



Woodpeckers: Progressing Towards the CIW Active Offer

Background

Between 2019 and 2026, Woodpeckers Out of Hours Club worked to strengthen the use of the Welsh language and Welsh culture across the setting. Leaders recognised that although some Welsh activities were already in place, the use of Welsh was not consistently embedded within everyday routines or the environment.

The aim was to increase children's exposure to Welsh in a natural and inclusive way while developing the setting's progress towards the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Active Offer.

Action

The setting introduced a gradual approach to Welsh language development focused on everyday practice.

As the manager explained,

"I would just advise any other settings to work with the children and keep it simple. We have used 'a Welsh word of the week', and all staff have got involved in conversational Welsh. Using greetings and simple instructions, we do have a Welsh board and table. We play some simple games in Welsh, bingo, etc."

Key actions included:

- Introducing a "Welsh Word of the Week" to encourage daily use of simple Welsh vocabulary
- Increasing bilingual signage, labels, and visual prompts throughout the environment
- Embedding Welsh greetings, praise, and routine language into sessions
- Celebrating Welsh culture through activities linked to Saint David's Day, Welsh stories, music, and themed learning activities
- Supporting staff confidence through shared vocabulary, informal learning, and regular encouragement
- Including Welsh language promotion within planning, displays, and continuous improvement discussions

Leaders adopted a "little and often" approach to ensure Welsh language development was manageable, sustainable, and inclusive for children, staff, and families.

Impact

The increased focus on Welsh language and culture created a more visible bilingual environment and increased children's confidence in hearing and using Welsh.

Children benefited from:

- Increased exposure to Welsh during play and routines
- Greater confidence using simple Welsh words and phrases
- Improved awareness of Welsh culture and identity
- Inclusive experiences regardless of Welsh language ability
- A warm and engaging environment where Welsh became part of everyday interactions

Staff also became more confident in using Welsh naturally throughout sessions, helping create a more consistent bilingual approach across the setting.

The development work supported the setting's progress towards the CIW Active Offer and demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.



Evidence

The 2026 CIW inspection report recognised the setting’s progress in promoting Welsh language and culture.

Evidence included:

“We saw some posters on display which promote the Welsh language and staff shared that they have a Welsh word of the week.”

The CIW Active Offer statement confirmed:

“The provider makes an effort to promote the use of the Welsh language and culture or is working towards a bilingual service.”

Additional evidence included:

- Bilingual displays and signage throughout the setting
- Planning records showing Welsh cultural activities
- Positive engagement from children during Welsh activities
- Staff use of Welsh greetings and vocabulary
- Ongoing self-evaluation and improvement planning linked to Welsh language development

Conclusion

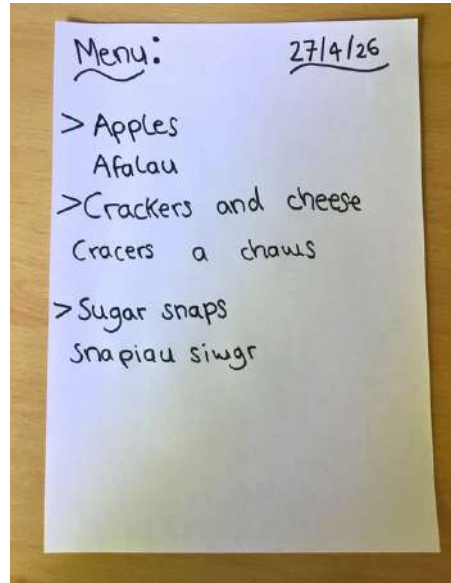
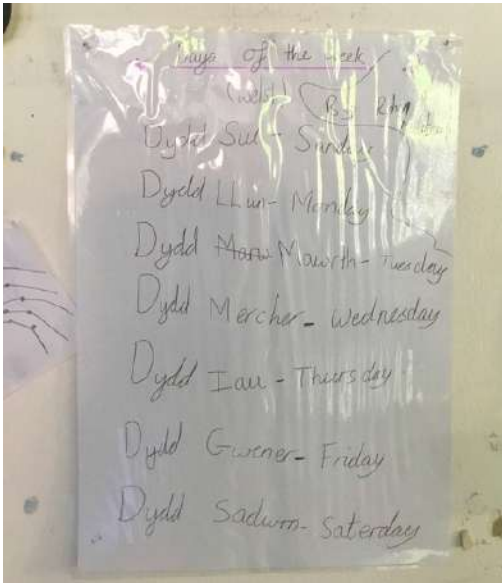
This case study demonstrates how small, consistent actions over time can successfully increase the use of Welsh within Out of School Childcare Clubs[NL1] . Through practical strategies, positive leadership, and everyday opportunities for participation, the setting strengthened its bilingual practice and continues progressing towards the CIW Active Offer.

2019 Report

<p>Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?</p> <p>Additional Information: None</p>	<p>This is a service that does not provide an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It does not anticipate, identify or meet the Welsh language needs of people/children who use, or intend to use their service. We recommend that the service provider considers Welsh Government's 'More Than Just Words follow up strategic guidance for Welsh language in social care.'</p>
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2026 Report

<p>Promotion of Welsh language and culture:</p>	<p>The provider makes an effort to promote the use of the Welsh language and culture or is working towards a bilingual service.</p>
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Woodpeckers: Cynyddu tuag at y Cynnig Gweithredol AGC

Cefndir

Rhwng 2019 a 2026, bu Woodpeckers, sef Clwb y tu allan i oriau yn gweithio i gryfhau'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru ar draws y lleoliad. Roedd arweinwyr yn cydnabod, er bod rhai gweithgareddau Cymraeg eisoes ar waith, nad oedd y defnydd o'r Gymraeg wedi'i wreiddio'n gyson mewn trefniadau dyddiol na'r amgylchedd.

Y nod oedd cynyddu amlygiad plant i'r Gymraeg mewn ffordd naturiol a chynhwysol wrth ddatblygu cynnydd y lleoliad tuag at y Cynnig Gweithredol Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru (AGC).

Gweithredu

Cyflwynodd y lleoliad ddull graddol o ddatblygu'r Gymraeg a oedd yn canolbwyntio ar arfer bob dydd.

Fel yr eglurodd y rheolwr,

"Byddwn i'n cynghori unrhyw leoliadau eraill i weithio gyda'r plant a chadw pethau'n syml. Rydym wedi defnyddio 'gair Cymraeg yr wythnos', ac mae'r holl staff wedi cymryd rhan mewn Cymraeg sgysiol. Gan ddefnyddio cyfarchion a chyfarwyddiadau syml, mae gennym hysbyswrdd a bwrdd gweithgaredd Cymraeg. Rydym yn chwarae rhai gemau syml yn y Gymraeg, megis bingo, ac yn y blaen."

Roedd y prif gamau gweithredu yn cynnwys:

- Cyflwyno "Gair Cymraeg yr Wythnos" i annog defnydd dyddiol o eirfa Gymraeg syml
- Cynyddu arwyddion, labeli ac awgrymiadau gwledol dwyieithog ledled yr amgylchedd
- Gwreiddio cyfarchion, canmoliaeth ac iaith arferol Gymraeg mewn sesiynau
- Dathlu diwylliant Cymru trwy weithgareddau sy'n gysylltiedig â Dydd Gŵyl Dewi, straeon Cymraeg, cerddoriaeth a gweithgareddau dysgu thematig
- Cefnogi hyder staff trwy eirfa a rennir, dysgu anffurfiol ac anogaeth reolaidd
- Cynnwys hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg mewn cynllunio, arddangosfeydd a thrafodaethau gwelliant parhaus

Mabwysiadodd arweinwyr ddull "ychydig bach ac yn aml" er mwyn sicrhau bod datblygiad y Gymraeg yn hylaw, yn gynaliadwy ac yn gynhwysol i blant, staff a theuluoedd.

Effaith

Creodd y ffocws cynyddol ar y Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru amgylchedd dwyieithog mwy gweladwy a chynyddodd hyder y plant wrth glywed a defnyddio'r Gymraeg.

Bu'r plant yn elwa o:

- Cynnydd mewn profiad y Gymraeg yn ystod chwarae a threfniadau dyddiol
- Mwy o hyder wrth ddefnyddio geiriau ac ymadroddion Cymraeg syml
- Gwell ymwybyddiaeth o ddiwylliant a hunaniaeth Cymru
- Profiadau cynhwysol beth bynnag fo gallu'r plant yn y Gymraeg
- Amgylchedd cynnes a deniadol lle daeth y Gymraeg yn rhan o ryngweithio bob dydd

Daeth staff hefyd yn fwy hyderus wrth ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg yn naturiol drwy gydol sesiynau, gan helpu i greu dull dwyieithog mwy cyson ar draws y lleoliad.

Roedd y gwaith datblygu yn cefnogi cynnydd y lleoliad tuag at y Cynnig Gweithredol AGC ac yn dangos ymrwymiad parhaus i welliant parhaus.



Tystiolaeth

Roedd adroddiad arolygu AGC 2026 yn cydnabod cynnydd y lleoliad wrth hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru.

Roedd y dystiolaeth yn cynnwys:

"Gwelsom rai posteri'n cael eu harddangos sy'n hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg a rhannodd staff eu bod yn cael gair Cymraeg yr wythnos."

Cadarnhaodd datganiad y Cynnig Gweithredol AGC:

"Mae'r darparwr yn gwneud ymdrech i hyrwyddo'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymru neu mae'n gweithio tuag at wasanaeth dwyieithog."

Roedd tystiolaeth ychwanegol yn cynnwys:

- Arddangosfeydd ac arwyddion dwyieithog ledled y lleoliad;
- Cofnodion cynllunio yn dangos gweithgareddau diwylliannol Cymraeg;
- Ymgysylltiad cadarnhaol gan blant yn ystod gweithgareddau Cymraeg;
- Defnydd staff o gyfarchion ac eirfa Gymraeg;
- Hunan-werthuso a chynllunio gwelliant parhaus yn gysylltiedig â datblygiad y Gymraeg

Casgliad

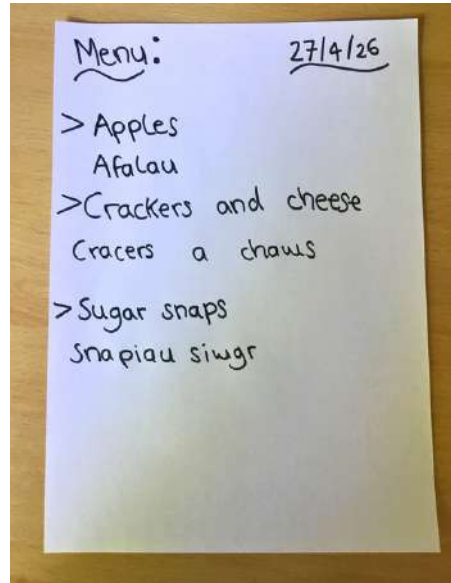
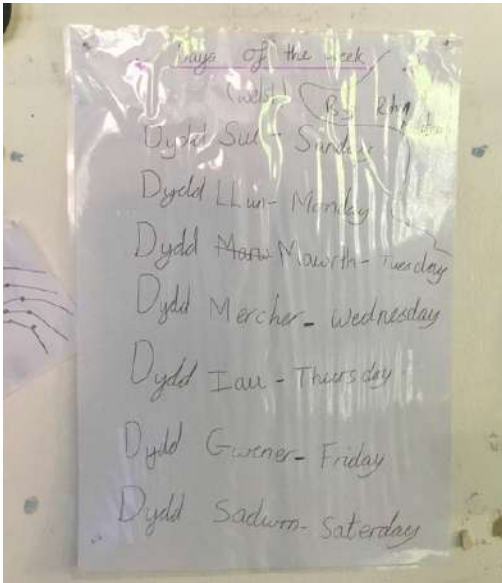
Mae'r astudiaeth achos hon yn dangos sut y gall camau bach, cyson gynyddu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg yn llwyddiannus mewn Clybiau Gofal Plant All-Ysgol dros amser. Trwy strategaethau ymarferol, arweinyddiaeth gadarnhaol, a chyfleoedd bob dydd i gymryd rhan, mae'r lleoliad wedi cryfhau ei arfer dwyieithog ac yn parhau i symud tuag at y Cynnig Gweithredol AGC.

Adroddiad 2019

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Additional Information: None	

Adroddiad 2026

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