

Wibli Wobli Pilot Holiday Club, Rogerstone, Newport, South-East Wales

Supporting to set up a pilot Holiday Club

Rogerstone in Newport has seen a significant decline in Out of School Childcare Provision since 2020 and there is a lack of venue space available in the area to develop quality registered childcare. There is a newly established housing estate where many parents work and many families are looking for childcare. There are also limited Welsh Language spaces available for Preschool children across the Newport County. The owners of Wibli Wobli recognised this and have been working hard to set up a preschool setting that is able to support children aged 2-5 years with a quality, Welsh language provision within the community.

During the initial period of setting up the childcare, the owner reached out to the Childcare Business Development Officer Newport for advice and guidance on registering with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). Support has been provided through an initial visit to the venue which had previously been utilised as an office space. The owners plan to reconfigure the space and this has been adapted to ensure that Building Planning regulations are adhered to for the changes approved by CIW. During this time, the owner and Childcare Business Development Officer discussed expanding to the older age group and potentially having other options for delivering Wrap Around provision for the local Welsh Schools in the future. Whilst in discussion, there was an opportunity to explore a community venue next to the setting with space to provide a potential Out of School club in the option of a Holiday Club initially.

Through this support the Childcare Business Development Officer has assisted the owner on applying for funding to run a pilot Holiday Club during the half term, February 2023, in the Community Venue for under 6 days in line with the National Minimum Standards (NMS) The club was delivered to 13 children during half term holidays February 2023.

What has been learnt during the Pilot? Natasha Baker – Owner Willi Wobli

“We learnt that there is a demand for a holiday club in this area and that most of the children in the area are non-Welsh speaking, however parents are generally keen for their children to be exposed to more Welsh Language experiences. The children respond very well to the structured tasks organised and free play activities, and they respond well to Welsh learning and activities, even if they don't use Welsh at home. Most children who are in school have learnt the Welsh basics at school. We found through the weeks pilot the children ideally needed multiple environments each day and so were not confined to the same room, but throughout the day used other areas in the building and the outdoor patio area”.

What have you reflected upon?

During the pilot week, we reflected upon the structure and activities of the week. We reflected upon the children's feedback, which was very positive. The following feedback was provided by parents:

"It's brilliant, so much so Lili doesn't want to come home!"

"Do you have space for Georgia again tomorrow? She has had an absolute blast this last two days and she is devastated she can't come again tomorrow!! So, I promised her I'd ask if there was space."

"Thank you for having Isaac. He absolutely loved it and is gutted he isn't there for the rest of the week."

"Gus loved the club. He can't wait to return tomorrow!"

How can you move forward with this club in order to become a registered with CIW for a regular Holiday provision?

"There is an ongoing interest in more holiday clubs, and we have had several enquiries already for the Easter holidays, although we would need to be registered with CIW before we could offer this".

"We will look to get CIW registration for a holiday club in the next-door building, or potentially in the downstairs of the nursery building. We could then advertise and run more clubs during holidays".

"We would need to have staff available to run the holiday clubs in addition to the nursery staff. We would therefore advertise for employment and anticipate that staff at primary schools and term time Meithrins may be interested in additional holiday work"

This pilot has shown that there is high demand for quality childcare within the community of Rogerstone. It has been delightful to see a Welsh setting establish in a predominantly English-speaking community and even though the children who attended were from "non-Welsh speaking" areas, the holiday club was welcomed as parents are "generally keen for the children to be exposed to more Welsh." The positive feedback received by the children and parents and the enquiries made regarding an Easter Holiday club emphasised once again, the need for a quality out of school provision in the area. It has enabled the Nursery owners to reflect on the pilot and put a plan in place to register with CIW and continue the out of school provision, eventually providing out of school care to older children too.

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Cefnogi sefydlu Clwb Gwyliau peilot

Mae'r cyfnod Rogerstone yng Nghasnewydd wedi gweld gostyngiad sylweddol yn y ddarpariaeth gofal plant tu allan i'r ysgol ers 2020 ac mae diffyg lle lleoliad ar gael yn yr ardal i ddatblygu gofal plant cofrestredig o safon. Mae stad o dai newydd ei sefydlu lle mae llawer o rieni'n gweithio a nifer o deuluoedd yn chwilio am ofal plant. Prin hefyd yw'r gofodau Cymraeg ar gael i blant Cyn-ysgol ar draws Sir Casnewydd. Fe wnaeth perchnogion Wibli Wobli gydnabod hyn ac maent wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed i sefydlu lleoliad cyn-ysgol sy'n gallu cefnogi plant 2-5 oed gyda darpariaeth Gymraeg o safon o fewn y gymuned.

Yn ystod cyfnod cychwynnol sefydlu'r gofal plant, cyrhaeddodd y perchennog y cyfle i'r Swyddog Datblygu Busnes Gofal Plant, Casnewydd, am gyngor a chanllawiau ar gofrestru gydag Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru (AGC). Darparwyd cefnogaeth drwy ymweliad cychwynnol â'r lleoliad a oedd wedi cael ei ddefnyddio fel gofod swyddfa yn y gorffennol. Mae'r perchnogion yn bwriadu ad-drefnu'r gofod, ac addaswyd hyn er mwyn sicrhau bod Rheoliadau Cynllunio Adeiladu yn cael eu cadw at gyfer y newidiadau yn eu lle wedi cael eu cymeradwyo gan AGC. Yn ystod y cyfnod hwn, bu'r perchennog a'r Swyddog Datblygu Busnes Gofal Plant yn trafod ehangu i'r grŵp oedran hŷn ac o bosibl cael opsiynau eraill ar gyfer darparu darpariaeth 'Wrap Around' ar gyfer yr Ysgolion Cymraeg lleol yn y dyfodol. Tra'n trafod, roedd cyfle i archwilio lleoliad cymunedol wrth ymyl y lleoliad gyda lle i ddarparu clwb y tu allan i'r Ysgol posib yn yr opsiwn o Glwb Gwyliau i ddechrau.

Drwy'r cymorth hwn, mae'r Swyddog Datblygu Busnes Gofal Plant wedi cynorthwyo'r perchennog i wneud cais am arian i redeg Clwb Gwyliau peilot yn ystod yr hanner tymor, Chwefror 2023, yn y lleoliad cymunedol am lai na 6 diwrnod yn unol â'r Safonau Gofynnol Cenedlaethol (NMS) Cyflwynwyd y clwb i 13 o blant yn ystod gwyliau hanner tymor Chwefror 2023.

Beth sydd wedi ei ddysgu yn ystod y Peilot? Natasha Baker – Perchennog Willi Wobli

"Fe ddysgon ni fod yna alw am glwb gwyliau yn yr ardal hon a bod y rhan fwyaf o blant yr ardal yn ddi-Gymraeg, fodd bynnag mae rhieni ar y cyfan yn awyddus i'w plant ddod i gysylltiad â rhagor o brofiadau yn y Gymraeg. Mae'r plant yn ymateb yn dda iawn i'r tasgau strwythuredig sydd wedi eu trefnu a gweithgareddau chwarae am ddim, ac maen nhw'n ymateb yn dda i ddysgu a gweithgareddau Cymraeg, hyd yn oed os nad ydyn nhw'n defnyddio'r Gymraeg gartref. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o blant sy'n yr ysgol wedi dysgu'r pethau sylfaenol Cymraeg yn yr ysgol. Gwelsom drwy'r wythnosau yn treialu'r plant yn ddelfrydol angen sawl amgylchedd bob dydd ac felly nid oeddent wedi'u cyfyngu i'r un ystafell, ond drwy gydol y dydd defnyddiwyd ardaloedd eraill yn yr adeilad a'r ardal patio awyr agored".

Ar beth wyt ti wedi myfyrio?

Yn ystod yr wythnos beilot, buom yn myfyrio ar strwythur a gweithgareddau'r wythnos. Buom yn myfyrio ar adborth y plant, a oedd yn gadarnhaol iawn. Darparwyd yr adborth canlynol gan rieni:

"Mae'n wych, cymaint felly dyw Lili ddim eisiau dod adref!"

"Oes gennych chi le i Georgia eto fory? Mae hi wedi cael ffrwgwd llwyr y deuddydd diwethaf yma ac mae hi'n dorcalonnus na all hi ddod eto fory!! Felly, fe wnes i addo iddi y byddwn i'n gofyn a oedd lle."

"Diolch am gael Isaac. Roedd e wrth ei fodd ac yn gutted dyw e ddim yna am weddill yr wythnos."

"Roedd Gus wrth ei fodd gyda'r clwb. All e ddim aros i ddychwelyd fory!"

Sut gallwch symud ymlaen gyda'r clwb hwn er mwyn dod yn gofrestredig gyda AGC am ddarpariaeth Gwyliau rheolaidd?

"Mae diddordeb parhaus mewn mwy o glybiau gwyliau, ac rydym wedi cael sawl ymholiad eisoes ar gyfer gwyliau'r Pasg, er y byddai angen i ni fod yn gofrestredig gyda AGC cyn y gallem gynnig hyn".

"Byddwn yn edrych i gael cofrestru AGC ar gyfer clwb gwyliau yn yr adeilad drws nesaf, neu o bosib yn holl risiau'r adeilad meithrin. Gallen ni hysbysebu a rhedeg mwy o glybiau wedyn yn ystod gwyliau".

"Mi fyddai angen i ni gael staff ar gael i gynnal y clybiau gwyliau yn ychwanegol at staff y feithrinfa. Byddem felly yn hysbysebu am gyflogaeth ac yn rhagweld y gallai staff mewn ysgolion cynradd a'r Meithrinfeydd yn ystod y tymor fod â diddordeb mewn gwaith gwyliau ychwanegol"

Mae'r peilot hwn wedi dangos bod galw mawr am ofal plant o ansawdd yng nghymuned Tŷ-du. Hyfryd oedd gweld lleoliad Cymraeg yn sefydlu mewn cymuned Saesneg ei hiaith yn bennaf ac er bod y plant a fynychai yn dod o ardaloedd "di-Gymraeg", fe groesawyd y clwb gwyliau gan fod rhieni "ar y cyfan yn awyddus i'r plant ddatgelu at ragor o Gymraeg." Roedd yr adborth cadarnhaol a dderbyniodd y plant a'r rhieni a'r ymholiadau ynglŷn â chlwb Gwyliau Pasg yn pwysleisio unwaith eto, yr angen am safon o ddarpariaeth y tu allan i'r ysgol yn yr ardal. Mae wedi galluogi'r perchnogion Meithrin i fyfyrion ar y peilot a rhoi cynllun ar waith i gofrestru gyda AGC a pharhau â'r ddarpariaeth y tu allan i'r ysgol, gan ddarparu gofal y tu allan i'r ysgol i blant hŷn hefyd yn y pen draw.