

Information for Senedd Webpage

The Department of Welsh Language is responsible for developing the language within St. Helen's School. Members are the '**Criw Cymraeg**' and are easily distinguishable by their lanyards and are involved in both implementing and creating the schools Welsh language initiatives.

Last year we earned our 'Cymraeg Campus Bronze Award', so this year our main aim is to work towards achieving the '**Cymraeg Campus Silver Award.**' This award comprises of many targets to further support and develop the Welsh language throughout the school. The Criw Cymraeg is led by Mr Russell & Mrs Bishop, and Ilinca and Charlie from year 6, who are the Minister and Deputy Minister for Welsh in the school Senedd.

The 'Criw Cymraeg' award the '**Criw Cymraeg Cup**' each week. The winners are the class that has collected the most '**tocyn iaith**' for speaking Welsh that week. We aim to ignite pupils' pride of being Welsh and promote the importance of the language and culture.

Some of the current initiatives decided on by the Criw Cymraeg are:

- Introducing Welsh yard games
- Improving Welsh signage around the school
- Celebrating special days with a Welsh focus (Shwmae day, Owain Glyndywr day, St David's day, etc)
- Establishing a Welsh language cafe for parents/students to visit and use their Welsh
- Producing a 'Brawddeg am y Pythefnos' (Phrase of the Fortnight) to help enhance the everyday use of Welsh in the school
- To produce materials to help support parents and carers with their Welsh skills
- To encourage the appreciation of Welsh culture through playing Welsh music in assemblies and breakfast clubs

- To develop the use of Welsh in the school's social media and online content

You can find the full minutes of our first Criw Cymraeg meeting [here](#).