

How do
I know
how
my
child is
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on?

The school uses Class Dojo which is an safe online resource. It is used as part of our positive behaviour policy. It allows us to share the good work the pupils do and show photographs of what your little ones have been up to at school. Using the app you get a message when your child has been awarded a Dojo point and when your child reaches 10 points they get to choose a small prize from Mrs Conlin. Dojos are awarded for good manners, listening, concentrating, working hard and using Welsh.

We also have a celebration assembly each week to recognise the hard work of pupils, their use of Welsh and for showing good manners.

Parent meetings are held twice a year and the pupils receive a full written report at the end of the year.

We hope that you have found the information helpful but please get in touch if you need further questions or need additional information.

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Foundation Phase



September 2021

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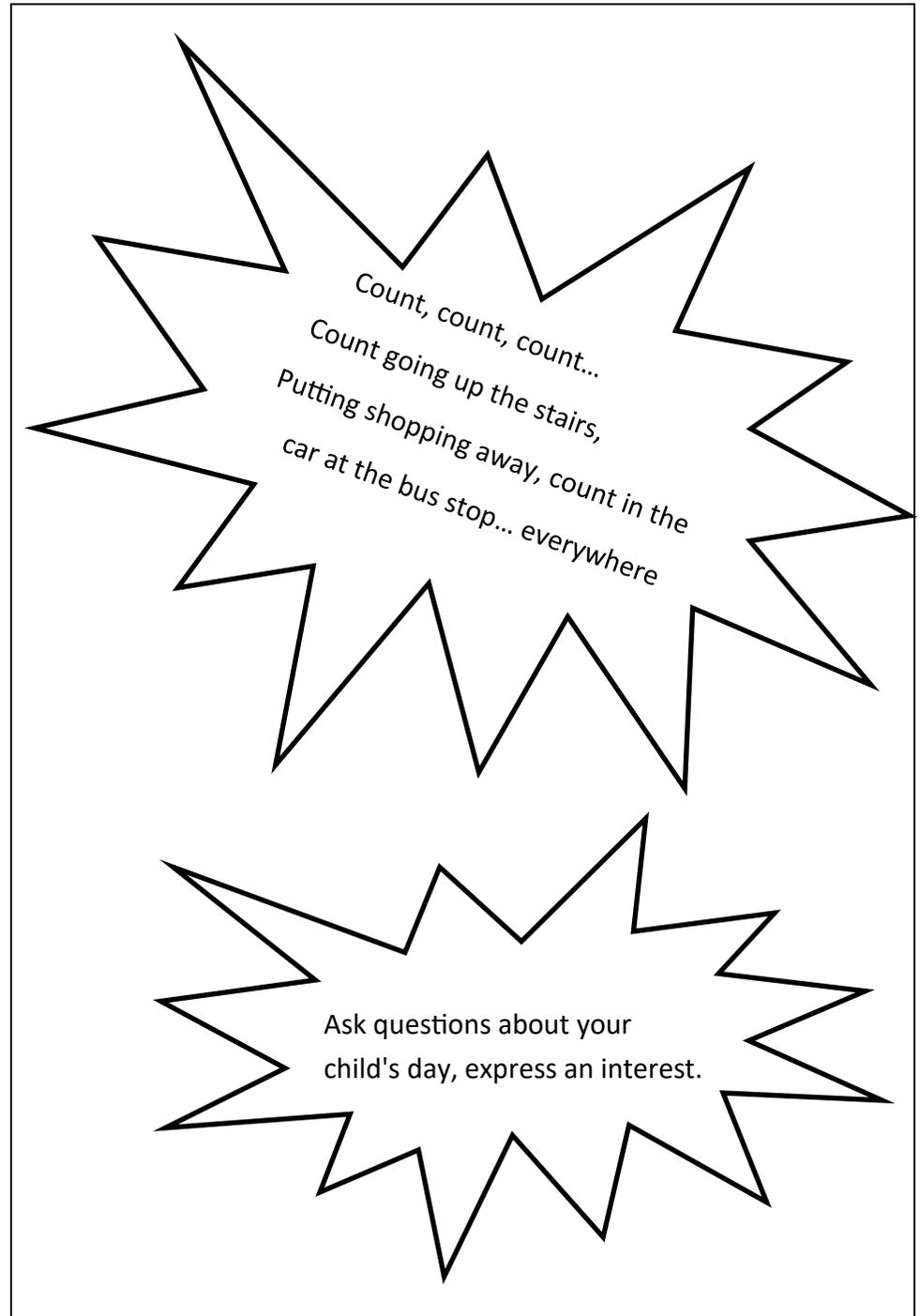
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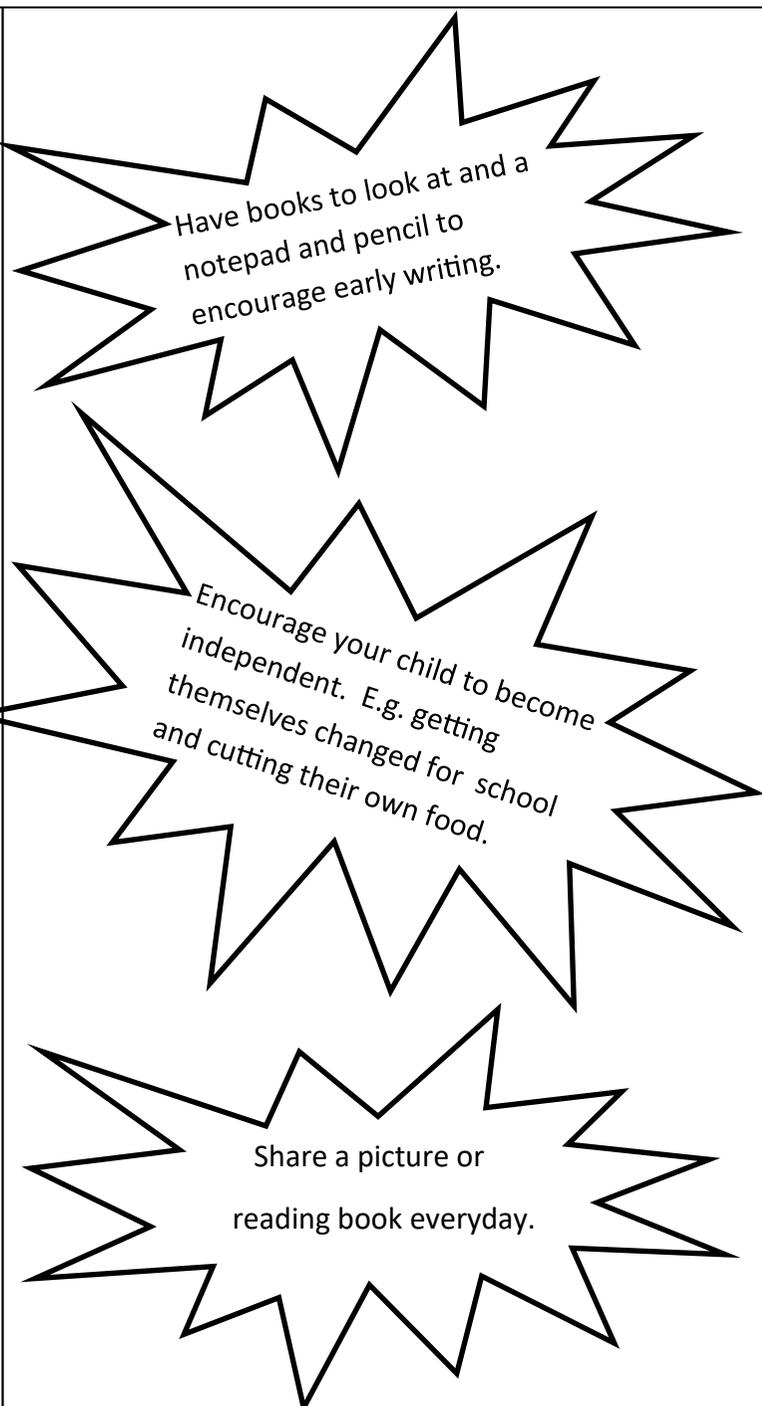
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Welcome to Ysgol Aberriw, I am the Reception Year 1 teacher at Ysgol Aberriw. It will be my eleventh year of teaching here. If you are unsure of anything or would like to ask any additional questions please don't hesitate to speak to myself or contact the office.



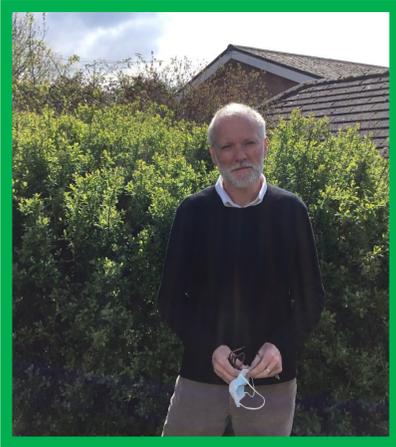
Hi, my name is Miss Penhale and I am the teaching assistant in class Unicorn. This is my first year at Ysgol Aberriw. I enjoy painting and my favourite animal is a dog. I look forward to meeting you all in September!



<p>How can I help my child to learn?</p>	 <p>Have books to look at and a notepad and pencil to encourage early writing.</p> <p>Encourage your child to become independent. E.g. getting themselves changed for school and cutting their own food.</p> <p>Share a picture or reading book everyday.</p>
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<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Welcome to Berriew CP School. We hope that your child will have a happy, enjoyable and successful time with us.</p> <p>In Class Unicorn, we learn through focused tasks and play. We are passionate about children's development and their learning journey. In order to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school into school life we have created this booklet to help answer some questions you may have.</p> <p>Starting school can be an exciting and anxious time for children and we hope to make your transition that little bit easier.</p> <p>If your child has attended Berriew Pre-school they will be familiar with the school and Foundation Phase staff, through the regular transition events..</p>
<p>Getting ready for school</p>	<p>Your child may be feeling nervous, excited or overwhelmed at the prospect of starting Primary School. In the weeks leading up to the summer holiday we will hold transition opportunities and an optional meet and greet with parents and the class teacher (depending on the current situation with Covid19 these may be online). These will support the transition into school. Mrs Conlin (Foundation Phase Coordinator) also runs a workshop within the first term to support parents with early reading at home.</p>

Welcome to Ysgol Aberriw, I am the headteacher Mr Clarke. I believe that learning should be fun, creative and challenging so our children are ready for the 21st century. I am really looking forward to meeting you and at some point teaching you in the future.



Hi, my name is Miss Gardener and I teach Class Unicorn when Mrs Conlin isn't in class. I love walking my dogs and getting creative with children in school. I'm super excited to meet you all.

How can you help the school ?

In the case of a child's absence due to illness, we would appreciate a note of explanation or a phone call by 9:00am. For reasons of safety, we ask that parents notify the school at the beginning of a period of absence so we can complete the attendance register. We ask that parents try where possible to make medical appointments out of school hours so that it doesn't interfere with their education. If you wish to speak to a member of staff we have an open door policy in Reception which means you can speak to them at the beginning or end of the day. If it is a more serious matter then we ask that you make an appointment to see the teacher so that arrangements can be made so the meeting can take place.

Information is shared via weekly newsletters, the website and on the school's secure Facebook page. We encourage parents to read these as they include important information and dates of events in school.

Children will bring home a book bag with a reading book (picture only) to begin with and a library book. Please read little and often at home as it has a huge impact on children and their learning. All we ask is that you write in the reading record book when you have read with them and any comments for the teachers.

Our School Day

Our Breakfast Club runs from **7.45am – 8.45am**. Children are welcome to attend breakfast club and the cost is **£1/day**. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

The morning Session is from 8.30am – 11.45am. During this time we do the attendance and lunch registers, have language and maths activities including guided reading and phonics. Snack and free school milk is usually available between 10.15-10.30 followed by a break.

The Lunch time is from 11.45-12.45. The pupils eat their lunch in the Community Centre hall and are escorted their by the school staff. Pupils can have either their packed lunch or obtain a school lunch which is **£2.35** a day, this is made payable via ParentPay, details will come home on the first week of school. At 12.30 the children are supervised playing on the field or infant playground. Please note we are a NUT free zone and we encourage packed lunches to be healthy and nutritious. Water is requested for lunchtime drinks and a water bottle to have in class.

In the afternoon Session from 12.45pm – 3.00pm the pupils do work linked to their termly topic covering all aspects of the seven areas of learning.

Throughout school we have a number of DBS checked volunteers who support children with gardening, reading and playing games. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Mrs Conlin or Mr Clarke.

How will your child learn?

Your child will be learning new skills, acquiring knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through the areas of the new curriculum for Wales. These are:

- Language, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology
- Humanities
- Health and Well-being
- Expressive Arts

Children in the Foundation Phase learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking. We pride ourselves on ensuring that your child receives quality learning experiences both in the indoor and outdoor environment.



Our outdoor environment and grounds are used all year round. The children have access to a range of playgrounds and outdoor settings, which contribute to providing a wealth of learning experiences.

This is Debbie and Lisa, they run Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and are our FANTASTIC midday supervisors.



Hi, my name is Miss Naomi, I am the Office Administrator. I like horse riding, music and going to the beach.

What will my child need for school?

The school uniform consists of a bottle green sweatshirt or hooded sweatshirt, a bottle green cardigan for the girls, black shorts or trousers and a white or bottle green polo shirt. The school uniform can be purchased from Constructiv clothing online. Children will also need a simple P.E. Kit. Which consists of a green Berriew T-shirt, shorts and a pair of pumps.

During the cold months we encourage the pupils to dress appropriately with a jumper, fleece lined rain coat, gloves, scarf and a warm hat. During the hotter months please ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come to school and a named bottle in school. In addition to always have a sun hat and a water bottle. The school has a supply of waterproof clothing and wellies.

We have swimming lessons during the year at the Flash Leisure Centre, Welshpool. Your child will need a suitable swimming costume, towel and goggles if needed, a request form can be obtained for the school.

Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing are labelled with your child's name. We do have a lost property basket, so if you are missing an item do come and have a search through.

We have snack everyday which is a good opportunity to learn new skills, such as hygiene and cutting skills. The cost is 25p a day for a healthy snack in school, this is made payable each half term and letters will be sent home to explain. Book bags will come home with children and are expected back in school each day, these are supplied by school.