Welsh Language in schools

- . If children spoke Welsh within the classroom they would have a piece of wood hung around their neck with WN engraved, this stood for Welsh Not.

- . The welsh not was passed from child to child throughout the day and the last child wearing it at the end of the day would be punished.



Punishment

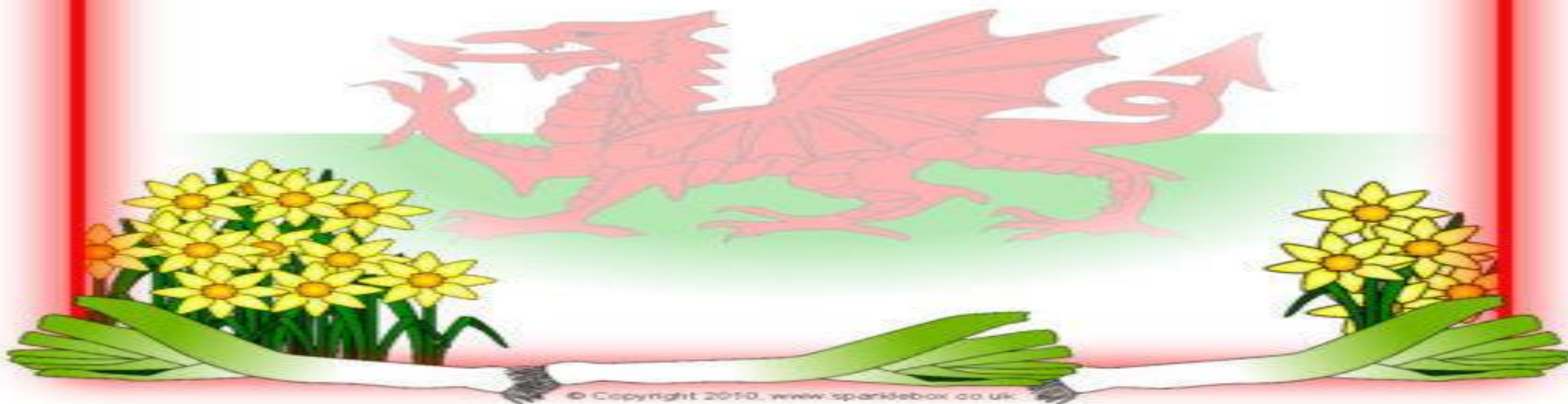
Humiliation

Low self esteem

Demoralisation



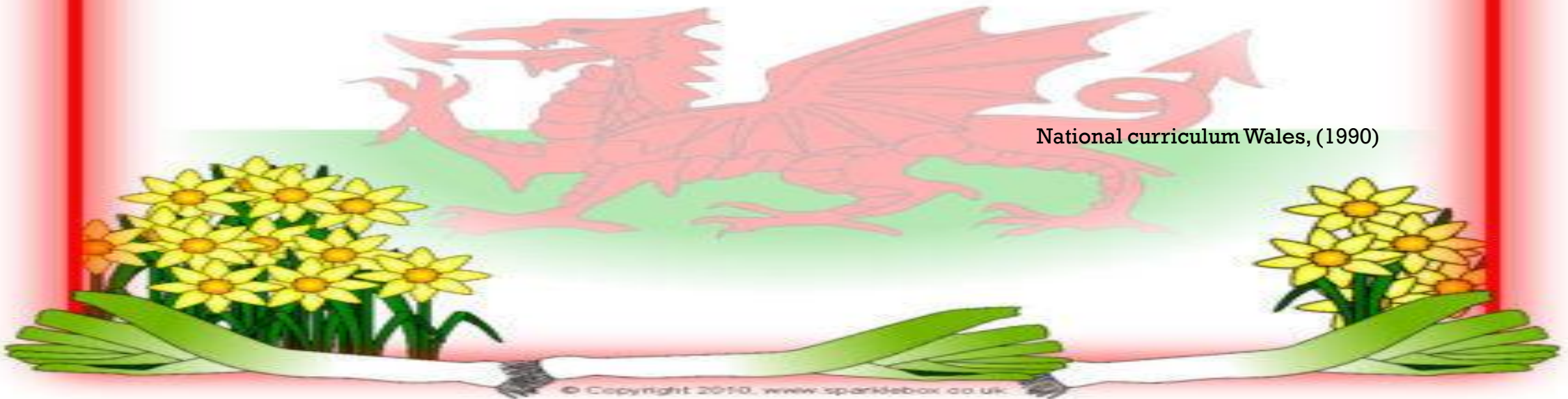
Welsh Not, (2020)



What's changed????

- . In 1988 the Education reform act provided excellent curricular potential for Wales.
- . It established a separate curriculum council for Wales which resulted in the development of a welsh curriculum for school's.
- . In the 1960's increasing awareness of the value of the welsh language led to peaceful protests which paved the way for equality for the Welsh language.

National curriculum Wales, (1990)



Welsh language on the increase again!!!!

. The welsh arts council was established in 1962, a milestone for welsh culture.

, During the 1970's the welsh language society campaign focused on developing a television network.

.Educational implications of the media

. The 1944 education act encouraged parents to pursue the rights of their children and forced local authorities to set up welsh medium schools.

. The 1940's – 1960's saw a rapid increase in welsh medium education

.In 1999 Welsh became a compulsory subject for all learners across wales for pupils between key stage 1 and 4.

National curriculum Wales, (1990)



Conclusion

- . Today Welsh language is celebrated instead of diminished
- . Children learn about welsh culture and inheritance instead of being made to feel ashamed about it
- . The future of the Welsh language lays in the hands of the younger generation
- , Welsh is now compulsory in schools in wales
- . By 2050 the welsh government aim to have a million people speaking the language



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