


Sticky Fingers Under Fives is an English medium setting situated in the Penyclawdd in Monmouth, and is registered for 19 places and offers Flying Start and the Childcare Offer. Penyclawdd is an area which traditionally has very little spoken Welsh, however this hasn't deterred the Tracey Mayo, the setting's manager from embracing and celebrating the Welsh language and all that Wales has to offer culturally. Tracey shared that she has always been passionate about the Welsh language and wanted to develop her skills through Camau, and embed the language in the setting.


The setting already used some simple Welsh phrases before embarking on Camau, however the language, and well as celebrating Wales and all it has to offer has since exploded at the setting. Simple Welsh language phrases are now embedded into every aspect of practice, with Tracey sharing that 'Camau has been really useful for use as a setting to reflect on our own personal use of Welsh, and developing it to make sure that our children benefit from at least two languages'.

The setting is Working Towards Delivering an Active Offer, and ensure that most of the play and learning opportunities that children access within the setting have an element of the Welsh. Welsh language resources, as well as Welsh themed resources are scattered throughout the setting, from traditional Welsh costume to story books and reference books for the children to ponder through.





ticky Fingers has also ensured that as it strengthens its use of Welsh language, it also strengthens the children's feelings of Cynefin. As a staff team they use staff meetings to plan activities for the term, and record this in a large A3 planning journal. The team now considers Welsh language, cultural and heritage, both locally and nationally as a core part of planning. Recent activities exploring castle saw them embed vocabulary around colours, numbers, shapes and textures. They explored what castles were for, and even visited Cardiff Castle.



‘The Welsh language is important to me personally, and us as a setting. The history of Wales is something I like to celebrate and I feel it's important that we give children the opportunity to explore their sense of belonging as we look at what makes Wales unique’.

