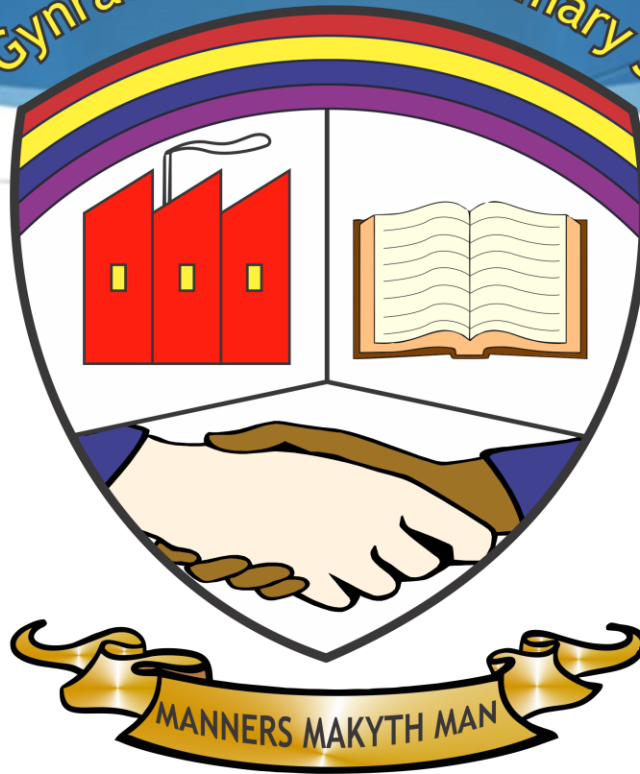




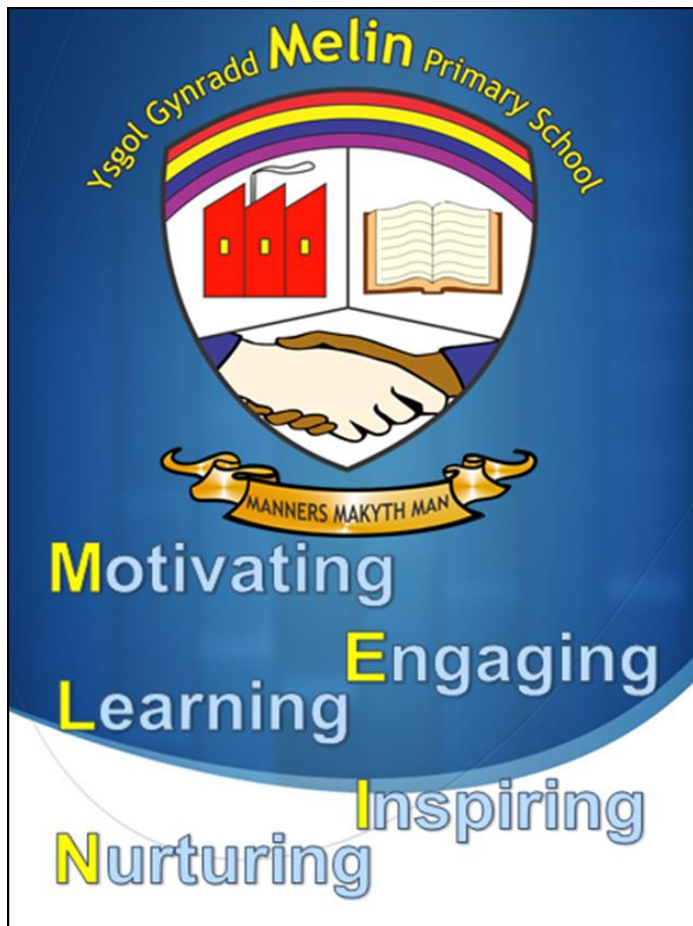
Ysgol Gynradd Melin Primary School



Meet the Teachers

September 2023

Our School Vision



We have high expectations that encourage good habits, promote ambition and positive attitudes to learning. This will enable the children to grow to be literate, numerate, digitally competent and independent life-long learners. They will be happy, healthy, safe and contribute creatively and ethically to their community, Wales and the world.



Meet the Teachers

Class teachers:

Mrs L Jeremy

Classroom support:

Miss S Williams

Miss Hillier

Mrs G Brown

Senior Management Team



Acting Headteacher/DCPO: Mrs. D. Harris

Acting Deputy Head/Deputy DCPO: Mrs. L. Jeremy

Key Stage Two Leader: Mrs. S. Cooke

Progression and Assessment lead: Mrs. D. Beer

ALNCo: Mrs. A. Lewis



Classroom Routines

Dinners are now free for all children. The menu is available on the Broccoli Bob website. However, if you think your child is eligible for free school meals please still apply.

Consent Forms/info – please complete and return.

Attendance and lateness – please let us know on the first day if your child will be absent. If your child is late, please bring them to the school front door and sign your child in. Ring school if no answer.

Attendance and Punctuality

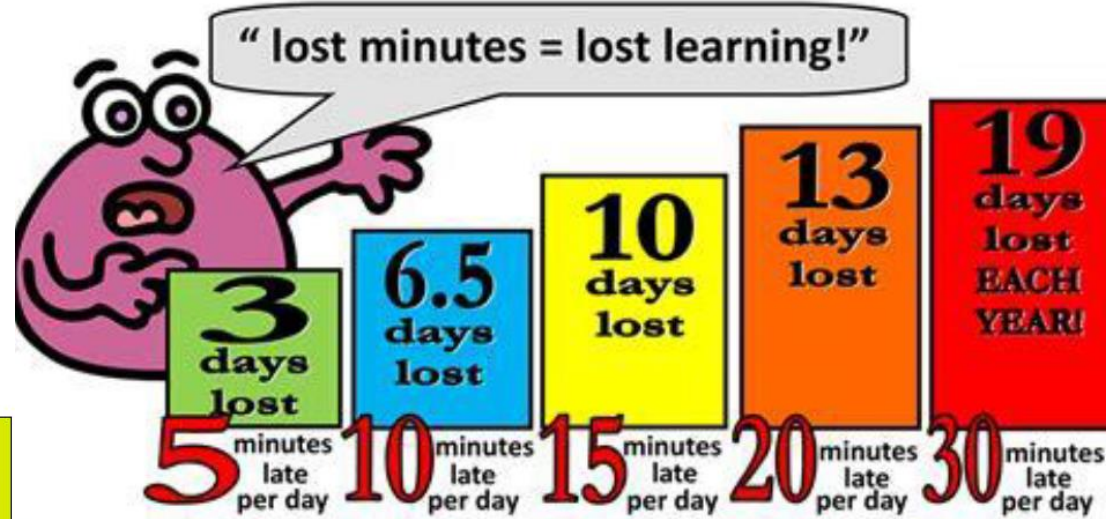


100%									
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	97%								
	184 DAYS OF EDUCATION	90%							
	6 DAYS ABSENCE	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	85%						
		19 DAYS ABSENCE	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	80%					
			29 DAYS ABSENCE	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	75%				
				38 DAYS ABSENCE	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION				
					47 DAYS ABSENCE				

WELL DONE!
High attendance leads to improved high achievement which means a greater chance of success.

WORRYING!
Too many missed school days. Less chance of success.

SERIOUS CONCERN!
Lowest chance of success. Possible Court Action.





Classroom Routines

Homework – Your child will have homework given once a week on a Monday to be returned on a Friday (Nursery 2 and Reception)

Your child will also have a homework menu to choose from as part of the Learning Projects they will be finding out about in class.

PE – no need for kit in N/R. shows



Classroom Routines

- **Reading** – Your child will be able to choose a reading book from the school library as well as a structured scheme book and the online Reading Buddy. Your child will be listened to in Guided and individual reading sessions. Please listen to your child read and/or share books at home five times a week. Reading is an important life skill! (Reception pupils)

Can you please make a note of any of these books in their reading record as we will reward those children who have **read 5 times for 10 consecutive weeks.**

How you can help at home



Spelling

Your child will have spelling words to learn at home. As well as learning their spelling words, your child will need to remember these spellings and attempt to spell other words when writing.

Here are some strategies you can use to support your child:

1. Encourage your child to have a go at spelling a word. This will build confidence and practice spelling skills. Making mistakes is a natural part of learning.
2. Remind your child to use phonics as their first port of call for spelling a new word – even in Key Stage 2. Help them to really hear each individual sound in the word and choose a suitable spelling pattern.
3. Remind your child to read through their writing and check for spelling errors. They need to develop a feel for whether a word looks right. Help them to check words in a dictionary.
4. Encourage your child to read. When we read, we see words spelled correctly. The more we read, the more words we see.
5. Make spelling fun - There are lots of ways to practice spelling at home e.g. Messy Letters, use of apps (See 'How to help Flyer')

How you can help at home



Reading Buddy

Oxford Reading Buddy helps your child to get better at reading. It contains hundreds of books that your child will enjoy, all matched to their reading level. Special 'Coaching eBooks' help your child to understand what they read. Quizzes check how they are doing and send results back to their teacher. Oxford Reading Buddy can be used on desktops, tablets and mobiles.

www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com

***Help guide/letter for Parents**



Little Big Maths

Little Big Maths is a systematic and empathetic approach to supporting children in becoming numerate.

Amounts

Amounts	Steps
1	Amounts Exist
2	Amounts Compared - 1
3	Amounts Are Needed
4	Amounts Change
5	Amounts Compared - 2
6	Amounts Compared - 3
7	Amounts Compared by Counting
8	No Amount

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Counting	
1	Saying Numbers
2	Reading Numbers
3	Counting Skills
4	Actual Counting
5	Ordering Numbers
6	Counting Multiples
7	Squiggleworth



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Learn Its	Steps
1	My First Flashcards
2	My Body Learn Its
3	My 'Finger Double' Learn Its
4	My Halving Learn Its
5	Double Facts
6	My First Number Sentences
7	Number Buddy (Bonds to 10)
8	'Add on 2' Learn Its
9	'Add on 3' Learn Its
10	Single Digit Doubles

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INN	Steps
1	Pim is Counting
2	Pim Knows His Learn Its
3	Pim Swaps Amounts
4	Doubling Amounts
5	Halving Amounts
6	Who Won?
7	Little Jigsaws
8	Fact Families

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Calculation	Steps
Addition	
Subtraction	
Multiplication	
Division	

Little Big Maths is taught through modelling, exploration and hands on activities.

Little Big Maths



How you can help at home



1. Complete weekly homework tasks set. Tasks go out on a Monday , to be returned by Friday.
2. Read a story for enjoyment as often as possible
3. Read individual reading book and/ or Reading Buddy every night (Reception)
4. Learn to read and write own name using lower case letters
5. Practice reading and writing numbers to 10 and beyond



Learning in Melin

The early years in primary school are arguably the most important years in a child's learning.

It is here that they learn build the foundations of the learning that will take place for the rest of their lives.

Without strong foundations, strong walls can't be built.





Learning in Melin



We believe in creating a caring, nurturing environment that provides a welcome to parents and values them as co-educators of their child.

You were their first teachers and you'll continue be with them on their learning journey through the rest of their lives.



Teaching and Learning

Our curriculum is written on a two year cycle. The topics they study are of interest to them and provide a fun context for learning.



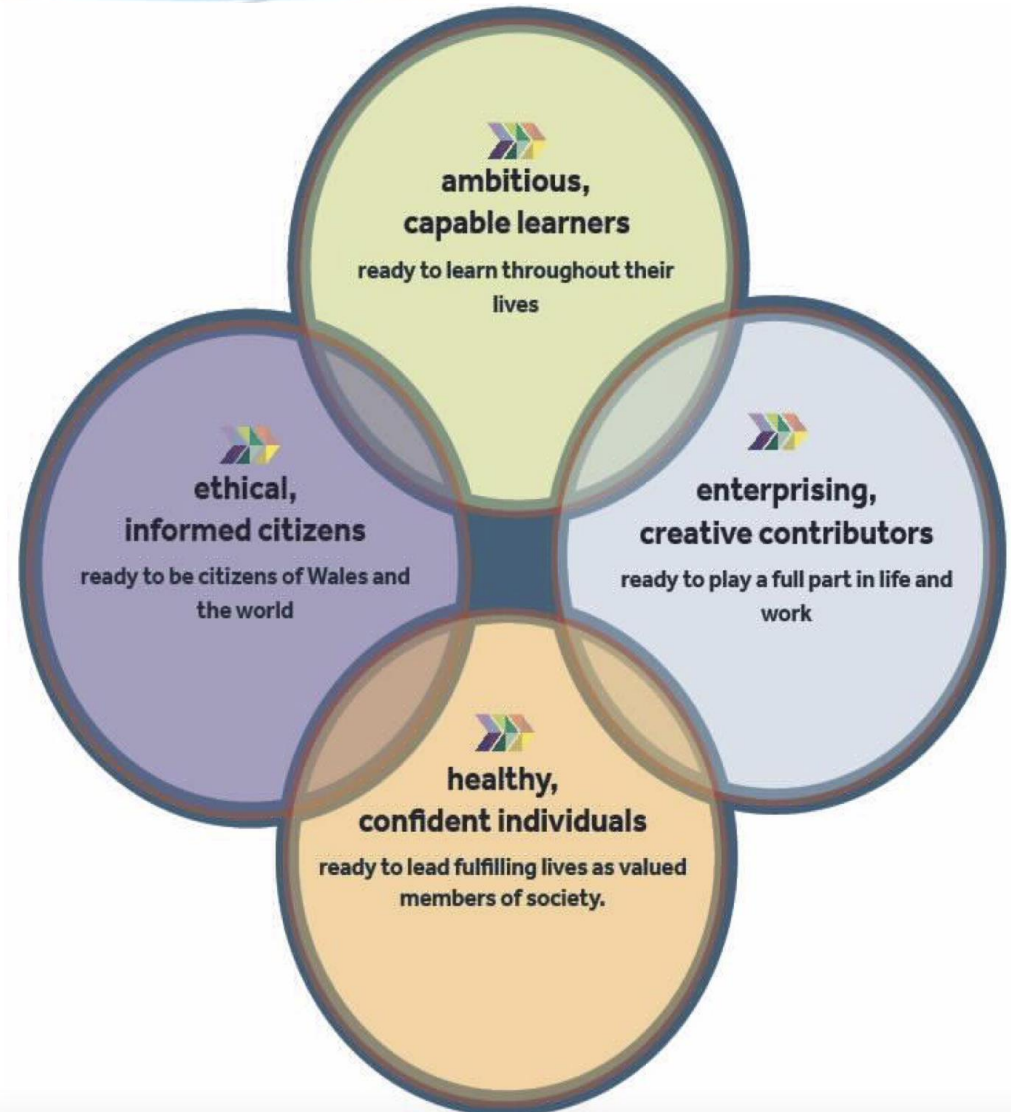
Children will get to follow their interests in learning as well as undertaking challenges to apply skills previously taught so that they master them independently.

4 Purposes and 6 Areas of Learning and Experience



The Areas of Learning

- Languages, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Health and Well-being
- Science and Technology
- Expressive Arts
- Humanities





Teaching and Learning

This year, our topics include:

Autumn Term

Me and my Community / Autumn

Spring Term

Big Wide World

Summer Term

How many pebbles on a Beach

How high can I jump?



Parent Learning

The school is committed to supporting parents to take part in adult learning.

We work to start work again with NPT Adult Learning, Flying Start and Communities for Work as well as local colleges and universities to provide opportunities in our Parents' Room on the Foundation Phase site.

Any ideas or requests about what YOU would want to see in YOUR parents' room? Let us know in the school offices.



How we'll keep in touch

- School Newsletter link via the text message service
- School website (has policies, information and online newsletters on there!)
- Twitter @melinprimary
- Occasional letters and other text messages
- Phone calls (if needed)
- Parent Progress Meetings





If there's a problem

- Speak to the class teacher either at the end of the day, or by telephone or by email to melinprimary@npt.school
- If you aren't happy with the resolution from the class teacher please ring to speak to or arrange to meet Mrs. Harris
- If you are not happy with the resolution put forward by Mrs. Harris you may contact the Governing Body by emailing the school or writing to us.
- A copy of the complaints policy is on the school website.



Class Information

- - Fruit Money is £1 a week for Nursery (Parent Pay)/ Reception to bring own fruit (labelled container/ bag)
 - Homework – goes out on a Monday, returned on a Friday
 - Weekend Bear – goes home on Friday, returned on a Monday
 - Reading books – to be sent out daily (when ready)
 - PE/ garden – Thursday . Rotated
 - Label all clothes
 - Trips- details to follow shortly
 - Reading Buddy Guides
 - Spelling guides