

Case study: Little Stars, Blaenau Gwent on the Camau Journey



Little Stars Nursery and Big Stars Kids Club Blaenau Gwent is a private Day Care facility caring for children aged 6 weeks to 12 years in the Ebbw Fawr area.

We are registered with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) for 73 children. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 7:30am to 6pm.

We offer Full Day Care, Half Days, Wrap Around service to and from Ebbw Fawr and we also provide an After School and Holiday Club.

Staff work extremely hard and very effectively implement an ethos whereby children are treated with a high degree of respect.

How do Little Stars incorporate Welsh into their setting now?

11 of our staff members embarked onto the Camau course. This Welsh language course is bespoke to the childcare and early years sector. With a total of 6 members of staff having completed the Camau Mynediad 1 course, the amount of Welsh seen and used in the setting has increased. There are now a variety of Welsh displays around the setting.

Little Stars said:

“All staff and children thoroughly enjoyed attending this webinar. The children confidently interacted during the story we had a lengthy discussion about the story after and the children made their own porridge for their snack. The children suggested the gingerbread man for the next one.”

Were the Welsh resources popular in Little Stars?

During the course Little Stars attended 2 NDNA Cymru webinars and downloaded 5 Welsh Language factsheets.

How do you feel the Camau course has impacted you in your day to day activities?

Alisha says:

"I am now feeling more confident in using the Welsh language, using it at circle time to sing songs with the children in regards to days of the week, the weather, emotions and instructions. It is lovely to hear the children in their free play copying the Welsh language that they are learning."

Since increasing their use of the Welsh language through Camau, Little stars Ebbw Fawr have introduced Welsh language buttons around the setting for the children to use independently. They said "These have been a brilliant addition, encouraging spontaneous Welsh throughout the day and helping the children feel more confident using simple phrases in their play and routines. They've become a really positive part of our language-rich environment"

Summary

Little Stars wanted to develop their Welsh skills across the setting, both promoting the Welsh language and culture. We are pleased to see that the setting has made excellent progress with embedding the Welsh language while completing the Camau course.

Laura said:

"I use a lot more Welsh when communicating with parents and carers, greeting them with Bore Da or Hwyl Fawr. I use it more in my digital communication and encourage the staff to use it in their observations for the children and their learning journals. Having one of our staff being a fluent Welsh speaker has been a huge help and support".

Katie said:

"Camau training has benefitted and increased my confidence in using the Welsh language more frequently. Such as throughout the day and meal times. I have really enjoyed the course & I am looking forward to gaining more knowledge by completing Camau Level 2. It has also boosted my confidence to be recognised for my improvement on the Welsh language by my Managers and to have been nominated for an Award"

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Further support

Links to further support and resources:

[Welsh-language-nurseries-early-years](#)



Astudiaeth Achos: Meithrinfa Little Stars, Blaenau Gwent ar ei daith Camau



Mae meithrinfa Little Stars a Chlwb Plant Big Stars Blaenau Gwent yn gyfleuster Gofal Dydd preifat sy'n gofalu am blant rhwng 6 wythnos a 12 mlwydd oed yn yr ardal Ebbw Fawr.

Rydym wedi cofrestru gydag Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru (AGC) ar gyfer 73 o blant. Yr oriau agor yw dydd Llun i ddydd Gwener 7:30yb i 6yh.

Rydym yn cynnig Gofal Diwrnod Llawn, Hanner Diwrnodau, gwasanaeth i ac o Ebbw Fawr ac rydym hefyd yn cynnig Clwb ar ôl Ysgol a Chlwb Gwyliau.

Mae'r staff yn gweithio'n galed ac yn gweithredu'n effeithiol ethos lle caiff plant eu trin gyda lefel uchel o barch.

Sut mae Little Stars yn ymgorffor'r Gymraeg yn eu lleoliad nawer?

Dechreuodd 11 o'n staff ar y cwrs Camau. Mae'r cwrs Cymraeg hwn wedi'i deilwra'n arbennig ar gyfer y sector gofal plant a'r blynyddoedd cynnar. Gyda chyfanswm o 6 aelod o staff wedi cwblhau cwrs Camau Mynediad 1, rydym wedi gweld cynnydd o ran faint o Gymraeg a welir ac a ddefnyddir yn y lleoliad. Bellach, mae amrywiaeth o arddangosfeydd Cymraeg o gwmpas y lleoliad.

Dwedodd Little Stars:

“Fe wnaeth yr holl staff a’r plant fwynhau’r weminar hon yn fawr. Bu’r plant yn rhyngweithio’n hyderus yn ystod y stori a chawsom drafodaeth hir am y stori ar ôl hynny a gwnaeth y plant eu huwd eu hunain ar gyfer eu byrbryd. Awgrymodd y plant y dyn sinsir ar gyfer yr un nesaf.”

A oedd yr adnoddau Cymraeg yn boblogaidd yn Little Stars?

Yn ystod y cwrs mynychodd Little Stars 2 weminar NDNA Cymru a lawr lwythodd 5 o’r taflenni ffeithiau Cymraeg.

Pa effaith mae cwrs Camau wedi’i chael arnoch chi yn eich gweithgareddau o ddydd i ddydd?

Dywed Alisha:

“Rwyf bellach yn teimlo’n fwy hyderus wrth ddefnyddio’r Gymraeg, gan ei defnyddio yn ystod amser cylch i ganu caneuon gyda’r plant o ran dyddiau’r wythnos, y tywydd, emosiynau a chyfarwyddiadau. Mae’n hyfryd clywed y plant yn eu chwarae rhydd yn copïo’r iaith Gymraeg maen nhw’n ei dysgu.”

Ers cynyddu eu defnydd o’r Gymraeg drwy Gamau, mae Little Stars Ebbw Fawr wedi cyflwyno botymau iaith Gymraeg o amgylch y lleoliad fel bod y plant yn gallu eu defnyddio’n annibynnol. Dwedon nhw “Mae’r rhain wedi bod yn ychwanegiad gwych, gan annog y defnydd digymell o’r Gymraeg drwy gydol y dydd a helpu’r plant i deimlo’n fwy hyderus wrth ddefnyddio ymadroddion syml yn eu chwarae a’u trefn ddyddiol. Maent wedi dod yn rhan gadarnhaol iawn o’n hamgylchedd iaith gyfoethog.”

Crynodeb

Roedd Little Stars eisiau datblygu eu sgiliau Cymraeg ar draws y lleoliad, gan hybu'r iaith Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymreig. Rydym yn falch o weld bod y lleoliad wedi gwneud cynnydd rhagorol o ran gwreiddio'r Gymraeg wrth gwblhau'r cwrs Camau.

Dywedodd Laura:

"Rwy'n defnyddio llawer mwy o Gymraeg wrth gyfathrebu gyda rhieni a gofalwyr, gan eu cyfarch gyda Bore Da neu Hwyl Fawr. Rwy'n ei defnyddio'n fwy yn fy nghyfathrebu digidol ac yn annog y staff i'w defnyddio yn eu harsylwadau ar gyfer y plant a'u dyddlyfrau dysgu. Mae cael un o'n staff yn siarad Cymraeg yn rhugl wedi bod yn help a chymorth enfawr".

Dywedodd Katie:

"Mae hyfforddiant Camau wedi bod o fudd ac wedi cynyddu fy hyder i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg yn amlach. Megis trwy gydol y dydd ac amser bwyd. Rwyf wedi mwynhau'r cwrs yn fawr ac rwy'n edrych ymlaen at ennill rhagor o wybodaeth trwy gwblhau Camau Lefel 2. Mae hefyd wedi rhoi hwb i fy hyder i gael fy nghydnabod am fy ngwelliant yn y Gymraeg gan fy Rheolwyr ac i gael fy enwebu am Wobr."

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Gwybodaeth ychwanegol

Mwy o gymorth ac adnoddau:

[Welsh-language-nurseries-early-years](https://www.ndna.org.uk/welsh-language-nurseries-early-years)

