

# Tystebau Rhieni

## **1. Rafat Ahmad (current parent 2007-2024)**

All my children have gone to Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain (YGL) - the eldest started Meithrin (Nursery) in 2007! Throughout my time being associated with YGL, I have always been very happy with the care, attention and diligence of all the Staff. YGL is small and everyone knows everyone else - children, Staff and Parents. YGL offers great experiences that wouldn't be possible elsewhere, such as trips/performances at the Urdd Eisteddfod (Youth Festival) each year and the end of Year gathering at Llangrannog, West Wales. There are also plenty of after-School activities to take part in. I am very happy with YGL and would heartily recommend it to any prospective Parents!!!!

## **2. Rhodri Brady, Dylan Brady, Dewi Brady, Gwion Brady and Owain Brady (past pupils)**

Greetings to the London Welsh School community. We, the Brady boys, (Rhodri, Dylan, Dewi, Gwion and Owain) are here to reflect on the profound impact of our education at the school.

Thanks to the London Welsh School, we all possess the invaluable skill of speaking Welsh. This linguistic gift has played a significant role in our daily lives, especially for those of us living in Wales. Not only do we continue to use Welsh in daily life, but we've also passed on this heritage to the next generation with our children attending Welsh schools.

Furthermore, Rhodri, Dylan, and Gwion preach in Welsh from time to time. Dewi also spreads the word, but his pulpit is a primary school classroom!

The school's influence goes beyond language; it has instilled in us a deep sense of identity and cultural connection. We are grateful for the solid foundation it provided.

## **3. Rich and Sioned Baker (current parents)**

All three of our children have been through the London Welsh school over the past 14 years!

Not only are they all bilingual speakers, something that we didn't believe was going to be possible in London with us both working full-time and only one of us Welsh speaking - but it is also the connection that they feel to Wales - with its identity and belonging. Not just the history of the Welsh language and population, but they have taken part in so many fantastic opportunities while living in London, visiting the House of Commons for St David's Day every year, the London Welsh Centre in Gray's Inn Road, meeting Olympic

and Commonwealth champions, football players and artists and being able to perform in the Welsh chapels both for Christmas shows and competing in the Urdd Eisteddfod, not forgetting the annual pilgrimage to Llangrannog to the Urdd Centre at the end of each year.

Our youngest daughter has just received an acting scholarship to a secondary school, and we believe this is strongly down to the fact that she has received so many opportunities to perform for the school over the 8 years that she has been attending.

The children have become confident, but caring and thoughtful young adults and all the children help and support each and every child at the school - they are as happy for another one of them winning a competition, as they are themselves - and it is that part of community and friendship that we believe helps them flourish at secondary school. Both our elder children went from the small London Welsh school into a state secondary school with over 1,500 children in it - both of them flourishing and making plenty of friends where they knew no one else in the year group when they started.

All the teachers and support staff over the years have been fantastic, their dedication in supporting the children in their studies and extracurricular activities second to none. They have also been wholeheartedly supportive to all the parents fundraising activities at Hanwell Carnival, Cinio Haf, Eisteddfod trips and Halibalw by giving their time and expertise to make these events successful.

By attending the school our 3 children have gained an excellent bilingual education, speak and understand the Welsh language and culture and have gained friends for life in London and Wales. Likewise, as parents we have also gained friends for life and opportunities to be part of a thriving Welsh community in London.

### **Alys Zaerin**

Cychwynnais yn yr ysgol yn 1992 pan oedd yng Nghapel Willesden Green. Miss Sian Edwards oedd fy athrawes. Cychwynnodd fy mrawd Aled yn 1994. Cofiaf chwarae a rhedeg o gwmpas y goeden gastenwydden enfawr o flaen y capel. Roedd fy mlynnyddoedd yn Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain yn rai hapus dros ben. Roeddem i gyd yn cael llawer o sylw ac nid oes gennyf unrhyw amheuaeth mai oherwydd yr ysgol yr wyf i a'm brawd yn siarad Cymraeg heddiw. Ymarferydd Nyrsio yn Ysbyty Lewisham ydw i erbyn hyn ac yn diwtor Cymraeg rhan amser yng Nghanolfan Cymry Llundain.

### **Mererid Puw Davies**

Darllenwch teyrnged Mererid yma.

## **Tysteb gan deulu Sykes**

Mae ein merch wedi bod yn Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain am 8 mlynedd gan ddechrau yn dair oed. Blodeuodd eich hagwedd tuag at fywyd a'r byd academaidd a thyfodd ei hyder a arweiniodd at y llwyddiannau canlynol; ymddangos ar brif lwyfan Eisteddfod yr Urdd, cymryd rhan ar y llwyfan yn Carnifal Hanwell a Parti yn y Parc yn Pitzhanger ac ymddangos ar S4C gan gynnwys Ser Steilio (daeth yn gyntaf yn ei phennod am ddylunio a gwneud gwisg ioga). Efo'r addysg academaidd cadarn a'r dosbarthiadau llai, llwyddodd Elinor, ar ôl eistedd yr 11 plus, i gael ei dewis cyntaf o ysgol uwchradd sef Ysgol i Ferched St James.

Mae ein mab yn rhedeg i mewn i'r ysgol bob dydd ac wedi gwneud hyn bob dydd dros y saith mlynedd diwethaf! Gwnaeth ffrindiau oes ac mae natur unigryw yr ysgol yn golygu bod y plant yn gofalu am ei gilydd fel brodyr a chwiorydd. Oherwydd maint y dosbarthiadau a'r cymorthyddion dawnus, mae'n ysgol berffaith i ddarparu ar gyfer ei anghenion dyslecsia. Mae'r ysgol wedi rhoi cymaint o gyfleoedd iddo ac mae ei brif gyflawniadau yn cynnwys perfformio ar lwyfan Eisteddfod yr Urdd, canu mewn cyngherddau yn Eglwysi Cymraeg Llundain a chymryd rhan yng ngwasanaeth blynyddol Gŵyl Dewi yn San Steffan. Mae wedi cynrychioli'r ysgol ar Stwnsh yn ystod Wythnos Cymru Llundain a chynrychioli'r ysgol yn Clwb Minis Rygbi Cymry Llundain yn Old Deer Park.

Mae bod yn rhan o gymuned Cymry Llundain fel siaradwr Cymraeg yng Ngorllewin Llundain yn wych ac mae'r diolch i'r ysgol arbennig hon fod fein plant wedi cael yr holl gyfleoedd – cyfleoedd na fasent yn eu cael mewn unrhyw ysgol arall yn Llundain.

I ni, fel rhieni, mae cymaint o resymau dros ddewis Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain. Dyma enwi ond rhai o'i nodweddion pwysig:

- mae siarad ail iaith yn agor y drws i ddysgu trydydd iaith
- mae dosbarthiadau llai yn fantais mawr ar gyfer addysgu arbenigol
- mae'r pwyslais ar fwynhau cerddoriaeth a drama yn rhoi cymaint o gyfleoedd.
- cysylltiadau agos â chymuned Cymry Llundain, fel Eglwysi Gymraeg Llundain gan gynnwys yr Ysgol Sul.
- teimlad cymunedol tynn o fod mewn swigen pentref bach yng Nghymru ym mhwrlwm dinas Llundain!
- ethos lles a 'gofalu am ein gilydd' fel sylfaen i ddatblydu sgiliau bywyd a gwaith academaidd.