

## Cylch Meithrin Tedi Twt September 2021 Newsletter.

A very warm welcome to all our new starters and our ones returning from last year. I hope you've all had a lovely summer; can you believe we're into September already!

### Key workers.

I'm so pleased with how all our children have settled into the setting, despite being in a temporary classroom the children have proven how resilient they truly can be. Next week key workers will be allocated and then the diary system will be set up, you will receive an email with information on your child's key worker and this will give you a direct point of contact with a staff member regarding your child, each week you will receive a diary with a little information on your child's week in setting, the activities we have been doing and some pictures of your little one. We love to have replies and feel free to send us pictures of things you've done as a family or on the weekend as this gives us discussion points with the children. The staff are here to support you and your children so please get in touch if you have any questions.

### Temporary Building / Classroom.

As you are aware we are in a temporary classroom at the rear of the school, we have had some major renovation work carried out over the summer holidays including new windows, heaters and internal lights, cladding on the exterior of the building and are hoping to renovate the outside area over the coming months.

I apologise for the inconvenience of closing a few days at the start of term, the works have over run but we are hoping to be back in our usual building sometime over the next fortnight. Keep an eye on our facebook page for updates of the work.

### Curiosity Approach in setting.

In setting we follow the curiosity approach; we are passionate about children learning through play and providing lifelong learning skills and opportunities that will stay with our children as they develop and grow. We are very natural in our colour schemes and encourage children to explore and experiment with natural and everyday objects. Mess is a natural part of learning and investigating in setting and children are encouraged to be curious and ambitious with their play. This is something you will see through pictures and activities in setting.

### Spare Clothes and snacks.

Please could all children bring a bag of spare clothes, with a healthy snack in and a drinking beaker. If all clothes could be labelled with your child's name, we would be very grateful. Please be mindful with the messy play and activities in setting as to the clothes you put on your child, we really wouldn't want them ruining best clothes having fun. If you're struggling to know what to put on them there is a logo available in CC Sports in Bargoed, you can purchase red t-shirts there or in a supermarket and get the logo embroidered if it's easier.

### Send home bags.

Some of you will know last year we sent home planting and cookery bags for the children to keep and do at home, it was a great success and this year we have decided to do loose parts bags, these will come home around the October half term and have all the necessary information and bits you need inside for some great fun over the half term break.

### Committee members.

Did you know we are a registered charity? Meaning the main source of income for us is the fee's we have coming in, fundraising events and funding grants from the local authority / Welsh Government, all our income is used for wages bills and the learning opportunities we provide for children, being spent on valuable resources.

Are you interested in learning more on our set up? We are always looking for volunteers, could you spare a little of your time to help with fundraising events, or looking to put some of your spare time into charity work, maybe you know of someone who can help. Any help is always appreciated, please get in touch for more information.

We're looking for someone to fill the treasurer's role on the committee, if you have a background in accounts or know of someone who does and would be willing to help, we're really like to hear from you. If you'd like more information, please get in touch.

#### Wrap around.

For those children attending wrap around this year, the Meithrin class has changed their hours slightly for the time being. The Meithrin children attending Twts as wrap around stay in the classroom with Derbyn and are collected by twts staff at 12pm, 3 staff members go and collect the children and take a list daily with the expected children for that day, if your arrangements / days change for any reason one week then please notify us and the school as soon as possible so we know what children we are collecting. I am aware there was an incident within the school on the first day of term, I just want to reassure you all that the head teacher has given the incident his full attention and that Twts staff are working with the school to ensure a safe transition to and from wrap around provision. Please if you have any concerns come and have a chat with myself or the school I'm always here and am happy to answer any questions or concerns you have.