2024 Spring Term Expressive Arts Overview

STF

The children in the STF have loved getting creative this term and have really enjoyed a variety of creative activities. For Welsh week they created some beautiful Welsh emblems and researched and re-created some Portmeirion pottery. The children loved getting their hands dirty with clay and using natural items theyfound outside to print into the clay. During this activity the pupils explored using different tools to create art including their hands, brushes, natural items and spreaders. The finished product was beautiful too!

STF also explored expressing themselves and being creative through their enhanced provision, creating shapes and using different items for drawing such as pens, pencils, crayons and chalks. They experimented with mixing paint colours to see what colours they make and what they could create and build using the things they found around them.

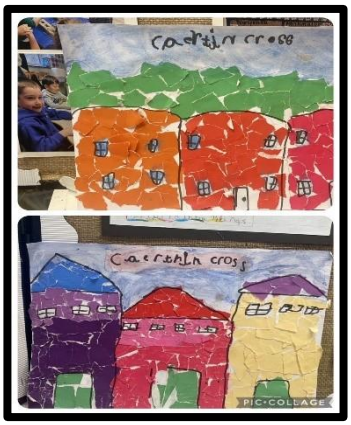
Nursery

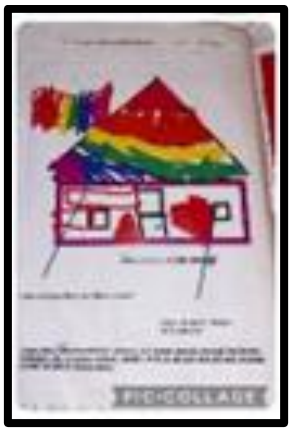
Nursery, love to follow the child's lead and let them go off in their own artistic direction. They celebrate that each child is unique and allow them to express themselves in whatever way they like to. The Creative Area is well-stocked with different resources and utensils for the children to explore. The children are supported to develop their fine motor skills. They also love to express themselves through songs, music and dance!

Reception

Reception are continually creative in every way. They really enjoyed junk modelling, using playdoh creatively and clay this term and have worked in teams to create amazing models. During Cymru a Fi, they created clay plates and welsh craft jewellery. Through junk modelling, they have explored and experimented with a variety of creative techniques, materials, processes, resources, tools and technologies.

Year 1





Throughout this term, Year 1 have enthusiastically embraced their music lessons with Beth, dedicating themselves to mastering rhythm and tempo. This practice proved invaluable during the 'X Factor' competition, where students showcased their talents singing 'Wishi Washi.' with great participation and effort, pupils developed a range of expressive techniques including facial expressions, movements, clapping, singing and delivering a great performance.

The class demonstrated their artistic flair through the creation of their 'Cynefin' artwork. Inspired by the style of Rhiannon Roberts with the technique Derek Gores, children re-created shops in Caereithin Cross. This creative activity not only showcased their artistic abilities but also deepened their appreciation for the local community and its surroundings.

During Welsh Week, our pupils engaged in a variety of enriching activities to celebrate Welsh culture and heritage. They took great pride in crafting their own authentic Welsh badges, discussing their Welsh identity. Year 1 also explored their musical talents by using Chrome Music Lab to compose songs, they listened to welsh songs and tried to match the style of Welsh music artists. Dance lessons were incorporated into Welsh week, providing pupils with the opportunity to express themselves through movement and rhythm as they celebrated Welsh culture. They even learned the Mr Urdd dance, in which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Throughout our Cynefin topic, pupils created several pieces of art. One that was a big favourite of the children was the 3D model of Caereithin cross. Children used a variety of different techniques including water colours, paint, tissue paper, pens and chalk. In addition to this, they also created and designed their own shop using j2E.

Year 2

Year 2 had another busy term exploring the expressive arts in many different ways. They participated in our Dydd Miwsig Cymru event, coming second overall. The children learnt the song and worked hard to sing in unison. They additionally used gestures to help communicate the song to an audience. They have had weekly music sessions with the music service during the second half of the term and regularly sing in assemblies and during slot drillo. For events such as Santes Dynwen, Year 2 created their our own cards. During St' David's day celebrations, they looked at male voice choirs, modern welsh bands, sharing what they liked about them and how the pieces of music made them feel. They also took part in a twmpath and a flash mob style dance with the whole school to *'Hey! Mr Urdd!'*.

The class made a large, collaboartive 3D model based on their River Tawe walk using a vareity of resources including cardboard, tissue paper, clay and pipe cleaners to name but a few. Additionally, they explored painting with water colours and looked at the works from Rhiannon Roberts and a local artist, Oreilodl based in Swansea. Using these as inspiration, the pupils made artwork using their style and used the backdrop of the Tawe as their setting, some of which were submitted to the Urdd to be judged as part of their 'Egni' theme. Pupils also used their creative skills to design their own River Tawe monster and to create a modern Welsh magnet which they made too. Through these activities, pupils explored, responded and reflected to different expressive art works as well as created their own pieces of art.

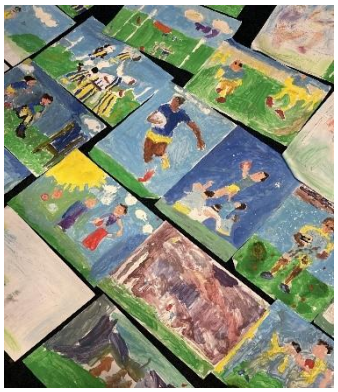
Year 3

During the Spring Term, the children learnt a Welsh song for Dydd Miwsig Cymru. Year 3 learnt the song 'Y golau mwyaf yw'r cysgod mwyaf' by the band The Joy Formidable. The children had sessions looking at the meaning behind the Welsh words, the tempo and texture of the song and the instruments utilised in the song. They enjoyed learning the upbeat modern Welsh song and performed it well on stage.

On the 1st of March the school celebrated 'Dydd Gwyl Dewi', the day was filled with traditional Welsh activities and experiences for all the pupils. During our assembly Year 3 participated in a whole-school Mr Urdd dance. The children were taught the dance in their classes before the event and all danced together to celebrate 'Dydd Gwyl Dewi'. They also took part in a whole-school Welsh folk dancing carousel, where the children were taught a traditional Welsh folk dance. The children really enjoyed participating in the traditional Welsh dancing and found they learnt a lot about themselves as Welsh citizens.

During Welsh week celebrations, the children learned about the modern Welsh artist Katie Allen, looking closely at her work and creating their own pieces based on her style using our Cynefin topic of Penllergaer Woods as the focal point, creating excellent artwork. The children collected items from the woods on our trip and used them to create 3D artwork. The children used their creative spark to create 3D art about their favourite hobbies and things that were important to them.

Year 5



This term Year 5 developed their singing and rhythm skills., learning, creating and singing a plethora of songs in Welsh and English. The class enjoyed learning and performing the song *'Mwnci Dawns'*, entering and winning the schools' Welsh X factor competition. During the Cynefin project the class created two of their own songs, the first a song about Penlan RFC where the class wrote their own verses based on the research they had done. This song was sung with the rhythm and chorus of Hymns and Arias. The second, a change in genre was a class rap. The pupils selected a backing track of their choosing and performed the song brilliantly.

The class produced some outstanding art from their observations, experiences and imagination this term. Creating a variety of rugby inspired art using a range of different materials like paint, pencil, tissue paper and oil pastel to demonstrate their talents.

The class loved researching and creating welsh artist Kevin Williams inspired creations of anthropomorphised rugby players. The class responded well to the artistic work by describing how he feels and reflecting upon it. The class created some brilliant art using oil pastels, developing their blending skills to create rugby players with animal heads. The majority of the class were able to talk confidently why they chose their animal.

During the Cynefin project the class made wonderful miner art inspired from the colliery history of Mynydd Newydd. The class used oil pastels to create art that represented past and present, using the light of the miner's headlight to shine into present day.

The children also took part in Dawnsio Gwerin during Welsh week. They learnt how to folk dance developing their dancing skills!

Year 6

During our Welsh week Y6 explored the Welsh artist Susan Grindey and recreated her art. We enjoyed sharing some of the children's pieces with her via Instagram. Children also thoroughly enjoyed working in groups this term to made 3D models of castles as part of our emblem challenge. We also thoroughly enjoyed a welsh folk dancing session, developing cultural awareness, delivered by Miss O. We learnt and performed the song 'Dal Fy LLaw' which is the welsh version of 'Lean on Me'.