



Dear Parent/Carer

Cymraeg Campus/Siarter Iaith

I am writing to inform you about *Siarter Iaith*, a framework that we are committed to embedding and developing school wide at Whitchurch High School.

Background and Context

The Welsh Government aims to have a million Welsh speakers by 2050. This is a long-term aim and the education system has a key role to play in achieving it.

The strategy states that there is a need to plan provision for children and young people that not only gives them the opportunity to use or practise Welsh, but also immerses them in positive attitudes in terms of the language, meaning that they decide to use it. This can pay dividends in the long-term, helping them to see that it is not just related to the school, but that there is a rich social and cultural world involved.

Siarter Iaith Framework

The aim of the framework is to embed positive habits and attitudes towards the language and to promote the informal use of it among learners both inside and outside of school. Facilitating the use of Welsh, across the curriculum, and in wider activities will offer all children and young people the opportunity to become fully bilingual.

Development of the framework at Whitchurch High School

To support the development of the framework at Whitchurch High School, the school are working with Central South Consortium to achieve the Bronze *Cymraeg Campus* award. The aim of *Cymraeg Campus* is to increase the use of Welsh and Welshness within the school, support the development of bilingualism, promote a strong Welsh ethos, provide a range of enrichment activities and to encourage learners to enjoy learning Welsh.

The school is aiming to achieve the Bronze award in the Summer term, and we would like to ask for your continued support in achieving this.

We will keep you informed with regular updates and achievements throughout the year.

If you feel that you could offer the school your support in achieving our goal, then please do not hesitate and get in touch. We are seeking local business owners who use Welsh as their main language of communication and guest speakers from all walks of life, who can enrich our pupils' understanding of the value and enjoyment in learning the Welsh language.

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