

YSGOL PEN-Y-BRYN CURRICULUM RATIONALE

At Ysgol Pen Y Bryn, it is our mission to **Nurture Healthy, Ethical, Creative and Ambitious Learners** who are able to express themselves with confidence and listen to others with open minds and open hearts.

Our aim is to provide an inclusive, secure, caring, high quality-learning environment and to strive to develop life-long learning skills for our children's future. By placing an emphasis on resilience and perseverance in learning through positive attitudes, we allow children to respond to challenges, setbacks and be open to aiming high.

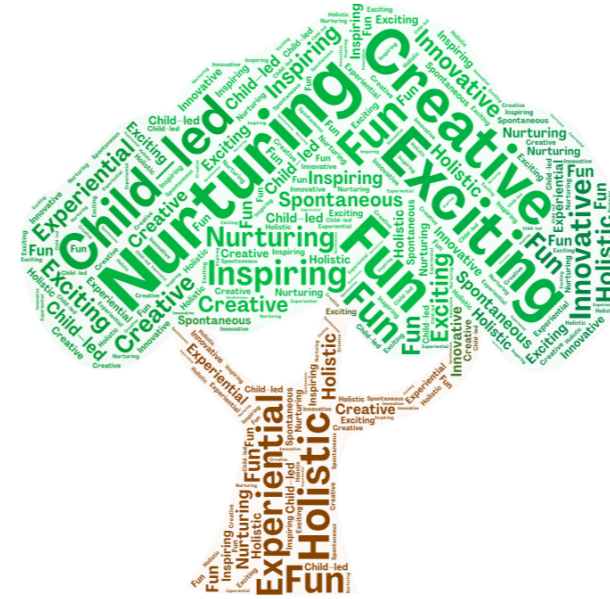


LOCAL - NATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL

We celebrate the Welsh language, culture and heritage as well as other countries through our work.



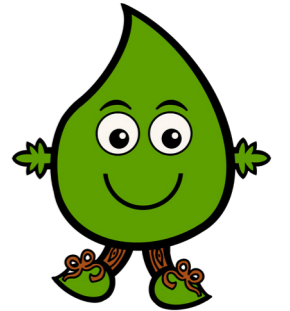
Sustainable Goals
Modern Foreign Language
Social Enterprise



Through our vision, the ethos in our school emulates and promotes the four purposes. We ensure that the ethos is living and breathing in the school to promote these core purposes in the day and across the school community. The curriculum that we provide ensures these purposes are present, suitable for different ages, abilities and aptitudes to ensure progression.



Healthy Confident Acorn



Ethically Informed Leaf



Ambitious Capable Owl



Creative Enterprising Squirrel

WHAT WE DO AT PEN Y BRYN

- ➔ Cluster collaboration
- ➔ Provide an engaging environment
- ➔ Teacher Action Research
- ➔ Innovative digital learning
- ➔ Active child led learning



WELLBEING

The **WELLBEING** of our school community is at the root of all we do. With a whole school approach we promote positive, emotional and physical wellbeing.

- Personal Social Education
- Social Enterprise
- Physical Literacy
- Pupil Voice
- Children's Rights
- Mindfulness
- Keeping Safe
- Five Ways to Wellbeing

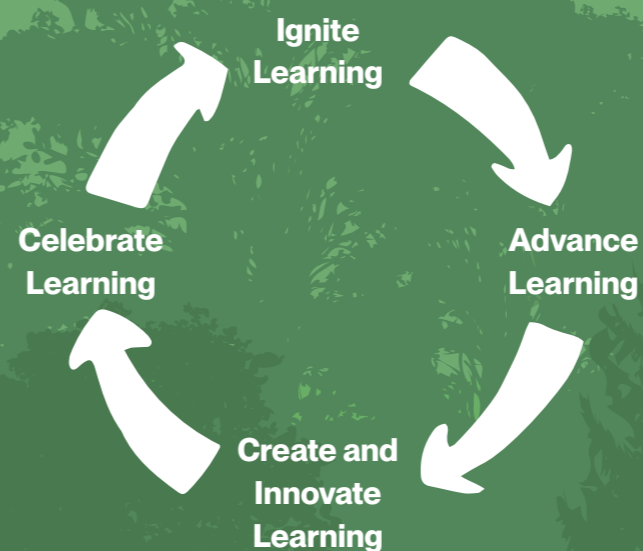
LEARNING FITNESS

Sustainable learning through positive attitudes
Learning Powers

Growth Mindset
Marvellous Mistakes
Metacognition



CYCLE OF PLANNING



VALUES AND BEHAVIOUR

- RPM (Respect, Politeness and Manners)
- Care and wellbeing
- Locality and Community
- Resilience and Perseverance
- Rights for all and everyone is heard
- Connect and Collaborate
- Kind and Happy
- Welsh and Cynefin
- Innovate and Create

At Ysgol Pen-y-Bryn, we place Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competence at the heart of our curriculum. These skills are developed as cross-curricular responsibilities, ensuring pupils are able to apply them with confidence across all areas of learning.

Our Focus Skills:

Literacy – Learners develop the ability to read widely, write for purpose and audience, and communicate effectively through speaking and listening. We promote a love of reading, accurate use of language and opportunities for creative expression.

Numeracy – Pupils are encouraged to think mathematically, reason, and solve problems in authentic contexts.

Numeracy is applied across subjects, ensuring children recognise the relevance of maths in their everyday lives.

Digital Competence – We empower learners to be safe, responsible and innovative users of technology. Pupils use digital tools to create, collaborate, research and problem-solve, preparing them for a rapidly evolving world.

THE SIX AREAS OF LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE

Expressive Arts – exploring creativity through performance, storytelling, design and digital media.

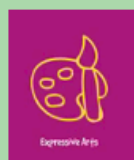
Health and Wellbeing – using literacy for self-reflection, numeracy for monitoring health, and digital tools for wellbeing.

Humanities – researching, questioning and evaluating sources, applying numeracy in data handling, and using digital maps and timelines.

Languages, Literacy and Communication – developing oracy, reading and writing in English, Welsh and other languages, with digital technology supporting global connections.

Mathematics and Numeracy – deepening understanding of concepts, applying knowledge across learning, and building confidence in reasoning and problem-solving.

Science and Technology – embedding enquiry, measurement, coding, robotics and digital creativity to explore and solve real-world challenges.



Through purposeful planning, we ensure that pupils practise and transfer these essential skills across contexts. Our curriculum enables children to become ambitious, capable learners who are literate, numerate and digitally confident, fully prepared to thrive in modern Wales and the wider world.