

Erasmus Project



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'Outdoor Learning: Happy Children make Happy Learners!'

Introducing our new school project!

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We are happy to announce that we have received EU funding to lead an international project called 'Erasmus + KA2 School Exchange Partnership'. In total, 6 schools will be working in collaboration; 2 schools from Wales (Crwys Primary and Gowerton Primary School), Ireland, Italy, Sweden and Finland. Over the past year, our school has developed the project in order to continue our outdoor learning journey, and submitted an application on behalf of all schools participating. We are proud to be the lead school of the project and are grateful of the opportunity to work at an international level. We look forward to continuing our outdoor learning journey and be able to share good practice with other countries.

What is Erasmus + ?

Erasmus + is the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport. Organisations are invited to apply for funding each year to undertake creative and worthwhile activities. The programme supports organisations to develop partnerships, share best practice and work collaboratively to help improve provision for learners.

About our project:

Our project, 'Outdoor Learning: Happy Children Make Happy Learners!' is based on seven outdoor learning topic areas, which we will explore over the next 2 years. These 7 areas include;

- Observing Changes in Nature
- Games in Nature
- Environmental protection
- Collecting natural resources
- Entrepreneurship
- Visits
- ICT (To create, communicate and record our project's progress)

This term, all schools are exploring the topic 'Observing changes in nature' and children are participating in woodland and other outdoor activities linked with this theme. Our schools will work closely together as a Professional Learning Network to share good practice, evaluate topics, and gain new insights into teaching and learning methods.

Hosting our International Partners

In September, we were able to host our international partners. As part of hosting the visit, the children not only represented Crwys Primary School, but also took pride in sharing some of the lovely traditions we have here in Wales.



Year 4/5 class shared some of our Welsh traditions with the partners in our welcome assembly.

Teachers undertook training activities and participated in first hand outdoor learning experiences. As a school, we were able to showcase all the wonderful outdoor learning activities we carry out on both our school grounds, and in our local woodland areas (Dukefield and Priors Meadow). We were also able to showcase our residential activities, with a day trip to Rhossili beach with the Y6 class. What a great way for our partners to not only see outdoor learning in action, but also see our beautiful Gower (and with blue, sunny skies all week long!).



Project partners visited the Year 6 class on their residential to Borfa (September 2018).



As part of the project, on all communication we will be displaying the Erasmus logo and/or the EU flag in recognition and celebration of the funding. However, we would like to develop branding to proudly promote our outdoor learning project. This branding will then be used on documentation, PowerPoints, publications and media.

We are looking for a logo that includes our project title, 'Outdoor Learning: Happy Children make Happy Learners'. If you would like to take part in the competition, please design your logo on A4 paper. It would be great if the logo could incorporate the colours of all 6 countries involved. Entries need to be returned to Mrs Howells by **Friday 30th November 2018**.

Children in our partner schools will participate too, and the overall winner will have their work displayed on our Erasmus project, including on all work created by our international partners.

Thank you and Good Luck!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What does this project mean for my child?

A: Children will be participating in outdoor learning activities planned by their teacher. Classes will continue to visit the woodlands on a regular basis, however there will be a shared topic each term, and therefore children will take part in an activity or two linked with this theme.

Q: How will I hear about the project?

A: Over the two years a Termly newsletter will be sent out to keep you posted of the projects progress. For regular updates, please follow our twitter (or the feed on our website) to see all the wonderful activities the children will be taking part in (look out for the hashtags; 'outdoorlearning', 'outdoorschools', 'erasmusplusuk', 'changesinnature'.

Next steps for Crwys Primary:



Be all you can be- Byddwch yr hyn gallwch fod.

UNCRC - Article 29 - Your right to become the best that you can be

- Children to take part in outdoor learning activities linked with the topic 'Observing changes in nature'.
- Teachers to work with international partners to share good practice.
- Logo competition – Design logos to be used as part of our branding for the project.

