

CYMell CIW Registration Grant Impact

1. Background

Hengoed Primary School, located at the heart of its community in Caerphilly, identified a growing need for high-quality wraparound and after-school childcare in 2025. Recognising Clwb Y Ddraig's strong reputation for delivering safe, nurturing, and play-centred childcare across Rhondda Cynon Taf and Caerphilly, the school approached us directly. Following a competitive tender process, we were awarded the contract to design, develop, and manage this new bilingual Out of School Childcare Club.

Our mission is to deliver CIW-registered, bilingual childcare that supports children's development, promotes the Welsh and English languages, and provides families with reliable, flexible provision. The new club at Hengoed reflects this mission through a playwork-led environment grounded in Article 31 of the UNCRC, offering wraparound care, lunch club, and after-school sessions within a well-staffed, well-resourced setting.

The impact on children has been immediate: increased confidence, smoother transitions between school and childcare, and access to enriching, freely chosen bilingual play experiences. Families benefit from consistent, dependable childcare that supports employment, training, and everyday life. Parents across our clubs continue to share overwhelmingly positive feedback, noting the difference a nurturing, child-led approach makes to their children's wellbeing.

2. The Grant

The successful establishment of this new childcare provision was made possible through targeted grant funding from CYMell, which supported three essential areas: the recruitment and training of qualified staff, the purchase of age-appropriate equipment and learning resources, and the development of a safe, welcoming environment for children and families.

High-Quality, Age-Appropriate Resources:

Children now benefit from engaging materials that inspire creativity, curiosity, and self-expression. These resources directly strengthen our Playwork approach by enabling children to explore, discover, and shape their own play.

Essential Staffing Costs During Setup:

The grant allowed us to recruit and deploy a fully trained team from day one, ensuring we met CIW requirements and delivered high-quality, bilingual, child-centred care immediately upon opening.

Staff Training and Development:

Funding contributed to Playwork-specific training for our team and partner organisation Playworks, guaranteeing consistent, skilled delivery in every session.

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3. The Club and Its Ongoing Impact

Since registration, attendance at the after-school club has grown steadily, demonstrating strong local demand. We continue to support parents in accessing the Childcare Offer for Wales and engaging confidently with the club.

"Together, we have created a welcoming, bilingual space where children thrive, and families feel supported from day one." – Michelle Taylor, Regional Manager



Effaith y Grant CYMell ar gyfer Cofrestru ag AGC

1. Cefndir

Mae Ysgol Gynradd Hengoed-sydd wedi'i leoli yng nghanol y gymuned yng Nghaerffili, wedi nodi angen cynyddol am ofal cofleidio o ansawdd uchel a gofal plant all-ysgol yn 2025. Daeth yr Ysgol atom yn uniongyrchol, ar ôl sylweddoli enw da cryf oedd gan Clwb y Ddraig am ddarparu gofal plant diogel, meithringar, sy'n rhoi chwarae wrth wraidd eu gofal ar hyd a lled Rhondda Cynon Taf a Chaerffili. Yn Dilyn proses tendr cystadleuol, Dyfarnwyd contract i ni i ddylunio, datblygu, a rheoli'r Clwb Gofal Plant All-Ysgol dwyieithog hwn.

Ein Cenhadaeth yw darparu gofal plant dwyieithog, sydd wedi'i gofrestru ag AGC, ac sy'n cefnogi datblygiad plant, yn hyrwyddo'r ieithoedd Cymraeg a Saesneg, ac yn darparu i deuluoedd ddarpariaeth ddibynadwy a hyblyg. Mae'r clwb newydd yn Hengoed yn adlewyrchu'r genhadaeth hon drwy amgylchedd sy'n cael ei arwain gan waith chwarae sy'n seiliedig ar Erthygl 31 o CCUHP, gan gynnig gofal cofleidio, clwb cinio, a sesiynau all-ysgol mewn lleoliad sydd gan ddigon o staff ac adnoddau.

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Mae'r effaith ar blant wedi bod yn syth: mae hyder wedi cynyddu, mae trawsnewidiadau rhwng ysgol a gofal plant yn llyfn, ac mae plant yn cael mynediad at brofiadau cyfoethog, chwarae dwyieithog a sydd wedi'i ddewis yn rhydd. Mae teuluoedd yn manteisio ar ofal plant cyson a dibynadwy sy'n cefnogi cyflogaeth, hyfforddiant a bywyd pob dydd. Mae rhieni ar draws y clybiau yn parhau i rannu adborth hynod gadarnhaol, gan nodi'r gwahaniaeth y mae dull meithringar, sydd wedi'i arwain gan blant yn ei wneud.

2. Y Grant

Roedd sefydlu'r ddarpariaeth gofal plant newydd yn bosibl, diolch i gyllid grant wedi'i dargedu gan CYMell, a gefnogwyd tri maes hanfodol: recriwtio a hyfforddi staff cymwys, prynu offer ac adnoddau sy'n addas i oedran y plant, a datblygu amgylchedd diogel a chroesawus ar gyfer plant a theuluoedd. Brig y Ffurflen.

Adnoddau o Ansawdd sy'n Addas i Oedran:

Mae plant yn manteisio ar ddeunyddiau ymgysylltiol sy'n ysbrydoli creadigrwydd, chwilfrydedd a hunanfynegiant nawr. Mae'r adnoddau hyn yn cryfhau dull Gwaith Chwarae, gan alluogi plant i archwilio, darganfod, a datblygu eu dull chwarae eu hunain.

Costau Staff Hanfodol ar gyfer Sefydlu:

Galluogodd y grant i ni recriwtio a defnyddio tîm o staff wedi'u hyfforddi'n llawn o'r diwrnod gyntaf, gan sicrhau ein bod yn diwallu gofynion AGC ac yn darparu gofal plant sydd o ansawdd uchel, yn ddwyieithog ac yn plentyn-ganolog yn syth wrth agor.

Hyfforddiant Staff a Datblygiad:

Cyfrannodd yr arian at hyfforddiant gwaith chwarae penodol i'n tîm a'n sefydliad partner, Playworks, gan sicrhau darpariaeth fedrus a chyson ym mhob sesiwn.

3. Y Clwb a'i Effaith Barhaus

Ers cofrestru, mae lefelau presenoldeb yn y clwb all-ysgol wedi cynyddu'n raddol, gan ddangos galw lleol cryf. Rydym yn parhau i gefnogi rhieni i gyrchu Cynnig Gofal Plant Cymru, ac mae teuluoedd yn ymgysylltu'n hyderus â'r clwb.

"Gyda'n gilydd, rydym wedi creu man croesawus, dwyieithog lle gall plant ffynnu a theimlir teuluoedd eu bod nhw'n cael eu cefnogi o'r diwrnod cyntaf." – Michelle Taylor, Rheolwr Rhanbarthol

