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## WELCOME

BY OWNER, REBECCA BENNETT

It has been nice to be back in clubs for a full term, I cannot remember the last time we run for a full term without having to close the doors due to COVID19.

From September to Christmas holidays, we have been super busy! Two new clubs have opened in Rhondda Cynon Taf, staff changes and lots of exciting opportunities have taken place with our Dragons.

We are super proud of being the winners of Best Welsh Business of the Year Awards, we were awarded Best Childminding and Play Service. This is an amazing achievement and is down to the hard work of staff and the ongoing support and commitment of the fantastic families that use Clwb Y Ddraig.

As we close the doors for a much needed rest over the end of term break, I would like to wish all our Dragons and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Becci  
Owner

BEST OF WELSH BUSINESS AWARDS 2021

# WINNERS!

BEST CHILDMINDING AND PLAY SERVICE



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We are absolutely over the moon to receive this award, we attended the ceremony and were amazed we had been nominated. It was an absolute shock to be called up on stage to receive the winners trophy!

Thank you to all of you!

We are also quite excited to announce we have been nominated again, we would really love it if you would vote for us on the link below

<https://bestofwelshbusinessawards.co.uk/voting>

# WINNER







## OUR CLUB ROUND UP AND PLANS @Castell

During this busy term we have had a few changes to the staff at our castell setting. Sarah-Jane becoming leader and welcoming Nathan back as deputy. We have also welcomed two new members of staff Emily and Brenda who together with Bridie will encourage and create an exciting and friendly environment for all the Dragons. Victoria will also be joining us to support our busy breakfast club.

We have introduced a new winter menu which the children seem to be enjoying and a new arrangement at snack time that encourages the children to help themselves, developing their independence within club.

Sadly this term we said goodbye to one of our longest members of club, Alix, as she leaves us to explore another school. We wish her well and she will be missed by all the staff and children at the setting.

This term we have enjoyed some new activities in club with lots of craft and messy activities, we've enjoyed spending a lot of time in our beautiful garden areas and playing with everyone without the bubble restriction.

On the lead up to Christmas there will be lots of craft creations every session so beware of the glitter as our dragons like their sparkle.

From Sarah-Jane, Nathan, Bridie, Brenda, Victoria and Emily







## OUR CLUB ROUND UP AND PLANS

### @Gwaunmeisgyn

Wow how fast has our first term gone? We have formed some fantastic new friendships and enjoyed lots of different activities.

Our Dragons have loved arts and crafts, making their own playdough, exploring our outside area and playing lots of ball games, they even helped with their problem solving skills to build the football goals.

We had our first holiday club over October half term where we enjoyed Halloween themed fun, including decorating biscuits, playing spooky games and exploring the den dusgu.

We have been busy with our Christmas activities, including a disco, writing some letters to santa and making some Christmas decorations for the school tree.

We have a few exciting visitors to look forward to in January including animal encounters.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and New year and we can't wait to make some more memories and hear all about your Christmas adventures in January.

From Michelle, Ceri and Yazmin x







## OUR CLUB ROUND UP AND PLANS

### @Hendre

Hendre has had lots of fun this term including making Pudsey bear biscuits, lots of arts and crafts and we got some new toys which they really enjoyed seeing.

Staff also had pj day for children in need which the children found really funny.

We have two new staff members in Hendre club, Lowri the new playleader and Vicky a playworker who has moved over from one of our other clubs, the children have adapted really well to these changes. Due to new staff we've also had a whole new routine which the children again have taken to very well.

We are having lots of fun this December as Dragons get involved in:

- Making snow globes
- Letters to Santa
- Making Santa cookies
- Making Christmas cards.

From Lowri, Victoria and Vicky







## OUR CLWB ROUND UP AND PLANS

### @Llwyncrwn

Our Dragons have settled in well to our new setting, they have been involved with lots of consultations about what new resources they would like. We are hoping we have provided lots of fun and exciting resources to keep them busy.

Our Dragons have enjoyed doing lots of arts and crafts including making skeletons and ghosts at Halloween, bonfire and fireworks paintings and we are looking forward to doing many Christmas activities including making Christmas cards, writing letters to Santa and making decorations out of clay.

Dragons have been playing new group games such as dodgeball, ogre ogre, captains wife and the bean game.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New year

From Amy, Owen and Yazmin







## OUR CLUB ROUND UP AND PLANS

### @Ystrad Mynach

This term our dragons have enjoyed being bubble free (yay), because of this they have been able to build some beautiful new friendships and explore more of the club.

We have introduced a new winter menu, after holding a consultation with our Dragons. We now have lots of yummy warm snacks to eat on the cold winter evenings. Dragons have also given us some lovely feedback about the menu.

Our Dragons have enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities including making their own pizzas using lots of different ingredients, pumpkin carving, Halloween crafts, Halloween party, making a poppy wreath.

We are ending this term with lots of Christmas activities which include making Christmas cards, writing letters to Santa & have a pop up cinema with popcorn & hot chocolate yum.

We've also had a visit from Tinsel the elf to make sure all our Dragons make the good list.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas & a very happy new year.

From Sammy, Marina & Clare x





## SNACK TIME

At Clwb we work hard at providing a nutritious snack for all to enjoy. We encourage Dragons to be involved in regular consultations to see what snack changes they would like to make.

We have decided that we will run two snack menus throughout the school year, one to keep Dragons warm on colder months and one to keep them energised to run around outside on warmer months

A variety of fruit is available each session,

At breakfast Dragons have a selection of cereals, toast/ pancakes and toppings with milk and juice.

Our menu is considerate of dietary needs we are made aware of.





# RCT Play Sessions

We are pleased to announce we are registered as play providers within RCT.

We offer free play sessions on Tuesdays in Llwynyrwn and Thursdays in Gwaunmeisgyn. Holiday clubs in Gwaunmeisgyn will also have free sessions running.

In the new year we will be advertising bookings through Eventbrite, please keep an eye out!





## INVOICES

Clwb Y Ddraig are continuing to use Quickfile for all invoices. You can log in [HERE](#) using your email address, you can also reset your password. Within this area it will show your accounts overview (unpaid and paid invoices). You can also access the statement tab to view/download your most up to date statement.

**Invoices are sent out the each month, payments are required one week in advance. We have a late fee policy in place.**

**Please can we request all outstanding fees are paid beofre the Chirstmas shut down**

## Half Term

We will be running February half term in  
Hendre  
Gwaunmeisgyn  
Ystrad Mynach TBC  
Please email to book a space

## INSET DAYS

These will be confirmed with Clwb leaders in the new year