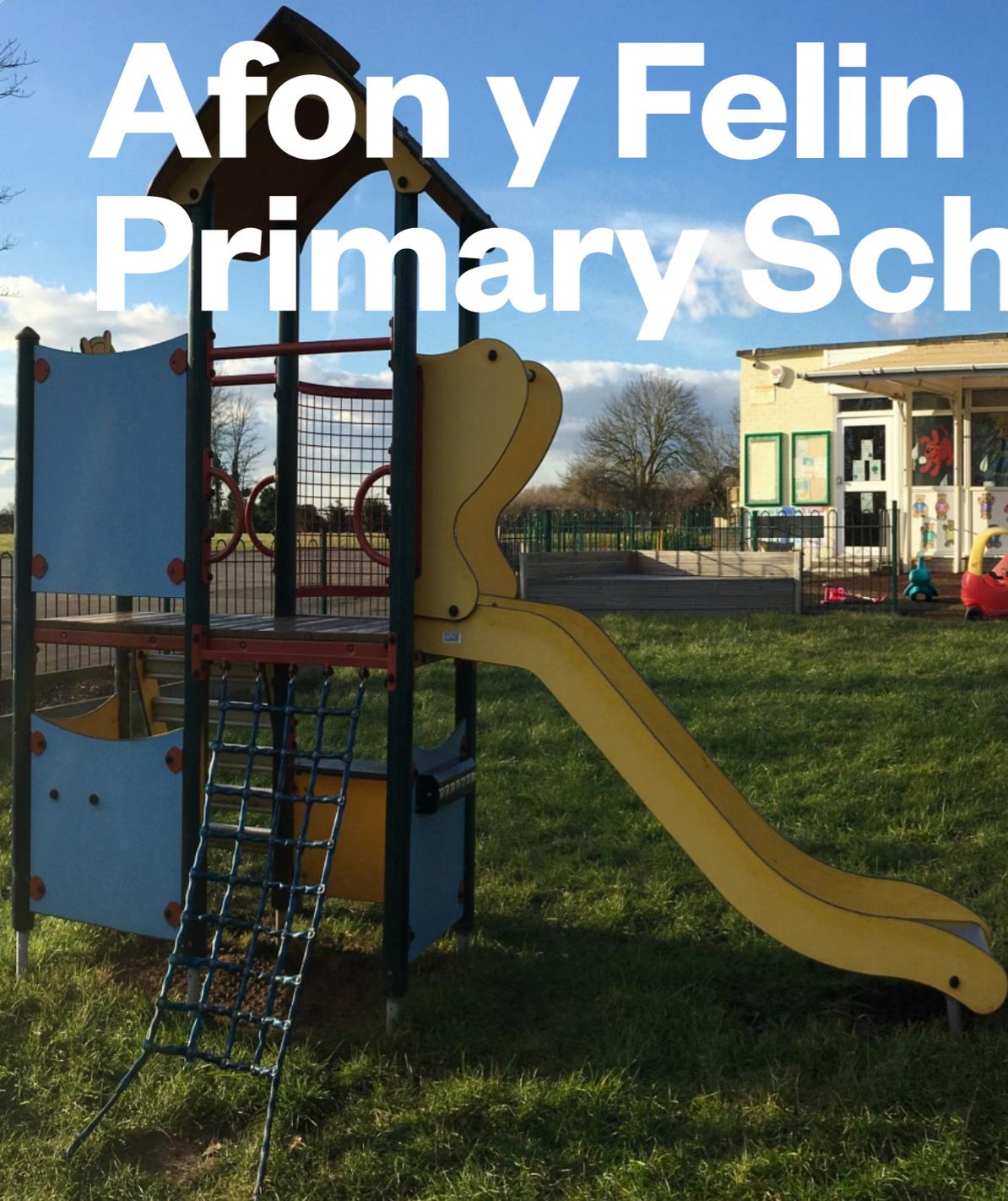


Nursery prospectus 2020/21

Afon y Felin Primary School



Welcome to Afon y Felin

This prospectus aims to suggest ways in which you and your child can enjoy nursery life and begin their exciting journey through Afon y Felin Primary School. It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you as parents. The staff and I look forward to a long, happy and successful partnership. When your child starts school, you as a parent, become an important part of the school family and partnership. Never underestimate the very important role you play in your child's education. Working together with us to praise them when they have done well, stimulate, encourage them when things may be difficult and give clear guidelines about behaviour will support your child's learning.

Thank you

Ms. N Williams



About our Nursery

Afon Y Felin Primary School was opened in 1977 to serve the area which now included the Marlas estate in North Cornelly. The school is just off Junction 37. The school has extensive grounds, including a rugby field, environmental area and an orchard at the rear of the school grounds. There is ample parking with established gardens and a large playing area.

We are a mainstream primary school and have a commitment to inclusive education and strive to maintain a high quality teaching and learning environment for all children.

School address: Heol-Y-Parc, North Cornelly, Bridgend, CF33 4PA

Our telephone number is: 01656 815 750

Email: admin.afonyfelinprimary@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.afonyfelinprimary.co.uk



Morning session: 8:55am - 12:00pm

Afternoon session: 1:00pm - 3:15pm

Nursery staff

Mrs Hughes- Class teacher

Mrs Jones- Learning support officer

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Our aims

At Afon y Felin Primary we aim to:

- * create independent learners who are ready to play a full part in life and work, as informed, ethical citizens of Wales and the World.
- * create ambitious, capable learners who are enterprising and creative contributors who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- * nurture happy, healthy and confident learners, who are resilient, valued and respected members of society.
- * encourage children to become responsible risk-takers, who set high standards and aspire to succeed.
- * create a digital learning environment that promotes independent pupils who manage life skills confidently.

Before starting Nursery



You will be invited to a 'Beginning Nursery' meeting where you will meet your child's nursery teacher, have some relevant information and forms to fill in ready for your child to begin their journey in Afon y Felin Primary. This is an ideal opportunity to discuss any queries or special requirements that your child may have.



You will then be invited to a 'Stay and Play' session where your child and you can come and explore the nursery environment together. This is a short session in which to help familiarise your child with their new



classroom and allow them to explore the new setting with you close by for reassurance. This is another opportunity for you to speak with the class teacher and supporting adults and for your child to become more familiar with us too.

We operate a open door policy in Afon y Felin. Any questions, concerns or queries are welcomed and staff make themselves available to discuss these after school has finished.



Starting Nursery

When your child starts Nursery we complete an on entry baseline assessment with them. This is your child's first formal assessment and allows us to track their progress throughout their journey in school. You will receive a baseline report and you may discuss this with your child's teacher. It will show their stage of development and help inform the class teacher how best to support and further their learning.

We also assess your child's learning through informal assessments everyday by observing them playing, interacting with others and when working with an adult on a specific skill.



What to bring to Nursery

Afon y Felin provides protective clothing for your child when they play with messy activities and we also have outdoor clothing such as waterproof trousers and ponchos when we go outside in the wet.

Parents may wish to provide the following items:

- * Changes of clothes in case of accidents.
- * Wellies or sun hat depending on weather conditions .
- * Water bottle with your child's name.
- * A coat needs to be provided everyday as we use the outdoor environment in all weathers.
- * Sun cream with your child's name for use during warm weather. Please apply sun cream before school and we can reapply during the day to protect your child.





School uniform

We encourage all children to wear school uniform. We feel it brings a sense of belonging and pride to our children. The colours are green and yellow. Our uniform consists of

- * Green jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.
- * Grey trousers, skirt, green jogging bottoms or tunic.
- * Yellow polo shirts.

In the summer:

- * Grey or black shorts.
- * Green/white checked dress.

Suitable footwear is essential for safety. Your child will need flat, appropriate shoes.

Jewellery such as rings, bracelets and necklaces must not be worn to school to ensure safety and prevent losses. If your child has their ears pierced then studs or sleepers are permitted. All other earrings such as hoops or dangling earrings are not permitted for the safety of your child.



Learning in the Early Years

At Afon y Felin, learning through play is central to our ethos and children can successfully progress through all 6 Areas of Learning and Experience within the Foundation Phase.



We recognise the importance of outdoor activities and fresh air. Children need opportunities to run, climb, explore and learn about the environment. Afon y Felin nursery classroom has direct outdoor access and equipped play area, which is used by the children for free play, child initiated and adult initiated activities. Children are encouraged to get their hearts beating fast and be active throughout the day! We carefully select activities, resources and learning opportunities to engage your child and support their development.



Enabling Environments

The nursery provides a welcoming and stimulating environment where children feel secure and able to access challenging and exploratory activities in a safe space. We ensure the indoor and outdoor environments are communication friendly and rich in text and visual images. Daily fresh air is an integral part of the nursery ethos and we go out in all weathers as the children take great delight in our beautiful outdoor areas.

* **Language, Literacy and Communication**- this also includes Welsh. We work with your children on developing their oracy, reading and writing skills through exciting and creative topics. There will be opportunities for your children to experiment with mark making using different resources such as chalk, paint, water, slime, glitter and many more. Our environments are literacy rich and we promote reading throughout the school.

* **Mathematics and Numeracy**- We develop skills such as counting, measuring, collecting data. We do this in such a practical way the children think we are playing. We love to incorporate water play and sand exploration and the Muddy Kitchen. We practise counting sets of objects and often we will do this outside with natural materials such as stones, leaves, plants etc.

* **Health and Well-being**- This area includes all the personal and social skills that we develop with your children. As a healthy school we promote healthy bodies and minds. We take part in creative dance, forest schools and PE session throughout the week.

* **Humanities**- This area develops geographical skills such as map work, looking at our local environment and people who help us. We also like to look at how things have changed over time and how we have changed from babies. We have collective worship daily and we discuss how we can become ethical citizens.

* **Expressive Arts**- We love to be creative and this area is all about how we can express ourselves. Be it with paint, drawings, music or through dance. A lot of our work in Mes Bach is through expressive arts and exploring and creating new things.

* **Science and Technology**- Children love to investigate new things, we use the outdoors to explore habitats, animals, plants and living things. This area allows us to become scientists! We also develop your child's ICT skills, we use a variety of technology such as computers, ipads, tablets, remote control cars, programming robots and many more. It is important that children can learn skills that will help them in the future and for jobs that haven't been created yet!

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Benefits of Nursery Education



There are many reasons to send your child to nursery. We want to work together with parents to help your child achieve their potential.

- * Provides continuity and stability for your child.
- * As your child interacts with others in their class they develop personally and socially. Your child will learn to be aware of others needs and to share and to make friends.
- * Research has shown that children who attend nursery are more confident, often perform better in school and later life. There are long term benefits for your child if they attend nursery.



- * We work in partnership with parents to provide the best start for your child.
- * Nursery is a fun, engaging and exciting time for your child. These positive experiences in early childhood will create life-long learners.
- * Qualified and talented staff plan activities and opportunities for your child to learn through play and developed a wide range of skills.



Promotion of the Welsh Language

Living in Wales makes us proud and how better to celebrate our pride than to promote and encourage the use of Welsh in our nursery and school.

At Afon y Felin nursery we immerse your child in the Welsh language. We encourage them to join in with Welsh songs and nursery rhymes, listen to Welsh stories and learn about Welsh culture and language. We hold a variety of Welsh of events throughout the year including a school eisteddfod, a visit from a harpist and Welsh tales drama performance.

Afon y Felin has developed outstanding methods of improving children's Welsh skills, we are now a hub for the consortium and run training for other school practitioners to share our good practise.

If you require any support to assist your child with the Welsh language please do not hesitate to ask staff.



Safety and security



We want to keep your child as safe and secure as possible in the nursery.

We have thorough and extensive child protection policies and health and safety policies in place to ensure the safety of your child in the nursery.



Health and safety committees meet regularly to inspect the school and ensure classrooms and learning areas are safe and equipment is fit for purpose.

Teachers and Learning Support Officers ensure the indoor and outdoor environment are safe every day and conduct a risk assessment of these areas before using them with your child.



Our child protection policy is available online or you may request a copy. There is always a safeguarding officer on site and



staff receive regular updated training to ensure your child is protected.

Entry into school is via a intercom system that is controlled by school staff only and within the reception area are 2 further locked doors which require key fob access to ensure no unauthorised visitors can access the school without supervision.

Our nursery area benefits from a gated and fenced outdoor learning area. This is accessed via 2 locked gates within the school grounds. These gates are locked using combination locks to ensure we can access the school yard quickly if need be.

Health

All children will pick up coughs and colds from time to time.

We promote good hygiene by frequently washing hands and teaching about how to keep healthy.

- * If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, we ask you to please call us and let us know.
- * Please ensure you update us with any new contact numbers so if your child becomes unwell in school we can contact you.
- * If your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea, we ask you to keep your child at home until 48 hours has passed after the last episode. This is to prevent the spread of illness throughout the school.
- * If your child requires medication please speak to a member of staff. You will need to complete a medication form that states the dosage and time to administer the medication. We can only administer prescribed medication to your child.





Partnership with parents

We believe in working together with parents and guardians to support and nurture your child.

We promote and maintain a partnership with parents to take part in nursery life whenever possible. We hold regular events such as stay and play sessions, class assemblies and themed days and school trips during the year where we welcome parents/guardians into the nursery and school to share and take part in the learning that your child experiences.

We keep in touch with parents using various methods including:

- * Website, twitter and texts.
- * Information and Meet the Teacher afternoons.
- * Parents Evening's
- * Weekly newsletters
- * Parents and Friends Association (PFA) - run by parents and friends and always on the look out for volunteers!





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