



Llanbister C.P School



Prospectus



Welcome to Llanbister C.P School

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In Llanbister school we aim to provide learners with the skills, attributes and confidence to become lifelong learners. In our small, nurturing, community-based school, we focus on developing relationships, emotional literacy and reaching individual potential. Through a wide range of engaging experiences, we provide a creative and purposeful curriculum that will enable our learners to be successful, today, tomorrow and for the future.

'Pupils are enthusiastic learners who apply themselves to new experiences confidently. They demonstrate positive attitudes to learning and enthuse about the benefits and successes of their school. They show care for each other and demonstrate a great deal of respect towards staff and visitors.' – Estyn report 2019

'Being a small school, they are able to provide different opportunities and experiences. It also means all staff know the children well and as such are able to build a good working rapport together' – Parent response to survey 2022





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From the staff at Llanbister Primary School

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to look at our school prospectus. We hope that by looking through this, you will learn a little bit about life at our busy country school. Hopefully this booklet will guide you through some of the important features of our school, but the best way to see what we have to offer is to visit.

Our fundamental belief is that children learn best when there are good relationships between pupils, staff and parents. We hope to offer a kind and friendly welcome to all, and hope that parents and carers of children in the school feel that we listen and support them.

Here at Llanbister School we offer a stimulating learning environment full of exploration and fun. We believe that children learn best through hands on, practical experiences that they enjoy and that they will remember.

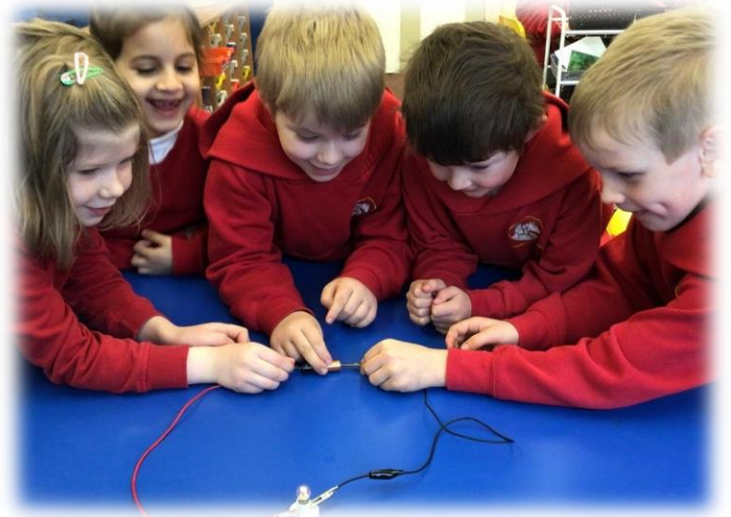
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How we learn

Seeing students as individual learners and promoting a love of learning through a fully-rounded curriculum is at the heart of what we aim to achieve in Llanbister. Positive relationship between children and all members of staff is at the very core of everything we do. By fostering the curiosity, imagination and creativity of our learners, we aim to give all children the inner resources to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world. We do this by adopting an experiential learning offer. Our lessons, school activities and extra-curricular opportunities all aim to give pupils as many learning experiences as possible. Experiences where they can be active and hands on in their learning and to develop into confident and resilient people.



"It is a school where children are individuals and each supported equally. Where children love to spend their time because they are nurtured, feel safe and valued. The teachers are dynamic and inspired to teach and use new methods but also remember to teach the basics well" – Parent response to survey 2022

Our classes



Llanbister school offers three mixed age range classes. These classes offer smaller class sizes and teachers that get to know each individual pupil. Teachers aim to adopt teaching styles to suit all learning needs and offer provision for every learner in their classroom. We have an established outdoor learning provision. This consists of an outside all weather canopy area, a playground, a forest school area and an outdoor field.



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Our curriculum

With the introduction of curriculum for Wales in September 2022, Llanbister school has been developing a curriculum that is flexible and engaging to suit the needs of individual learners. We put the learner's ideas, thoughts and opinions into the centre of our planning and learning. With the four purposes of the curriculum in mind, our learners inform their own learning journey through the school with the adult guiding them and introducing them to new experiences.



We conduct Llanbister experience days. These aim to target specific learning intentions or overarching topics. We want our learners to be immersed in their learning and to make it as purposeful as possible so the children can make connections between what we are learning and why we are learning it. We offer a wide and broad curriculum in Llanbister. Our pupils have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of opportunities. These include music, art, drama, sport, digital learning and STEM projects. We want children to enjoy learning, not just whilst they are in school but to instill a love of learning they will take with them into adulthood.





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"It has a loyal staff team who want it to excel and enjoy being there. It serves a local community who value the school as a priceless part of the area. Its pupils go on to do well and are resilient and resourceful" – Governor response to survey 2022

Drama and music



Our pupils have access to a wide variety of creative opportunities. We conduct assemblies and performances in our large hall. We have visits from a variety of shows and theatrical productions to inspire and enthuse our learners. Music lessons are held weekly and we have a large variety of brass, woodwind and string instruments available to our pupils.



Every year we hold our school Eisteddfod where our pupils are encouraged to showcase their talents. Pupils can sing, recite, bake cakes, create art work, play music and write poems in an effort to win the Eisteddfod chair. This helps the children to understand their Welsh culture in more depth but also allows them to gain confidence in performing and becoming creative and enterprising contributors to school life.



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Sport



We are proud of the sporting opportunities our young people have in Llanbister. These activities range from Judo, Karate, Rugby to Badminton, Tennis and Cricket. All pupils attend swimming lessons from the age of reception and we enter county led sporting competitions where possible. Our annual sports day gives pupils the opportunity to compete against each other in their four coloured houses and to demonstrate the skills they have developed through the year.



“An absolute gem of a school... Exactly the place you would want a child to spend their first years in education... the teachers are kind, supportive and genuinely want each child to get the most out of their schooling.” – Governor response to survey 2022

Extra-curricular activities



To supplement an engaging curriculum, we also offer a wide variety of after school opportunities for our learners. These range from sports such as netball, cricket, karate and badminton, coding and St John Badgers. The after-school clubs change termly and are very popular with learners in school.



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Digital learning

“Our school is fun, kind and welcoming” – Child response to survey 2022



We are very fortunate to be able to offer an extensive digital provision to our pupils. All of our classes are equipped with interactive boards, iPads and chrome books. We have a confident group of digital champions in school who are available to offer support and guidance for all matters digital. The school has a weekly coding club to teach children about block-based programming.

Outdoor learning

We are passionate about outdoor learning. We take every opportunity to take our learning into the outdoor space our school has to offer. We have a large field for our planting and growing opportunities in our raised beds, a large under cover area and a large playground. Classes have weekly outdoor sessions where the focus is on taking measured risk, planting, growing, harvesting, preparing areas and much more. This is alongside blended learning where language or numeracy can be taken outside the classroom.





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School Committees



We encourage our learners to become independent learners. One of the ways in which we do this is to allow our pupils to plan and deliver school committee take overs. All pupils in the upper age ranges of the school are asked to take an active role in either Eco school, Healthy school, Criw Cymraeg, School council or become a Digital lead. The children are then asked to plan and coordinate activities for the other learners in the school to teach something about their committee focus or to provide a learning experience. Activities have included litter picking, junk modelling, making Welsh cakes, Zumba, adopted a Gorilla and programmed a micro: bit, just to name few.



Our school is warm, welcoming and very friendly. If you would like to take a look around or meet the staff then please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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