

At Aberporth Bilingual Playgroup our setting has always used both Welsh and English to enrich the children's learning and understanding of language. Welsh has been very important to us all as a nursery, to not only communicate and teach but to embed and weave Welsh culture and heritage throughout our setting.


Before embarking on the Camau project we used the Welsh language mainly in our songs and telling stories. I used it in a very simple way to teach the children using single words for different categories such as, animals, numbers, colours, vehicles etc. and basic communication and needs, such as to eat, drink, and sleep.

However, since completing Level 2 on the Camau project it has significantly improved Welsh being used and implemented, both on a personal level, as a team and in the activities we provide. I am now able to speak Welsh with much more confidence, having a deeper understanding of the language. I can give directions with more assertiveness and even have deeper conversations with children using my new level of fluency. I now have the ability to lead activities such as, Joio Dan Pump, which previously I didn't have the competence to do so. The greatest feeling is generally being more fluent in my speaking and understanding of Welsh, I can now read Welsh books more fluently asking the children questions and answering in greater detail.

The Camau project was chosen as it is specifically designed to those working with children in the early years, focusing on developing our abilities as a team to work within the setting. Being so relevant and focused it enabled us to use the skills learnt, simultaneously in the setting whilst doing the course.

Since completing the course, we have seen significant improvement in many areas of our nursery. There is more encouragement between staff members to use Welsh more often and consistently in the setting. We have embedded more Welsh activities and stories into the nursery than before. Our aim is to continue this for the future, organising play, stories and activities based around the Welsh language, including trips to better understand Welsh culture and Heritage.





The fact that the Camau project was online has been very beneficial for a variety of reasons. It has been so helpful to work at my own pace and fit the course around a busy family and work life, also with the ability to access it at any time of day. The fact I could work from anywhere with an internet connection was great as it gave me the flexibility to work from other locations such as other family members houses. The content was designed especially well, every Welsh word had an audio file to hear what it sounds like and a video as an example to aid the learning process. The ability to go back over and recap the content was also very useful especially when learning a new language. Working to my own schedule has been extremely advantageous, however the chance to practice with peers would have been welcomed. To connect with learners from other settings would also have been supportive and valuable.

I have a strong desire to continue learning with the Camau project for my continued professional development and personally at home with family and community. I believe this is echoed by other members of staff as it has been so valuable to all of us.

