

Croeso i Feithrin



**We are so
excited to meet
you all!**



Meet Mrs Griffith

Hello there!

- I am starting my 27th year of teaching.
- I have worked in the Foundation Phase of our school for 10 years.
- I am originally from Anglesey and am a fluent Welsh speaker.
- I enjoy walking and have walked over 270 miles of the Wales Coast path so far.
- I love a good A-Z list and my husband and I are working our way through the alphabet for days out.
- I love travel and am learning Italian.
- I am so excited to be working in Reception and Nursery again this year.

Our Team – support staff



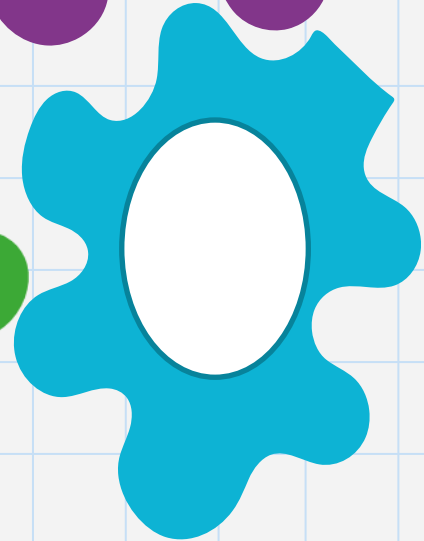
Mrs MacGregor
Teaching Assistant /
Nursery leader



Miss Thomson
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Jones
Teaching Assistant
(Reception)



**Additional
support staff to be
confirmed**

Our classroom



Our classroom is divided up into different areas including a home corner, reading area, construction, workshop, small world, technology, discovery, creative and Literacy, Numeracy.

We have a carpet area and an interactive white board.

I will add more photos onto the class page of the website.



What happens in Nursery?

- A very short whole group welcome session in our Nursery base
- Lots of free play both inside and outside!
- Snack time
- Weekly focus group activities – small groups
- Squiggle while you wiggle sessions (encourages early writing skills)
- Forest school sessions
- Stories and rhymes throughout as well as at the end of the day

What happens in Nursery?

Continuous Snack

- We operate a 'continuous snack' system where your child can choose when to have their snack.
- They will need a drink and a snack.
- We encourage fruit and other healthy snacks such as cheese, crackers, yoghurts.
- A lunchbox or small rucksack is ideal to fit on our trolley.

How can I support my child?

- Promote independence – putting coat on independently , fastening zips, etc.
- Toileting – pupils can wear jogging bottoms if this helps and we would prefer 'Velcro' shoes rather than laces in case of accidents. Children will be encouraged and supported from a distance to change themselves. However in some cases a phone call may need to be made to come and collect your child.
- *We have plenty of changes of clothes but you are more than welcome to send in a small bag of spare clothing for your child which we can keep on their peg.*

How can I support my child? (2)

- Name recognition in different formats – e.g. on their jumper labels etc
- Developing their gross and fine motor skills e.g. 'painting' with water on a wall or fence making circles, lines etc or playing in play-dough.
- Playing with sounds e.g. a simple version of 'I-Spy', making different sounds e.g. animal sounds etc
- Numeracy – matching activities e.g. picture dominoes, SNAP card games, colour match games, counting out loud, laying the table and understanding that each place needs a fork, knife, spoon etc.
- Sharing books and stories
- Singing songs and nursery rhymes

Parents as partners – keeping you up to date

- Normally we would encourage parents into our classroom areas and have always had an open-door policy. However, in current circumstances this is still not possible.
- If you have any questions, concern or issues we would always appreciate you speaking to a member of staff about this in the first instant.
- Our class website will be updated regularly with photos and relevant information. *We do use the 'Seesaw' app but we use this 'in-house' for our assessments.*
- Regular newsletters are sent out and we will keep you up to date with any upcoming events or changes to routines.

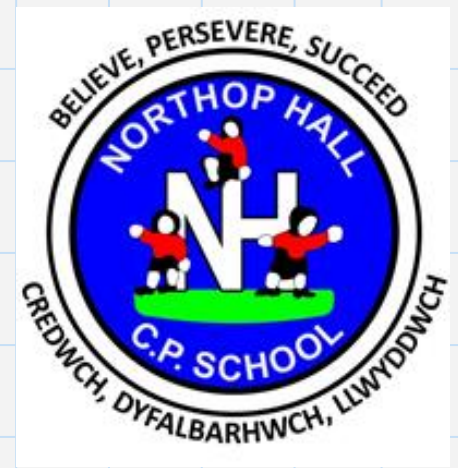


What's next?

- In September we will hold a number of taster sessions in readiness for starting Nursery.
- The aim of these sessions are to familiarise your child with our staff and our setting.
- This also gives you the opportunity to have an informal chat with staff and ask any questions you may have.

Starting Nursery

- Following the taster sessions all pupils will commence Nursery from Monday 19th September.
- Our Nursery sessions are from 12:40pm until 3:10pm
- Our Bridges after school club is available should you require this.
- Please email / phone the school reception with any absences, general enquiries or messages.



Thank you for your attention

We look forward to welcoming your child into Nursery and working with you and your family this year.

Mrs Griffith & the Early Years team

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