Ffrindiau'r Goedwig (Friends of the Forest) based in Carmarthenshire, is a newly CIW-registered bilingual outdoor setting where children are given the freedom to play, explore, and flourish in the wild. Since connecting with Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs(CPCKC) and support funded through the CYMell project, this unique setting has gone from strength to strength.

The Journey to Registration

Led by passionate owner Maria, Ffrindiau'r Goedwig sought support to navigate the CIW registration process and goal of offering high-quality, bilingual, outdoor play experiences for children. With guidance from Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs, Maria and her team received:

- A £1,000 grant through the CYMell project to help cover costs associated with CIW registration
- One-to-one meetings with our Welsh Language Childcare Business Development Officer to discuss the National Minimum Standards, and review their policies and procedures
- Ongoing advice and reassurance throughout the CIW registration journey
- Fully funded Playwork training through CPCKC Training and Support Programme

> *Maria's response speaks volumes: "Thank you so much for all your help with CIW! I'm really pleased! Thank you for everything—and the help with the grant!*

CIW Inspection Success

Ffrindiau'r Goedwig recently received their first CIW inspection—and the results were exceptional:

- Leadership & Management – Good
- Wellbeing – Excellent
- Care & Development – Excellent
- Environment – Excellent

These ratings are a testament to the hard work and commitment of Maria and her team, and to the impact of targeted support from Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs.

Ongoing Growth and Professional Development

Maria and her staff are continuing to invest in their growth. They are now looking to access fully funded training opportunities provided through Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs to further enhance their skills, knowledge, and practice.

The Impact of Play and Nature

Set among trees and open skies, the setting offers children an environment where they are free to explore.

Maria captures it beautifully:

> *"The children have freedom with no limits that stop imagination or play. There's socialisation, taking risks, connections with people, other children and nature. Without that, it can lead to problems with friendships and forming social groups."*

This shows how the power of play, especially in outdoor, natural settings which supports children to build confidence, social skills, emotional resilience, and a love for play.

Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs believes that play is the language of children—and that by supporting clubs like Ffrindiau'r Goedwig, we are helping to create nurturing, bilingual spaces where children thrive.

Ffrindiau'r Goedwig is a shining example of what's possible when vision meets support. With a passionate team, targeted help, and a deep belief in the power of nature-based play, this club is not only surviving—but thriving.
We are proud to have played a part in their journey and can't wait to see what they achieve next.

Contact Us to find out more about the support Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs can offer your club.

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Mae Ffrindiau'r Goedwig, sydd wedi'i leoli yn Sir Gaerfyrddin, yn lleoliad awyr agored dwyieithog sydd newydd gael ei gofrestru gyda AGC, mae'r lleoliad yn rhoi rhyddid i blant chwarae, archwilio a ffynnu yn y gwyllt. Ers cysylltu â Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs (CPCKC) a chael cefnogaeth a ariennir drwy brosiect CYMell, mae'r lleoliad unigryw hwn wedi mynd o nerth i nerth.

Y Daith i Gofrestru

Dan arweinyddiaeth y perchennog angerddol Maria, ceisiodd Ffrindiau'r Goedwig cael gymorth i lywio'r broses gofrestru AGC a'r nod o gynnig profiadau chwarae awyr agored dwyieithog o ansawdd uchel i blant. Gyda chanllawiau gan Clybiau Plant Cymru, derbyniodd Maria a'i thîm:

- Grant werth £1,000 drwy'r prosiect CYMell i helpu i dalu am gostau sy'n gysylltiedig â chofrestru AGC
- Cyfarfodydd un-i-un gyda'n Swyddog Datblygu Busnes Gofal Plant Iaith Gymraeg i drafod y Safonau Gofynnol Cenedlaethol, ac adolygu eu polisïau a'u gweithdrefnau
- Cyngor a sicrwydd parhaus drwy gydol y daith gofrestru AGC
- Hyfforddiant Gwaith Chwarae wedi'i ariannu'n llawn drwy Raglen Hyfforddiant a Chymorth CPCKC

> *Mae ymateb Maria yn dweud llawer:*
> *"Diolch i ti am dy holl gymorth gyda AGC! Rwy'n hapus iawn! Diolch am popeth—a'r help gyda'r grant!"*

Llwyddiant Arolygiad gan AGC

Derbyniodd Ffrindiau'r Goedwig eu harolygiad AGC cyntaf yn ddiweddar— ac roedd y canlyniadau'n eithriadol:

- Arweinyddiaeth a Rheolaeth – Da
- Llesiant – Ardderchog
- Gofal a Datblygu – Ardderchog
- Amgylchedd – Ardderchog

Mae'r sgoriau hyn yn dyst i waith caled ac ymrwymiad Maria a'i thîm, ac i effaith cymorth sy' wedi'i dargedu gan Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs.

Twf a Datblygiad Proffesiynol Parhaus

Mae Maria a'i staff yn parhau i fuddsoddi yn eu twf. Maent bellach yn edrych i gael mynediad at gyfleoedd hyfforddi wedi'u hariannu'n llawn a ddarperir drwy Clybiau Plant Cymru i wella eu sgiliau, eu gwybodaeth a'u hymarfer ymhellach.

Effaith Chwarae a Natur

Wedi'i leoli ymhlith y coed ac awyr agored, mae'r lleoliad yn cynnig amgylchedd i blant lle maen nhw'n rhydd i archwilio.

Mae Maria yn ei mynegi'n hyfryd:

> *"Mae gan y plant ryddid heb unrhyw derfynau sy'n atal dychymyg na chwarae. Mae cymdeithasu, cymryd risgiau, cysylltiadau â phobl, plant eraill a natur. Heb hynny, gall arwain at broblemau gyda chyfeillgarwch a ffurfio grwpiau cymdeithasol."*

Mae hyn yn dangos sut mae pŵer chwarae, yn enwedig mewn lleoliadau awyr agored a naturiol, yn cefnogi plant i feithrin hyder, sgiliau cymdeithasol, gwydnwch emosiynol, a chariad at chwarae.

Mae Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs yn credu mai chwarae yw iaith plant—a thrwy gefnogi clybiau fel Ffrindiau'r Goedwig, rydym yn helpu i greu mannau meithringar a dwyieithog, lle mae plant yn ffynnu.

Mae Ffrindiau'r Goedwig yn enghraifft ddisglair o'r hyn sy'n bosibl pan fydd gweledigaeth yn cwrdd â chefnogaeth. Gyda thîm angerddol, cymorth wedi'i dargedu, a chred ddofn ym mhŵer chwarae sy'n seiliedig ar natur, nid yn unig mae'r clwb hwn yn goroesi—ond yn ffynnu.

Rydym yn falch o fod wedi chwarae rhan yn eu taith ac yn methu aros i weld beth maen nhw'n ei gyflawni nesaf.

Cysylltwch â ni, er mwyn ddarganfod mwy am y cymorth y gall Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs ei gynnig i'ch clwb.

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