

The benefits of Extra Hands Funding

Marshfield Monkeys

Marshfield Monkeys run a Breakfast, After-School and Holiday club based in Castleton, Newport. The setting reached out to Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs to seek support for funding additional staff in order to meet the needs of some children attending their club. In total three children have benefitted from Extra hands.

Benefits for the club:

These grants have enabled the setting to fully support the children to attend. This promotes inclusivity, as the children are able to be part of the community, experience new opportunities and form new friendships.

The club is appreciative of Extra Hands as not having this

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“would mean having to turn children away as we cannot self-fund additional staff without it affecting the sustainability of the whole setting; it would also be a loss to the community”

(Owner, Marshfield Monkeys).

Benefits for the child:

When asked if the children have benefitted from attending the club, the owner replied

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“This grant has given them lots of play opportunities for their wellbeing and growth, I can see that they have formed lovely friendships with peers and staff, giving them new life skills”.



Parents insight on the funding:

All three families have noticed a difference in their child since attending Marshfield Monkeys and praise the impact:

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- “Being around peers helps as she watches and then tries to copy”
- “Without this, his social contact with peers would be limited, his social skills would decline further”
- “This has hugely helped our child’s social development, reducing negative behaviours and consequently improving his wellbeing and happiness”

How has the grant benefited your family/work life?

Each family shared the same benefit, being able to work. This grant has meant that these parents have been able to “continue working in our full time jobs as one of us would usually need to leave work early.”

Not having childcare can result in devastating outcomes “This would negatively impact our employment”

This positive feedback highlights the importance of funding for the family, as a whole.

Will your child continue attending after the grant period is over?

When asked this question, all parents responded that they would not be able to afford the 1:1 funding.

With out this their children would be at risk of harming themselves

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- “H/She has no awareness of danger”
- “Without constant supervision s/he may pose a risk to other children”.

This calls attention to the need for further funding in the out of school childcare sector.

Why are grants like this so important?

The responses to this question demonstrate the rewarding nature of this grant:

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- “It enables children with additional needs to have the same opportunities as other children”
- “I am able to go to work and feel confident and comfortable that my child is being looked after safely”
- “The grant has been invaluable in giving us peace of mind”

Lastly, and most importantly- has your child enjoyed attending?

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“Our child loves playing with the friends he has made. He enjoys coloring, Lego, sensory play and the interactive games and crafts that Monkeys do with the children. In Holiday Club our child loves going to the park and on day trips.”

“All this is possible because of the 1:1 funding, our child is very happy when we pick him up, he loves it so much he often asks to go on weekends and doesn't want to leave when we pick him up!”

Comments from the Club:

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“Absolutely couldn't have managed without them. I would like to give a big shout out to Clare Dare who is always there when needed for support and check ins with our club. A thank you to Nia too who is new to our club for her support too with the Welsh language support.”

Comments from the Families:

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- “We cannot thank you enough for the additional funding you have provided”
- “Families with additional needs children rely on this support”

Manteision cael Cyllid Help Llaw

Marshfield Monkeys

Mae Marshfield Monkeys yn rhedeg clwb brecwast, ar ôl ysgol a gwyliau yng Nghas-bach, Casnewydd. Gwnaeth y lleoliad Estyn allan at Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs i geisio cymorth i ariannu staff ychwanegol er mwyn diwallu anghenion rhai o'r plant sy'n mynychu eu clwb. Mae cyfanswm o dri phlentyn wedi elwa o arian Help Llaw.

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Mae'r grantiau hyn wedi galluogi'r lleoliad i gefnogi'r plant yn llawn i'w fynychu. Mae hyn y n hyrwyddo cynhwysiant, gan fod y plant yn gallu bod yn rhan o'r gymuned, profi cyfleoedd newydd a ffurfio cyfeillgarwch newydd.

Mae'r clwb yn gwerthfawrogi Help Llaw gan y byddai bod hebddo yn

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"golygu gorfod troi plant i ffwrdd gan na allem hunangyllido staff ychwanegol heb i hynny effeithio ar gynaliadwyedd y lleoliad cyfan; byddai hefyd yn golled i'r gymuned."

(Perchennog, Marshfield Monkeys)

Manteision i'r plentyn:

Pan ofynnwyd a yw'r plant wedi elwa o fynychu'r clwb, atebodd y perchennog

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"Mae'r grant hwn wedi rhoi llawer o gyfleoedd chwarae iddynt ar gyfer eu lles a'u twf, gallaf weld eu bod wedi ffurfio cyfeillgarwch hyfryd gyda chyfoedion a staff, sydd wedi rhoi iddynt sgiliau-bywyd newydd."

Dealltwriaeth rhieni o'r cyllid:

Mae'r tri theulu wedi sylwi ar wahaniaeth yn eu plentyn ers mynychu Marshfield Monkeys ac yn canmol yr effaith:

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- "Bod o gwmpas cyfoedion wrth iddi wyllo ac yna geisio copïo"
- "Heb hyn, byddai ei gyswllt cymdeithasol gyda chyfoedion yn gyfyngedig, byddai ei sgiliau cymdeithasol yn dirywio ymhellach"
- "Mae hyn wedi helpu datblygiad cymdeithasol ein plentyn yn aruthrol, gan leihau ymddygiad negyddol ac o ganlyniad i wella ei les a'i hapusrwydd."

Sut mae'r grant hw wedi bod o fantais i'ch teulu/bywyd gwaith?

Roedd pob teulu yn rhannu'r un fantais – gallu gweithio. Mae'r grant hwn wedi golygu bod y rhieni hyn wedi gallu "parhau i weithio yn ein swyddi llawn amser gan y byddai angen i un ohonom adael y gwaith yn gynnar fel arfer".

Gall peidio â chael gofal plant arwain at ganlyniadau dinistriol "Byddai hyn yn cael effaith negyddol ar ein cyflogaeth."

Mae'r adborth cadarnhaol hwn yn tynnu sylw at bwysigrwydd cyllid i'r teulu cyfan.

A fydd eich plentyn yn parhau i fynychu ar ôl i'r cyfnod grant ddod i ben?

Pan ofynnwyd y cwestiwn hwn, ymatebodd pob rhiant na fyddent yn gallu fforddio cyllid 1:1.

Heb hynny, byddai eu plant mewn perygl o niweidio eu hunain

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- "Nid oes gan ef/hi ymwybyddiaeth o berygl"
- "Heb oruchwyliaeth gyson/fe allai beri risg i blant eraill"

Mae hyn yn galw sylw at yr angen am gyllid pellach yn y sector gofal plant all-ysgol.

Pam mae grantiau fel hyn mor bwysig?

Mae'r ymatebion i'r cwestiwn hwn yn dangos natur werth chweil y grant hwn:

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- "Mae'n galluogi plant ag anghenion ychwanegol i gael yr un cyfleoedd â phlant eraill"
- "Rwy'n gallu mynd i'r gwaith a theimlo'n hyderus ac yn gyfforddus bod fy mhlentyn yn derbyn gofal diogel"
- "Mae'r grant wedi bod yn amhrisiadwy wrth roi tawelwch meddwl i ni"

Yn olaf, ac yn bwysicaf oll - a yw'ch plentyn wedi mwynhau mynychu?

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"Mae ein plentyn wrth ei fodd yn chwarae gyda'r ffrindiau y mae wedi'i wneud. Mae'n mwynhau lliwio, Lego, chwarae synhwyraidd a'r gemau a'r crefftiau rhyngweithiol y mae Monkeys yn eu gwneud gyda'r plant. Yn y Clwb Gwyliau mae ein plentyn wrth ei fodd yn mynd i'r parc ac ar deithiau dydd."

"Mae hyn oll wedi bod yn bosibl oherwydd cyllid 1:1, mae ein plentyn yn hapus iawn pan fyddwn yn ei godi, mae wrth ei fodd gymaint fel ei fod yn aml yn gofyn i fynd ar benwythnosau ac nid yw am adael pan fyddwn yn ei gasglu!"

Sylwadau gan y Clwb:

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"Ni allem fod wedi llwyddo hebddyn nhw. Hoffwn roi bloedd mawr i Clare Dare sydd yno bob amser pan fo angen am gefnogaeth a dal i fyny gyda'n clwb. Diolch i Nia hefyd sy'n newydd i'n clwb am ei chefnogaeth hefyd gyda'r iaith Gymraeg."

Sylwadau gan y Teuluoedd:

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- "Ni allwn ddiolch digon i chi am yr arian ychwanegol rydych wedi'i ddarparu"
- "Mae teuluoedd ag anghenion ychwanegol y mae plant yn dibynnu ar y cymorth yma"



If you need support or have any queries (big or small), don't hesitate to contact us here at Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs, we're here to help: info@clybiauplantcymru.org

You can find out more about the support we can offer your club at our website: www.clybiauplantcymru.org

Os oes angen cefnogaeth arnoch chi (llawer neu ychydig) peidiwch â phetruso rhag cysylltu â i yma yn Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs, ry'n ni yma i helpu: info@clybiauplantcymru.org.

Gallwch ddod i wybod mwy ar ein gwefan am y gefnogaeth y gallwn ei chynnig i'ch clwb chi: www.clybiauplantcymru.org