Llanedeyrn Primary School

Teaching and Learning – #TheLlanWay

Here at Llanedeyrn Primary School, we believe that all children have the right to have excellent teaching and learning.

The Importance of High-Quality Teaching and Learning

Evidence shows us that high quality teaching and learning are the most important lever schools have to improve pupil progress and attainment. Ensuring that every teacher is delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils at Llanedeyrn Primary School. It is vital that we establish a culture where children can make progress and improve their academic success – every moment counts.

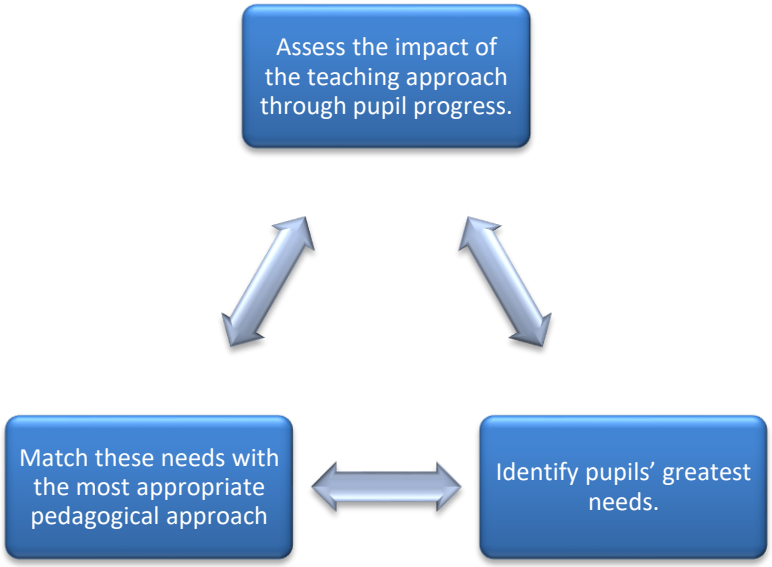
High Quality Teaching and Learning

The Ethos and Expectations of our Classrooms:

- Our classrooms are learning communities;
- A safe environment for children which is rooted in our School's Core Values;
- Positive relationships between children and adult - Teacher, Learning Support Assistants and Support Staff;
- High expectations for all children;
- Inclusive - meeting the diverse needs of a range of learners.

Pedagogy

Pedagogy is the selection of classroom methods in light of the purposes of the curriculum and the needs of the learners.



12 Pedagogical Principles

Curriculum for Wales does not emphasise any particular teaching approach. Decisions about teaching and learning are context and purpose specific and will be taken by the class teacher:

- Create authentic contexts for learning;
- Encourage learners to take responsibility for their own learning;
- Support social and emotional development and positive relationships;
- Encourage collaboration;
- Sustained pupil effort to reach high but achievable targets;
- Employing a broad repertoire of teaching approaches;
- Promote problem solving, creative and critical thinking;
- Build on previous knowledge and experiences to engage interest;
- Focus on the 4 Purposes;
- Use assessment for learning to accelerate progress;
- Make connections within and across Areas of Learning and Experiences;
- Reinforce Cross Curricular responsibilities, Literacy, Numeracy, Digital Competency.

Our Teaching and Learning at Llanedeyrn will include:

- Clear communication;
- Modelling;
- Questioning to promote deeper thinking and learning;
- Assessment for learning strategies;
- Addressing misconceptions;
- Building on prior learning;
- Active learning techniques;
- Metacognition;
- Differentiation for the same outcome;
- Challenges for the more able and talented;
- Concrete resources;
- Visual prompts;
- Problem solving tasks;
- Oracy based.

Oracy

Our teaching and learning at Llanedeyrn is based in Oracy. **We are an Oracy School** and we believe that our children must develop the ability to articulate ideas, thoughts and opinions and that this will positively affect our children's progress and attainment. We know that our children have something to say and contribute and we believe that we must teach them how to speak effectively and how to communicate fully so that they can become confident contributors. ***We learn to talk and talk to learn.***

Learning Behaviours

Teaching and Learning at Llanedeyrn Primary focuses on developing our Learning Behaviours:

- Be Empathetic;
- Be Collaborative;
- Be Curious;
- Be Independent;
- Be Resilient.

Evaluation

- Pupils, Teachers, Learning Support Assistants and Support staff are reflective and evaluative;
- Professional dialogue with staff is essential, discussing the strengths and areas for improvement;
- Professional Learning, through individual and group research, is a focus.

Information Technology (IT)
IT is a feature of our Teaching and Learning as the content is engaging and it increases collaboration and communication. Furthermore, it can provide opportunities for personalised learning through differentiation and supports inclusion. It also improves teacher productivity and efficiency.

Google Classroom
Google Classroom has provided opportunities for teachers to upload activities and tasks to a platform that our children can access in class and at home. This means that children can complete tasks, carry out research, play games at home on subjects that will be taught and explored in the classroom. It also means the children can complete activities at home to reinforce and support any learning that has taken place in class. Google Classroom is becoming an invaluable resource in the school day as instead of printing out sheets and resources, they can be uploaded to Google Classroom, thus supporting sustainability.

The Impact
High-quality teaching has a long-term positive effect on pupils' life chances – in the world of work, socially and through individual physical and mental good health.

Next Steps

- Continue to develop the Inquiry based learning approach;
- Develop consistent levels of high-quality teaching and learning across the School within the new Curriculum for Wales.