Case study: **Fun Foundations Day Nursery, Vale of Glamorgan successful with small grant scheme**

Background on the Nursery

Fun Foundations Day Nursery, Vale of Glamorgan has been successful with small grant scheme from Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority.

Amy Ferguson, is the owner of Fun Foundations Day Nursery. Amy was a primary school teacher at Y Bont Faen School prior to setting up the nursery.

She understood that parents in the area were struggling to find an option for good quality day care, catering for young babies and children. Once she became a mother herself, she spent her maternity leave searching for a location and then became Cowbridge's very first day nursery.

The building, previously a jewellery factory, which was quickly identified as the perfect space for a day nursery. The nursery opened in September 2010 and is registered with Care Inspectorate Wales, for 81 children, aged birth to 12 years and opens from 7.30am to 6.00pm

Vision Giving every child the opportunity to thrive and develop so they can reach their full potential.

Mission To cater for each child's specific needs, taking an holistic approach to their care and education so they can develop socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually.

Values	**Building strong foundations**	utilising a strong framework to guide routines and activities.
	Holistic development	considering all aspects of the child's growth.
	Making it fun	exploring ways of learning ideas and play.

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How did you hear about the small grant scheme?

We heard about the grant scheme via The Vale Family Information Service Newsletters that are emailed to us.

Within the newsletter there are links to the forms, whereby we download the guidance and application form. It is also promoted on the Vale of Glamorgan website Vale of Glamorgan funding and grants for childcare providers .

Were the forms easy to understand and complete?

The guidelines outline how to make an application, and what we can and can't apply for, along with what evidence is required. The forms were not too onerous; The Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority signed posted us to Making a plan | Business Wales (gov.wales) to support us with this, as we had to keep it short and to the point.

The business plan may seem daunting but we have had to complete these previously to apply for business loans and have received support from advisers from Business Wales to complete them (which is also free).

Once I gathered all the information together, along with providing 3 quotes, the form was completed and I submitted the application via email.

How long did it take for the Local Authority to respond to your application form?

Some responses are earlier than others. The longest we have waited is around six weeks, that was due to the panel not being able to meet for the review as it was the summer holidays/ annual leave. The quickest has been a week.

What did you apply for and why?

We have applied on a number of occasions for a variety of things. This has included a renewal of our wet pour surfacing in our yard, updated playground equipment, replacement boiler, furniture and storage.

What difference does it make to the children and the setting?

The grant makes an immense difference to the setting. It enables us to update and renew essential for the environment, which directly enhances and supports the play, learning and care of the children. Some of these renewals would be very hard to complete due to our financial restrictions, so the grant enable us to plan for repairs and improvements that we may not be able to have carried out on a regular basis.

The updated play equipment has proved to be a real bonus for the children who love outdoor play in all weather!

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Meithrinfa Ddydd Fun Foundations, Bro Morgannwg yn llwyddiannus gyda chynllun grant bach

Cefndir ar y Feithrinfa

Mae Meithrinfa Ddydd Fun Foundations, Bro Morgannwg wedi bod yn llwyddiannus gyda chynllun grant bach gan Awdurdod Lleol Bro Morgannwg.

Amy Ferguson yw perchennog Meithrinfa Ddydd Fun Foundations. Roedd Amy yn athrawes ysgol gynradd yn Ysgol Y Bont Faen cyn sefydlu'r feithrinfa.

Roedd hi'n deall bod rhieni'r ardal yn ei chael hi'n anodd dod o hyd i opsiwn ar gyfer gofal dydd o ansawdd da, oedd yn darparu ar gyfer babanod ifanc a phlant. Ar ôl iddi ddod yn fam ei hun, treuliodd ei chyfnod mamolaeth yn chwilio am leoliad ac yna daeth yn feithrinfa ddydd cyntaf y Bontfaen.

Gwelodd fod yr adeilad, a arferai fod yn ffatri gemwaith, yn lle perffaith ar gyfer meithrinfa ddydd. Agorodd y feithrinfa ym mis Medi 2010 ac mae wedi'i chofrestru gydag Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru, ar gyfer 81 o blant, rhwng geni a 12 oed ac mae ar agor agor rhwng 7.30am a 6.00pm

Gweledigaeth	Rhoi cyfle i bob plentyn ffynnu a datblygu fel y gallant gyrraedd ei lawn botensial.	
Cenhadaeth	Darparu ar gyfer anghenion penodol pob plentyn, gan gymryd agwedd gyfannol tuag at eu gofal a'u haddysg fel y gallant ddatblygu o safbwynt cymdeithasol, emosiynol, corfforol, deallusol, moesol ac ysbrydol.	
Gwerthoedd	**Adeiladu sylfeini cryf**	defnyddio fframwaith cryf i arwain arferion a gweithgareddau.
	Datblygiad cyfannol	ystyried pob agwedd ar dwf y plentyn.
	Ei wneud yn hwyl	archwilio ffyrdd o ddysgu syniadau a chwarae.

Sut glywsoch chi am y cynllun grant bach?

Clywsom am y cynllun grant drwy Gylchlythyrau Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd y Fro sy'n cael eu e-bostio atom. Yn y cylchlythyr mae dolenni i'r ffurflenni, lle rydym yn lawrlwytho'r canllawiau a'r ffurflen gais.
Mae hefyd yn cael ei hyrwyddo ar wefan [Bro Morgannwg Cyllid a grantiau ar gyfer darparwyr gofal plant .]

A oedd y ffurflenni yn hawdd eu deall a'u cwblhau?

Mae'r canllawiau'n amlinellu sut i wneud cais, a'r hyn y gallwn ac na allwn wneud cais amdano, ynghyd â pha dystiolaeth sy'n ofynnol. Doedd y ffurflenni ddim yn rhy feichus; Mae Awdurdod Lleol Bro Morgannwg wedi ein cyfeirio i Wneud cynllun | Busnes Cymru (llyw.cymru) i'n cefnogi gyda hyn, gan fod yn rhaid i ni ei gadw'n fyr ac i'r pwynt. Efallai bod y cynllun busnes yn ymddangos yn frawychus ond bu'n rhaid i ni gwblhau'r rhain o'r blane wrth wneud cais am fenthyciadau busnes ac rydym wedi derbyn cefnogaeth gan gynghorwyr o Busnes Cymru i'w cwblhau (sydd hefyd yn rhad ac am ddim).

Ar ôl i mi gasglu'r holl wybodaeth at ei gilydd, ynghyd â darparu 3 dyfynbris, cwblhawyd y ffurflen a chyflwynais y cais drwy e-bost.

Pa mor hir y cymerodd i'r Awdurdod Lleol ymateb i'ch ffurflen gais?

Mae rhai ymatebion yn dod yn gynt nag eraill. Yr hiraf yr ydym wedi aros yw tua chwe wythnos, a hynny oherwydd nad oedd y panel yn gallu cwrdd ar gyfer yr adolygiad oherwydd gwyliau'r haf / gwyliau blynyddol. Y canlyniad cyflymaf oed wythnos o hyd.

Beth wnaethoch chi ymgeisio amdano a pham?

Rydym wedi gwneud cais ar sawl achlysur ar gyfer amrywiaeth o bethau. Mae hyn wedi cynnwys adnewyddu ein arwynebedd chwarae gwlyb yn ein buarth, offer chwarae tu allan wedi'i ddiweddaru, boeler newydd, dodrefn a storio.

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Pa wahamoaeth y mae'n ei wneud I'r plant a'r lleoliad?

Mae'r grant yn gwneud gwahaniaeth enfawr I'r lleoliad. Mae'n ein galluogi I ddiweddaru ac adnewyddu hanfodion ar gyfer yr amgylchedd, sy'n gwella ac yn cefnogi chwarae, dysgu a gofau am y plant yn uniongyrchol. Byddai'n anodd iawn cwblhau rhai o'r adnewyddiadau hyn ohewydd ein cyfyngiadau ariannol, felly mae'r grant yn ein galluogi I gynllunio ar gyfer atgyweiriadau a gwelliannau na fyddem efallai wedi gallu eu gwneud yn rheolaidd.

Mae'r offer chwarae sydd wedi ei ddiweddaru wedi profi I fod yn fonws go iawn I'r plant sy'n caru chwarae yn yr awyr agored ym mhob tywydd!

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