



Brynnau Primary School

Dosbarth Enfys Nursery

Class Newsletter Summer Term 2025

We all had a fantastic term last term in Dosbarth Enfys and we are so proud of how much progress the children have made already this school year. We are really looking forward to another amazing term full of memorable learning and fun.

Our topic this term is 'Does it really matter if...?'

New Term, new adventures! This term we will be embarking on exciting adventures with Colin the Caterpillar. We will be heading into the garden with Colin the Caterpillar as our curious companion! Together, we'll explore the world of plants, bugs, and muddy creations through hands-on play, story, and our imaginations.

The children will discover how seeds grow, what happens when we mix, squash and stir natural materials, and how things change over time — just like Colin does on his journey to becoming a butterfly. Along the way, we'll dive into themes of friendship, kindness, and working together, as Colin meets other garden creatures and opens his very own Bug Café. From cooking up mud pies in the Brynnau Muddy Bake Off, to creating potions, planting flowers, and caring for mini beasts, this topic is bursting with opportunities to be messy, imaginative, and full of wonder! We aim to explore a different wow experience and 'Does it really matter...?' question influenced by the children every week and cover a wide range of fun, engaging and practical activities with the children. There certainly are lots of adventures ahead and it is going to be a VERY busy term!

What we do in Nursery

A typical day in Nursery continues to involve a combination of planned play, guided play, and free play. The children will learn through play through a balance of adult led and child influenced interactions and learning experiences. There will be adult-led direct teaching times which are opportunities for us to develop your child's knowledge and skills. Our day includes a language and maths play based learning session on most days. These are short and fun and involve lots of practical resources and hands on experiences. The children also have plenty of time for independent learning through our free play and guided play provision. Although the learning experiences in Nursery vary from day to day the routine is as consistent as possible to ensure that the children feel secure.

Language, Literacy and Communication

This term we will continue to practise holding a pencil correctly, making lots of marks using pens and pencils! We will encourage correct and comfortable pencil grips and will use fine manipulation activities like cutting and threading to encourage finger strength and fine motor skills. We will practise writing our names and letters daily and will provide lots of writing opportunities in our role play areas and other classroom activities. We will identify rhyming words, develop listening skills, and begin to develop our segmenting skills during our phonic play sessions. The children will also be introduced to initial sounds of objects, and they will take part in daily multisensory phonics play following 'Monster Phonics' a colour coded, multi-sensory Phonics programme.

<https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/>

A useful app is as follows:

Hairy Letters-Games to reinforce learning and build letters into simple words, the Hairy characters and memorable animations make this a fun and engaging introduction to literacy.

We will introduce simple Welsh and Spanish vocabulary. The children will answer the register, count and reinforce vocabulary to name colours, shapes and body parts. We will begin to ask and answer simple questions and join in with songs and rhymes.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Throughout the term we will continue our maths journey by teaching the children counting and sorting, comparing, and ordering— the foundation skills they need for problem solving. We will continue to practise our counting skills into the tricky teen numbers-Up to 20 and all the way back to zero! We will be focusing on numbers up to ten and we will begin to recognise and order these on our counting stick daily-Number 7 is the naughtiest number of them all! There will be plenty of provocations within class where the children will be able to practise writing the numbers too! We will also be exploring patterns and shapes and looking for different shapes in our indoor and outdoor environment. We will continue to develop an understanding of mathematical vocabulary related to measure size, weight, length during hands on play based learning opportunities.

Other information

Exciting Events Buzzing Your Way!

We're thrilled to announce the arrival of our newest wriggly resident — Colin the Caterpillar! But he won't be alone for long... we'll be finding him a bug-tastic friend to share in the fun.

VE Day Celebrations are coming up and we'll be marking the occasion in true community spirit with a 'street party' style celebration! Don your best red, white, and blue — the children will need them on the day!

Get your green thumbs ready as we dive into planting and growing flowers, bringing a splash of colour and nature to our space.

Put your aprons on for The Great Brynnau Bake Off — with a muddy twist! It's time to showcase our *cooking* skills (and a little creativity in the dirt)!

Our Butterfly Raising & Hatching adventure will begin this term. The children will watch as our tiny caterpillars transform before their eyes, and you will be able to join us for an exciting release party when they take their first flight!

And last but not least, we'll be launching a bug café, filled with imaginative sandwiches and biscuits – creepy, crawly, and deliciously creative!

PE

We will be using a range of apparatus to develop the children's physical skills in travelling, kicking, throwing, rolling, and catching. Nursery children **WILL NOT** need a P.E kit this term as we will be continuing to take off our shoes and socks for our P.E sessions. Our P.E sessions are daily. This term we will be continuing to develop our independence by dressing and undressing ourselves (Coats, shoes, and socks) and zipping up our own coats independently to join the 'Zipper Club' and earn class Dojos.

Wellbeing

We will learn about the importance of being kind, forming friendships and talking about our feelings, emotions and how our behaviour can affect others. Who do you help and how? How are you kind to others? We will explore aspects that contribute to a safe and healthy lifestyle, talk about healthy eating, exercise, and reinforce the importance of personal hygiene. We will also focus on encouraging independence and developing our confidence; to be able to dress ourselves for the outdoors and sort suitable clothing to keep us warm/cool.

Fruit Snack

A **small fruit** snack is required each day-Please place all fruit snacks in a pot or plastic bag clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is to be paid online for **part time** Nursery. Please contact the school office for further information.

What can you do to help at home?

- Ask and answer questions, share stories of your daily experiences and ask your child to do the same. Encourage your child to learn new vocabulary and phrases. Take a walk outdoors. Talk about the things you see and hear. Provide opportunities for "Story time". Talk about the pictures in a book, ask and answer questions about what they have heard. Encourage your child to retell or join in with a favourite story. If words or letter sounds are mispronounced, model with correct spoken language. Practise initial sounds and read books together every day.
- Encourage a comfortable pencil grip. Provide lots of opportunities to draw and colour using a variety of tools.. Practise writing their name and numbers and develop "emergent writing". At the early stages of writing, letters and words may consist of squiggles, lines, and dots. This is a normal progression of events before random letter shapes begin to be formed. Identify the letters in your child's name. Play games such as I spy. Talk about pictures in a story book.
- Encourage your child to count/recite numbers daily in the correct order. You can count the stairs you climb, cars in your toy box, tins in the cupboard etc. Listen to and join in with number rhymes. Many of these can be found on YouTube. Learn to recognise and name numbers up to 10.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. A member of staff will be available to talk to you on the gate each morning, or again at the end of the school day and please free to email myself using the email below.

Here's to fun filled term....! We are so excited!

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Kind regards,

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