

# Llyfr Croeso      Welcome Booklet

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St. Padarn's RCP School  
Ysgol Gatholig Padarn Sant



Welcome to St. Padarn's School / Croeso i Ysgol Padarn Sant  
Information for New Parents / Gwybodaeth i Rieni Newydd



## Welcome to St. Padarn's RC School

Dear Parents or Carers,

Welcome to St Padarn's Catholic Primary School, a thriving, friendly school dedicated to the success of its children. Gospel principles lie at the heart of all that we do at St Padarn's, guiding us in our daily interactions and forming the bedrock of our community.

Parents and visitors to the school frequently comment upon the family atmosphere within the school which ensures that we have the best platform from which to nurture our children and their growth as individuals and as learners. Their continued capacity to learn and make good progress is supported by a marriage of talented and committed staff, supportive parents and a caring parish.

Superb relationships between staff and pupils result in excellent behavior and a truly positive attitude to learning. St Padarn's is a vibrant and diverse school which values the individual yet celebrates our strong sense of community.

If you enjoy exploring our website and would like to find out more about our school, I encourage you to make a personal visit - to experience for yourself the happy, purposeful atmosphere and strong commitment that we provide.

*Mrs E Brophy*  
*Headteacher*

## **Our Caring School**

It is our aim to provide a community that lives, worships and works together as a family. We see ourselves as an extension to each family, and our role, assisting every family to nurture and develop their child to a full life in the church.

The religious life of the school is central to everything we do. It is not just by the religious lessons of the RE scheme, but by the relationships and love shared by the whole school community. Life in school is determined by our values of kindness, respect, and empathy. We try to live by our mission statement every day.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*As we follow in Jesus' footsteps,  
We grow in faith, love and learning.*

#### **Nursery Class Staff**



**Mrs Gwenith Blair**  
**Nursery Class Teacher**



**Mrs Sandra Beckett**  
**Teaching Assistant**



**Mrs Mandy Rowe**  
**Assistant Headteacher**  
**ALNCo**



**Mrs Enid Brophy**  
**Headteacher**

### **What we need from you**

At the beginning of each year an email is sent regarding different permissions, allergies and contact information. This is a legal requirement, please complete forms promptly. We also ask that you read and sign our ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

The law regarding attendance registers is very specific. All absences must be recorded with an absence code; therefore, an email with a brief explanation of the reason for the absence, or a phone call or a text to the school mobile before 9:30am is required. We will attempt to phone you at home if we haven't heard from you.

It is slightly different for nursery pupils as they are under the school age for required attendance, but it helps us to know they are safely at home with you if they are not in school for their expected session. Illnesses and infections are very easily passed on - should your child fall ill or pick up an infection, please keep him/her home until the risk of infection has passed. It would also be appreciated if you could telephone us to keep us updated.

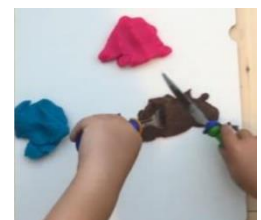
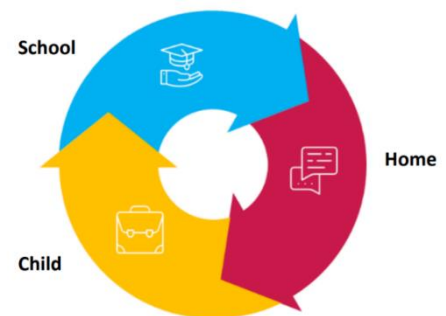


### **Being 'school ready'**

As parents and carers, you are your child's first teachers. You have a powerful influence on your child's early learning. There is clear research that proves that those children who work outside of school alongside their family, achieve more.

#### **Tips and tricks**

- Managing their own needs (toileting, getting dressed, putting a coat on).
- Recognising their name- add labels to school clothes so that it is easy to recognise.
- Making their own choices – give a choice of two things, would you like to ... or ...?
- Putting things away when they are finished with – provide them with the responsibility of tidying up after themselves at home.
- Using utensils – encourage to cut up their own food, practise by cutting up playdough or kinetic sand.
- Talk to your child positively about how much he/she is going to enjoy school. Tell him/her what you will be doing while he/she is in school.
- Remember to say that you will collect him/her later when he/she has had time to play.
- Walk past school through the summer holidays and tell your child this is where they will be coming to 'big school'.



## **Foundation Phase Curriculum**

We have a topic each half term and, in the nursery class, the pupil voice contributes heavily into what the children learn. We listen to their ideas and take into account their interests when planning activities.

## **Developmental Pathways**

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 5 Developmental Pathways. The five developmental pathways include:

### **Belonging**

- To learn about our school environment and the local area.
- To start to understand about the chronology of their life.

### **Communication**

- Listening to stories, songs and poems through the medium of Welsh
- Begin to hear sounds in words.
- Learn and use new vocabulary
- Begin to develop pencil control and start making marks on paper
- Reading individual words and eventually sentences
- Singing, rhymes and games
- Use of lots of repetition
- Daily dos and everyday language



### **Exploration**

- Lots of number rhymes, songs, stories and counting games through the medium of Welsh.
- Matching, sorting and comparing familiar objects.
- Relating mathematical objects to everyday life.
- Encouraged to be curious and ask questions
- Using digital technologies.
- Learning about our local environment and finding out how things work.
- Developing their imagination and creativity.
- Painting, drawing, music, movement, and role play
- Lots of multi-sensory activities.

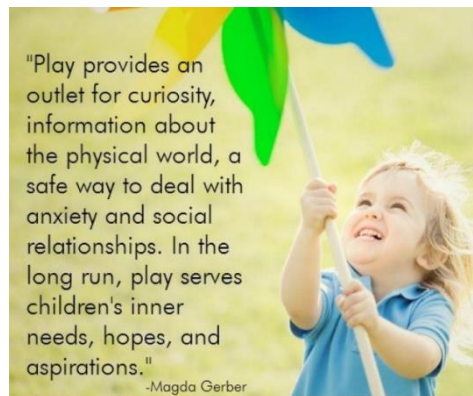


## Well-being

- Supporting your child as he or she starts to gain independence and develops social skills when interacting with other children and adults.
- Helping the children to become confident, safe, secure and ready to learn from new experiences.
- Celebrating different cultures and gain a positive awareness of their own culture and religion.
- Using 'To Know You More Clearly' Diocesan approved scheme of work for Religious Education. It is a child-friendly creative scheme which teaches the children about Jesus, the Catholic faith and other faiths.

## Physical Development

- Using small tools e.g. pencils, and scissors, through enhanced provision, in order to develop their fine motor skills.
- Playing on or with large and small equipment to develop balance, movement and coordination.



## Assessment

As your child settles in school, he / she will be observed by the class teacher. This enables the teacher to establish what your child can already do and plan the way forward. There will be a parents' evening for you to attend during the Autumn and Spring Terms and the opportunity to chat to the class teacher, shortly after your child starts school.





### A typical day in Dosbarth Clarach

#### Afternoon

##### **12.55pm**

Children collected from St Padarn's Playgroup or from main school gate.

##### **1pm**

Welcome into class and sit together to discuss the afternoon session.

Phonics or counting on mat.

##### **1.15-2.30pm**

Class activities, indoors and outdoors. Woodland session once a week.

##### **2.30 – 3pm**

Playtime on Top Court

##### **3 – 3.15pm**

Tidy up time, storytime and milk, show and tell, singing, child celebration.

##### **3.15 – 3.25pm**

Children collect all of their things, end of day prayer and home time.

### Home Time

We ask parents to collect their children from the hall patio.

We will not let children go to the care of someone we do not know. Please let the school know if someone different is collecting your child. We will not release children to unknown adults.

All parents are asked to ensure that they, or whoever is collecting their child, parks considerately in the Vicarage Field car park. This is essential as the traffic conditions at the bottom of the school drive can be very dangerous. For this same reason children are not allowed to go past the Dove Gate, half-way down the school drive, without being accompanied by an adult.

### What to bring each day

- Please label your child's uniform.
- Coat every day please (unpredictable Welsh weather!)
- **Fruit or vegetables** for afternoon break if you wish.
- Water bottle (**only water**)
- Weather dependent: warm hats, scarves and gloves (the children have free flow outside). In the summer – sun hats and sun cream (we would advise you to apply this before the afternoon session).

### Nut free school

We currently have pupils in school who have severe allergies. We ask that you refrain from sending in any nuts or products containing nuts.



### **What to wear**

School sweatshirts and polo shirts are purchased in Ffigar Sports which is located on the Science Park in Llanbadarn or from Alison Jones Schoolwear on the Industrial Estate. School uniform **must be worn** by all pupils. We recommend trousers with elasticated waistbands (no belts please) and shoes with Velcro straps. **Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.**

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

We have four safeguarding officers, Mrs Enid Brophy (Designated Safeguarding Person), Mrs Mandy Rowe, Mrs Rhian Parry and Mrs Leanne Field (Designated Safeguarding Officers). Our main priority is to keep your children safe during their time at St Padarn's. If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact one of the safeguarding officers.

The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding is Mrs Tess Truss

Other important contacts:

Catrin Boyle, School Nurse- 01970 635794

Nicola Willis, Ceredigion Child Protection Officer on behalf of the Local Education Authority - 01970 633688 or 07815 993638

Social Services - 01545 574000

Social Services out of hours contact number – 0300 4563554

Support for families is also available through Team Around the Family. Please speak to Mrs Brophy or Mrs Rowe if you feel you need some support as a family, for example parenting, debt management, housing. You can find details about this service on the Ceredigion County Council website.

### **Problems or Difficulties.**

As a Catholic School we believe that we are an extension to the family as part of the parish community. Teachers are always willing to listen to problems. **No problem is too small or insignificant.** If you feel that you would like to inform us or ask about something please do so, as it all leads to a better understanding of each child. Teachers are available at the beginning and at the end of each school day.

If you feel you would like to discuss a matter but not at a time when children or other parents are around, please telephone Mrs Brophy to arrange an appointment on 01970 630632.

### **Let's connect**

Should you require any further information about the school please do not hesitate to call in or phone us, we are always happy to help.

**School website:** [stpadarnsrcp.co.uk](http://stpadarnsrcp.co.uk)

**Facebook:** Ysgol Gatholig Padarn Sant