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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **NEW WELSH-MEDIUM STORYTIME SESSIONS IN BARRY AND LLANTWIT MAJOR**

The sessions are held free of charge, and are suitable for children aged 0 – 4 years.

Amser Stori is a great way to increase children's awareness of language, pre-reading skills and vocabulary from a very early age, through popular Welsh nursery rhymes, and songsheets are distributed to also encourage parents to take part in the sessions as much as possible.

The response to these new Amser Stori sessions has been great, with over 50 families now attending and enjoying this lively session of story and song on a weekly basis.

*I wasn't sure if this Storytime would be suitable for my child as she is only 9 months old, but since going to the first session in September we haven't missed a single week. My daughter enjoys it so much – Ceri is entertaining and makes every character come to life.*

*As there is a new Welsh-medium school in Llantwit Major I feel that a group like this is invaluable to the area. Thanks to Amser Stori my daughter is making friends with children who will attend the same school as her in a few years.*

*I haven't spoken a lot of Welsh since leaving school, so it's also a great help for me to make sure I don't lose the language – it's so important for me to practise too before sending my daughter to Ysgol Dewi Sant. (Nia, Lola's mum)*

*Since having my daughter, it's great to be able to attend baby sessions through the medium of Welsh. The sessions are very popular within the community and there are many new families joining – some are non-Welsh speaking but are planning to send their children to the local Welsh Primary School. I have two other daughters who are 10 years older, and at that time there weren't any Welsh sessions for us to attend, as is available now. This is thanks to Menter Bro Morgannwg. (Rhiannon Morgan)*

The sessions are held weekly during the school term, at Barry Library every Tuesday 10.30-11am, and at Llantwit Library every Thursday 10.30-11am. There is no need to book ahead – just turn up and have fun!

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### Editor's Notes

- These Welsh-medium Amser Stori ('Storytime') sessions are organised by Menter Bro Morgannwg – the Vale's Welsh language initiative – and is supported by Barry and Llantwit Major Libraries.
- Menter Bro Morgannwg was established in April 2013, with the main aim of raising the profile and the social use of the Welsh language across the Vale.
- The Amser Stori sessions are currently funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

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