



CROESO I MEITHRIN!

WELCOME TO NURSERY!



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We hope you are looking forward to starting school with us.

We understand that this is an exciting yet possibly apprehensive time so, this is an opportunity for us to discuss your child starting school, rules, routines etc and answer any questions you may have.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Maes yr Haul Primary School.



Meet the Team...



Mr K. Stroud
Headteacher



Mrs C. Merfield
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs R. Roach
Assistant Headteacher
ALNCO



Mrs A Sullivan
Class Teacher



Mrs R. Morris
LSO



Mrs S. John
LSO



Miss A Lewis
Senior LSO



TIMES AND ROUTINES OF THE DAY



- We start Nursery at 8.50am and finish at 3.10pm.
- Your child will be part of our staggered intake of pupils over 2 weeks.
- Lunchtime is 11.45 am -12.45pm. Your child is entitled to a free school meal, daily. (Please apply for FSM if eligible)
- Please bring or buy (20p) fruit snack each day - please ensure that this is cut / peeled or already prepared in a named tub.
- Please bring a **labelled** water bottle to school to drink throughout the day.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL



- We have a free breakfast club which runs from 8:20am. Currently, this is not available to Nursery pupils, but we will update you if this situation changes in future.
- There is an after-school club, 'Simply Out of School' which is privately run, until 5:30pm. Parents need to register for this directly. <https://www.simplyoutofschool.co.uk/club/broadlands/>

CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

- The Nursery is run as one whole unit. All pupils have access to both sides of the classroom and all activities within each.
- We have two doors into our Nursery: the Sunshine Room door and the Rainbow Room door (pictures and names are on the doors). This is to ease congestion and to help us to register pupils more quickly.
- When all / nearly all pupils have progressed to full-time, we will re-organise the classroom that they will arrive and leave from. We will let you know this via text message on the school gateway app.



YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAYS

- On your child's **first** day please bring them to the **Sunshine Room** door in the Nursery yard at 8.50 am where you will be greeted by Mrs Sullivan.
- Children's first day is *usually* morning only (8:50am - 11:30am). After this, depending upon how readily they settle, we will extend this past lunchtime and then onto a full day. The class teacher will keep parents informed about this.
- Those pupils finishing *during* the school day should be collected from the Sunshine Room door.

YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAYS

- We are very aware that there may be children (and adults) who may feel apprehensive about starting school.
- If your child is upset at the door we will do our very best to encourage your child to come in and we ask that you support us in doing so by allowing us to guide and encourage them.
- Usually, the quicker we are able to get them in, the quicker they will settle. If they continue to be upset or distressed for a longer period of time, we may ask parents to return to collect earlier than planned.

UNIFORM



- White t-shirt / polo shirt
- Red jumper / cardigan
- Black joggers, leggings or skirts. Shorts and summer dresses when warmer

Please consider what will be easiest for your child when they are going to the toilet!

- Please provide spare clothes (named!) for any accidents.
- You will be informed of your child's PE day. Please send your child to school dressed in joggers/leggings, t-shirt and trainers on that day.



Please ensure anything and **EVERYTHING** that is brought to school is clearly labelled with their names!

HOW CAN YOU HELP TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD ?

- In order to help your child's journey into primary school, there are some key things that parents can do to help make this as smooth as possible if you haven't already done so.

This includes:

- **Being toilet trained and able to wipe / pull-down/up pants etc.**
- Putting on and taking off coats, shoes and socks.
- Sharing stories and books with your child. Discussing pictures and stories.
- Singing Nursery rhymes and songs all really help with speech and language.



"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

- If you have any concerns about your child starting school, medical conditions, allergies or dietary requirements please make us Mrs Sullivan aware as soon as possible.
- BCBC catering services *can* provide for alternative dietary needs and food allergies, but this needs to be understood in advance and agreement made between catering and parents. Please inform us as soon as possible so that this can be sorted out.
- If your child has accessed any Early Help, portage or speech and language support or if there are additional learning need concerns you may have, please discuss with Mrs Roach our ALNCO.



COMMUNICATION

- School Gateway is the school messaging service. Please report any absences using this service. You will have information on how to set up/use this in your pack.
- Termly newsletters outlining the topics and information for the term will be on your class page on the school website. [Home | Maes yr Haul Primary School](#)
- Teachers are contactable via the school email and staff will always endeavour to reply within 48 hours.
- Mrs Sullivan will usually be available to speak to on the door at the start and end of the day. If your query / discussion needs to be more private, please email the office and Mrs Sullivan will phone / email you back.

ARRIVING / LEAVING SCHOOL

- The playground is not supervised before the start of the school day.
- Outdoor play equipment (e.g. climbing frame, Nursery play areas) is not to be used before or after school.
- If you are late, please go to Reception at the main office.



ATTENDANCE



- Our registers are taken at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions (i.e. 2 marks each day)

The register is taken at 8.50 am, children arriving after this will receive a late mark.

- Please notify the OFFICE of any absence (messaging via School Gateway / phone / letter)
- On the first day of an unexpected absence you will receive a text from the school in the morning and again in the afternoon, if we still have received no notification.
- You will receive a follow-up phone call the next day, if there has still been no notification for reason of absence

Collection during the day:

If you need to collect your child during the school day – notify / Main Reception and collect from reception.



USEFUL INFORMATION

- Our policy is that no pupils should bring a mobile phone or other similar communication devices, such as smart-watches to school. If found to be in use, these will be confiscated and only returned to a responsible adult via the school office.
- Please be aware of your child's online behaviour and support any measures required to ensure your child's safety and to help prevent incidents of bullying.
- Please inform school promptly of any concerns / issues.



HOME LEARNING

- There are no routine homework expectations across the school. However, there are plenty of ways that parents can support their children with their learning both before and during their early years in school. For example:
- **Reading with / to their children daily (strongly urge all parents to do this!)**
- Recognising their name (e.g. on their coats!)
- Talking about everyday things, asking questions, being inquisitive, describing things.
- Early number skills – counting objects / counting songs / recognising shapes & colours.
- Personal skills – dressing / undressing / toileting.
- All children (parents) will have access to Hwb / Google Classroom. Log in information will be sent out shortly after they have started. (Topic 'newsletters' will be posted here termly)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND YOUR CHILD!



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