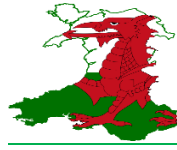


## Why do we learn to speak Welsh in Bryn Hafod?

### Pam rydyn n'n dysgu siarad Cymraeg yn ysgol Bryn Hafod?



From September 1999 Welsh became a compulsory subject for ALL children in Wales up to the age of 16. This means every child in Wales will be required to sit GCSE Welsh in school. It is also the Welsh Governments aim to have 1 million Welsh speakers by the year 2050.

Here at Bryn Hafod, we love to speak Welsh. We embrace our national language and love exploring more about the cultures and traditions in Wales.

### Did you know?

- Welsh is one of the oldest languages in Europe. It dates back as far as 1400 years ago.
  - Over 800,000 people speak the Welsh language.
- Welsh is spoken in countries all around the world such as Patagonia in Argentina.



Learning any second language has huge benefits!!

### ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES

Bilingual people in Wales earn more on average in comparison to people who speak one language.

Many recruiters ask for a basic level of Welsh on Job applications.

### EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Academic research has confirmed that bilingual children can think more creatively and flexibly and tend to score higher in IQ tests than those who speak one language. Learning another language boosts your brainpower and can improve your memory.

### CULTURAL BENEFITS

Learning a language helps us to respect other languages and cultures. It allows us to communicate with more people in the community.

It makes us nicer! Research from Cambridge University has found that having another language makes us better able to tolerate differences in cultures, creeds and customs and also better able to find solutions to conflict.

Please support our Welsh at Bryn Hafod.