# Meithrinfa Cwmffrwdoer - Newsletter 2 (Oct 2019)

Our first half term is coming to an end and we have a very busy time, trying lots of new things together. Please remember to check out our Twitter page (carolin63261632) to keep up to date with what we're getting up to.

### Family Photographs

I hope your child has enjoyed their first taste of Nursery at Cwmffrwdoer. They are forming relationships with adults and new children and this is an exciting and vital stage in their development. As well as seeing themselves as important members of their own family, they are also identifying themselves as members of other groups for example, the Cwmffrwdoer Nursery family.

As staff we feel privileged to be a part of your child's first experience of education and form very close bonds with each one, valuing their unique qualities. In order to build a link between their two families (home and Nursery) we would like you and your child to find a photograph of your family and put it into a frame to bring into Nursery. Staff will be doing the same so that we can all share the most important people in our lives with each other.

#### Forest School

Thank you for supporting us and your children in our (very muddy!) visits to Forest School this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, (as have the staff!) and it is a joy to see how happy and involved they all are. In the few sessions we have had we have seen remarkable changes in children's levels of confidence and independence. Whilst we understand that there may have been some muddy clothes we are fully convinced that the positives of the Forest School experiences far outweigh this. We are so grateful that you have supported us and your children so fully with this.

A special thankyou to all parents who have supplied waterproof clothing. After half term we will continue to visit the Forest once a week, on a Friday. You are welcome to leave waterproof clothing in Nursery or take it home and wear in every Friday.



"Mud will wash away but memories last forever"

#### Information sharing

We are looking at ways to ensure our communication with parents is as efficient as it can be. As well as newsletters, the parent's area will now include a 'What's on" board displaying events of the week. Mrs Baker is always available to chat to at the beginning and end of every session. Please raise any queries or ask any questions at any time. If you have any ideas about how we can improve, please let us know.

#### Parent Pride sheets

A range of information sharing sheets are available in the parent area. They are a means of you sharing information about your child with us, it could be something you are proud of, something you have noticed, or an exciting thing you have done together. These will form part of your child's record and will come home with them at the end of the year. They are a lovely memory for you to look back on as well as helping us to get an all-round picture of your child and again strengthen the close link between Nursery and home.

#### Classroom Wishes

Our classroom wishes will be up and running from next term. These will be on the parent board. The 'wishes' are items which would be really helpful in Nursery. We are conscious of caring for our planet and trying to be use recycled and natural resources as much as possible. There is very little plastic visible in our Nursery now. Any donations you make help us to provide a very rich and varied curriculum to our children. Children also enjoy bringing them in and feeling a key part of the Nursery family. It is really important to us though, that you don't go to any expense supplying these, just check if there are any hanging about at the back of a cupboard or your shed!

We love to keep enhancing our environment with new authentic learning opportunities and have some exciting new developments coming next term. We are going to create a recycled materials music wall outside and a haberdashery area inside Nursery. We would be very grateful for any help you could give us with resourcing these areas. Below I have included some pictures of music walls and the type of items we can use. If you have any of these items you are ready to get rid of we would be very grateful to take them off your hands.

Our haberdashery area will need material, wool, embroidery hoops, embroidery thread, fabric ribbon, buttons, darning needles etc.

#### Ideas for our 'Music Wall'











## Parents Consultations

Thank you so much for attending parent consultations. It was a pleasure to speak to you all. You have children to be proud of. I hope you felt that the meetings were useful but of course if you have anything you would like to discuss with me at any time please don't hesitate to come in.

Hoping you all have a lovely half term. Keep safe, we look forward to seeing you next month.

Mrs C Baker Nursery Teacher