



# The Welsh Language Charter

## Charter Anthem



*Yngoch, gwyn a gwyrdd,  
Mae'r iaith ar hyd y ffyrdd,  
Codwn lef, tua'r nef,  
Mae'n a leinigydd,  
Mae'r Siarter IaitH Gymraeg yn fyw!*



The Language Charter is an intrinsic part of life at ysgol Llandygai and the commitment shown by all involved with the school is invaluable in addressing the Charter's requirements.

The school's vision is to encourage use of Welsh in a social context to nurture confident bilingual pupils. Since the Charter's launch in 2011, the school's outcome star that reflects the pupils questionnaires data, states that an astounding development in pupils use of Welsh within a social context has certainly impacted pupils achievements in the classroom.

Around 13% of the school's pupils speak Welsh at home and our aim is to motivate parents/guardians and members of the community to try and use the language. Judging or focusing on accuracy is not the aim but rather inspire all of the school's stakeholders to make the fullest possible use of Welsh in social situations.

We annually encourage and support parents to learn Welsh and there is an increasing interest to do so annually.

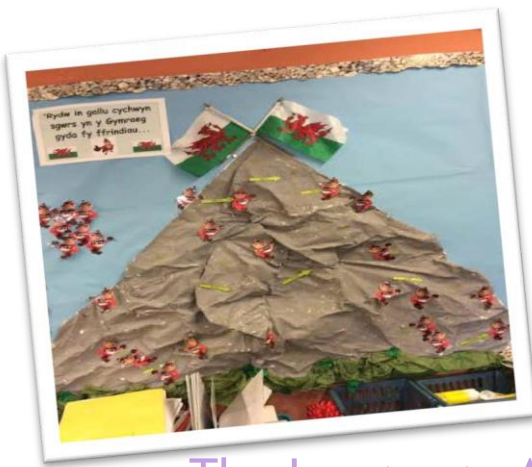
Very fortunately, the School Council's imagination and enthusiasm provides support for the Language Charter. At their meetings, discussion of the Charter is an important part of their agenda to develop ideas, think about creative strategies and try and instill enthusiasm and curiosity amongst the school's stakeholders to speak Welsh. Consequently, the pupils work has received considerable press attention and we have welcomed several visitors from all corners of the world to the school to learn more about our work with the Charter.

Following discussions at School Council meetings, the character 'Cled Celt', our Welsh hero at the school, has been created. Cled is a likeable, mischievous character, who supports and encourages those who attend the school to use Welsh. As Cled said - Welsh opens doors!

A foretaste is provided below of the various activities and strategies that have been achieved and are implemented at Ysgol Llandygai.

## Reaching the Summit

Visually, it every class at Ysgol Llandygai, there is Cled mountain that is a positive spur. Weekly, every child strives to achieve specific targets to 'reach the summit'. Those pupils who achieve the objective receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts. All pupils efforts are commended and we take pride in them.



## The Language Ambassadors

The School Council has created the role of Language Ambassadors and a job description has also been drawn up. It is a condition that there be an informed and sensible response to the job description if to serve as a language ambassador.

It is a very important role as you see:

1. It is a full-time post.
2. It is important to speak Welsh every time.
3. Wear your language ambassador's dress with pride.
4. Be friendly when assisting others.
5. Help others to speak Welsh, support them.
6. Remember to start playground games through speaking Welsh.
7. Remember to praise those who strive to speak Welsh.
8. Remember, you will have to report back in the service and select new language ambassadors for the following week.



## School to School Collaboration: The Jamboree

Annually, workforce and pupils at Ysgol Llandygai collaborate with schools within the catchment-area to jointly organize a busy and fun day to celebrate the Welsh language. It is a very special day in the school diary.



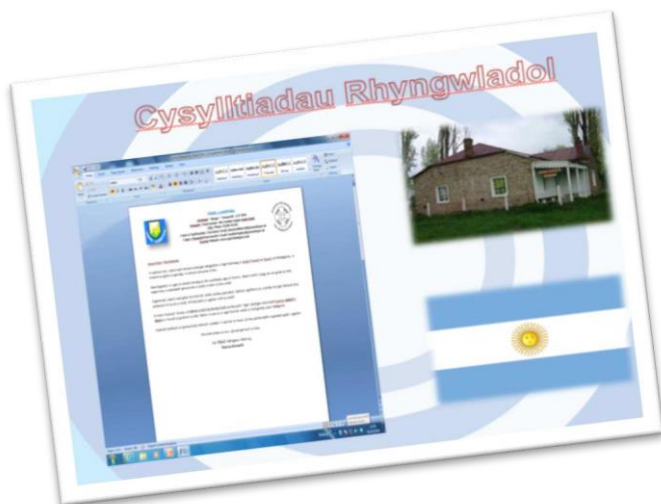
## Cŵl Cymru Mural

This magnificent mural was created as part of the project work of Cŵl Cymru Celebration week 2015-2016. Various pupils collaborated to plan and create the mural with a local artist - Mr Dafydd Roberts.



## Cardiff and the Area

This year, years 5 and 6 went on a memorable trip to Cardiff. The purpose of the visit was to immerse the pupils in Welsh cultures and provide them with an opportunity to taste life in the Capital City. Our twitter account was full of stories and brilliant photos of the pupils having an enjoyable time.



## International Links

Awel class pupils have recently forged international contact through corresponding with pupils in Patagonia. The pupils have enjoyed the process and experienced use made of Welsh beyond Wales. We have already attended the Llangollen International Eisteddfod that has again highlighted use of Welsh in all corners of the world.

## Displays

The School Council pupils were of the opinion that it is extremely important to obtain visual stimuli around the school to encourage use of Welsh on the corridors and in the dining hall. Consequently, the school has invested in attractive notice-boards to display the pupils work on the Charter.



## Language Charter App

Recently, the friends and teachers at Ysgol Llandygai have worked together on a busy Saturday at the local supermarket assisting customers. The customers had an opportunity to contribute to the service, and over £700 was raised to create the Language Charter app for the School. Excellent news!

