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Embedding Enterprise in the Curriculum

Case-study:
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr
Ym Mochnant



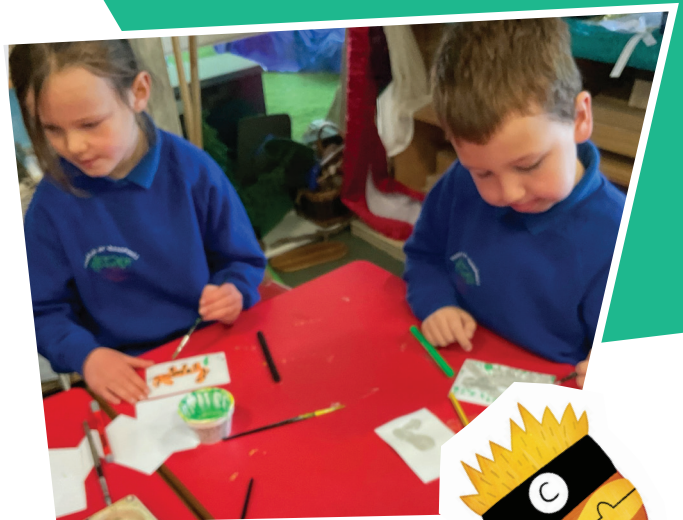
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant is a bilingual primary school with four mixed age classes in a rural area of North Powys. The school's aim is to provide pupils with a rich range of interesting learning experiences that engage and maintain pupils' enthusiasm so that they become successful learners. Y.G. Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant was the Social Enterprise Award winner at the 2021 Enterprise Troopers National Final for their 'Sebon a Chalon' project.

“Embedding enterprise education has really helped us develop our curriculum because it has given our pupils opportunities to work within their local community to support others and also to use and develop cross-curricular skills for a real purpose.”

Headteacher

Their approach has been to embed enterprise education into themed class work. For example, when completing a project on a national park in India, the children decided that they wanted to support tiger conservation and came up with the idea to design, make and sell Christmas cards in school and the local community. Similarly, as part of thematic work on Africa and the lack of clean water, the children chose to make and sell soap to raise money for Water Aid. Both projects were completed by Foundation Phase classes after pupils carried out topic-related research before starting their enterprise project. This embedded approach has inspired the pupils and they think of enterprise as being a natural part of their class work.

The enterprise projects had many curricular links, for example, giving pupils real life opportunities to use their numeracy skills by calculating costs, handling money, understanding profit, and keeping a tally of stock. The pupils were also creative when designing their cards and soap flavours, and made effective use of ICT, using apps to create posters, collect data and to create artwork for the cards and soap labels. Pupils communicated to parents and the wider community through writing letters, designing posters, and creating labels, as well as communicating orally with people in the community when selling their products in local fairs. This approach also taught them about the charities they were supporting and helped them understand their role as global citizens.





The children benefited greatly from this embedded approach as they were very keen to support the charities they had chosen due to the work they had undertaken in class. Pupil voice was very much part of the process, and as the children had input into the projects, the activities engaged and inspired them as they could see their ideas develop and grow. Their written work was purposeful, and the enterprise projects were rich in opportunity as they helped the children to think creatively, apply their skills, and to become responsible global citizens. The children also shared their ideas through displays in school and with parents using iMovie and power point presentations.

“I am so happy to be able to help Raj Bhera the tiger to have a place to live.”

The school intends to continue to work in this way. Pupils plan to host an afternoon tea for parents and the community to raise money to create a wildlife garden. They have also made and sold more soap to raise money to adopt a polar bear.

In addition to successfully raising money to support the charities they had decided to help, embedding enterprise across the curriculum has also had a positive impact on learning. In the process the pupils applied their language and literacy skills by communicating with an audience in a variety of ways. They also used a range of mathematical skills, developed an awareness of the wider world and the effect of humans on the environment, and have become enterprising and creative children ready to play a full part in life and work.

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Are you already undertaking enterprise in your school or would like to know how to get started? For plenty of inspiration, ideas and more case-studies showing how enterprise can be used as a tool to enhance all aspects of the primary curriculum, go to www.enterprisetroopers.com or contact one of the team for help and support.

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