



Enw: Gail Harris

Sefydliad: Meithrinfa Dydd Coleg y Cymoedd yn Ystrad Mynach

Dyddiad: Rhagfyr 2022

Lefel y cwrs: Mynediad 1 & 2

Pwy wyt ti ?

Fy enw i yw Gail Harris, rydw i'n rheolwr meithrinfa Coleg y Cymoedd yn Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, Caerphilly.

Eich sefydliad a'r iaith Gymraeg:

Mae'r feithrinfa yn sefydliad Saesneg gyda Chymraeg achlysurol trwy'r feithrinfa trwy gyfarch defnyddwyr gwasanaeth, canu, hwiangerddi a geiriau a brawddegau syml. Mae ein harddangosfeydd hefyd yn ddwyieithog.

Baswn ni wrth ein modd gydag aelod o staff rhugl i helpu mewnbwn yr iaith Gymraeg, felly pryd daeth y cyfle i gwblhau cwrs Cymraeg di-dâl wnaethon ni neidio ar y cyfle.

Yn ystod y cyfnod clo, ffeindion ni bod fwy o amser i gwblhau cyrsiau perthnasol i'r sefydliad ac roedd camau yn lle da i ddechrau yn ein meithrinfa.

Does dim cefndir Cymraeg gan yr 8 aelod o staff yn y feithrinfa a does dim llawer o hyder ganddyn nhw i ddefnyddio Cymraeg yn y sefydliad, felly wnaethon ni cymryd y sialens o fynediad 1 gyda'n gilydd.

Y cwrs:

Roedd yn hyfryd i ffeindio mas bod y cwrs yn berthnasol i'r flynyddoedd cynnar a bod y cwrs yn hawdd mordwyo ac yr unedau yn hawdd cwblhau hyd yn oed gyda sgiliau TGCH gwan. Edrychon ni ar rifau, lliwiau, dyddiau'r wythnos, tymhorau, cyfarchion a chyfarwyddiadau syml i enwi ychydig o bethau dysgon ni. Mae hefyd yn ddefnyddiol bod staff yn gallu mynd nol i'r unedau ac adnewyddu eu gwybodaeth ac ail ddefnyddio'r adnoddau. Rydym nawr yn canu caneuon syml yn amser cylch ac yn gwyllo fideos ar lein o ganeuon Cymraeg.

Rydym dal yn derbyn sesiynau zoom gyda cydlynedd yr iaith Gymraeg i ganu a gwrando ar straeon.

Wnaethon ni cwblhau mynediad 1 o fewn cwpwl o wythnosau, roedd y cyfle yna i arwyddo i fynediad 2 ond penderfynais i fel arweinydd i helpu codi hyder gweddill y staff gyda beth ddysgon nhw ar fynediad 1 cyn symyd ymlaen.

Wnaeth dwy ohonom ni gwblhau mynediad 2.

Adborth staff y sefydliad:

Dwedodd y staff:

“Mae'n hyfryd i weld cwrs sydd yn berthnasol i'r flynyddoedd cynnar ac mae'r cwrs wedi rhoi hyder i mi ddefnyddio geirfa a brawddegau newydd gyda'r plant.”

“Roedd y gosodiad yn hawdd i'w defnyddio a wnaeth y graffigwaith wneud y cwrs yn fwy apelgar a bleserus”

“ Rydym yn mwynhau'r sesiynau stori a chanu ac yn edrych ymlaen at gwrdd yn wythnosol dros zoom”





Name: Gail Harris

Setting: Coleg y Cymoedd Day Nursery, Ystrad Mynach

Date: December 2022

Course Level: Mynediad 1 & 2

Who are you?

My Name is Gail Harris, and I am the Nursery manager of Coleg y Cymoedd Day Nursery in Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, Caerphilly.

Your setting and the welsh language:

Our Day nursery is an English-Speaking setting with incidental Welsh used throughout the nursery day through greetings, songs, rhymes and simple words and phrases. Along with all of our displays being bilingual.

We would have loved a fluent Welsh speaking member of staff to help promote the Welsh Language so when we had the opportunity to enrol on to a beginner's Welsh course for Early Years practitioners that was FREE of charge we jumped at the chance.

During Lockdown we found that we had more time to complete courses relevant to our nursery roles and Camau mynediad 1 was suggested as an ideal starting point for our staff.

My team of 8 staff had no background in learning Welsh and little confidence in using Welsh in the workplace, so we all took up the challenge of level 1.

The course:

It was good to find that this course was relevant to Early years settings and the simple way to navigate and complete the units was easy even for those staff with little or no IT skills. We looked at Numbers, Colours, days of the week, seasons, greetings, and basic commands to mention just a few topics covered in the units. It is also beneficial that staff can revisit the units repeatedly to refresh their knowledge and make use of the resources available. We introduced singing simple songs at circle time and now use the You Tube channel for singing Welsh songs.

We also took advantage of the Welsh Language coordinator's offer to link in with us over teams/Zoom she reads simple stories / picture books followed by a sing along and continue to do so now.

Level 1 was completed over a period of several weeks and we were encouraged to complete level 2 soon afterwards but for me as a manager, I was keen to get staff confident in using what they had learned in Level 1 before attempting level 2.

2 staff members completed level 2 soon afterwards.

Whole setting feedback:

Staff said:

"It's good to see a course relevant to Early Years and it has given me the confidence to try these new words and phrases with the children"

"The layout made it easy to navigate around and the graphics made the process more appealing and enjoyable"

"We all enjoyed the sing along sessions after completing the level 1 course – we looked forward to our weekly get togethers over Zoom"

