



Annual Report 2019

Chair's Foreword

Another year has flown by! This is an opportunity to look back at 12 months of activity as well as look ahead at the year to come.

It has been yet again another busy year, with Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg providing a wide range of activities to promote and extend the social use of Welsh language in the Vale.

Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg continues to provide a wide range of social opportunities, from regular activities for families, childcare during school holidays, drop in open access play opportunities, to clubs and events for adults.

We are once again incredibly proud of the resounding success of Gŵyl Fach y Fro this year, and the aim is to continue to develop the festival and to attract an even wider audience as we move forwards.

There has been one important change to Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg this year, as we said goodbye to our Development Officer Ffion Rhisiart. We had the opportunity to thank her for all her hard work at Gŵyl FachY Fro – her final day in the role! We are hugely fortunate and grateful to Ffion for building such strong foundations for Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg. Soon after, we welcomed Manon Ifan, our new Development Officer, who threw herself into the role over the busy summer months. Welcome Manon, and we look forward to the year ahead.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support – to everyone who has accessed our services, to our generous funders, sponsors and partners for their support and co-operation, to members of the Management Board, and above all, to Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg's officers for their tireless work behind the scenes.

Bring on 2020!

Gwenllian Grigg, Chair

"It's a brilliant service that can only bring joy and happiness to children as well as giving them such brilliant social interaction with Welsh language. Perfect."



Diolch!

What a year it's been! It's a real pleasure to be able to share some of Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg's highlights.

Skimming across the statistics you'll get a taste of some of Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg's offer with its varied programme of clubs and sessions delivered for children, families and adults.

I'm so proud of the menu of activities and events that the committed staff co-ordinate, support and provide in partnership with tutors, casual staff, volunteers, partners and supporters, enriching the lives of the citizens of The Vale throughout the year.

What next?

As we look towards 2020 and beyond, Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg will continue to play a central role in promoting and creating opportunities to expand the use of the Welsh language in our communities. We will be building on, and expanding our networks, to support one of the main strategic priorities of the Welsh Government of achieving a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Manon Rees O'Brien, Chief Executive



"An excellent event, and a huge asset to Welsh language and culture in The Vale. As a Welsh learner, I felt that the festival was welcoming and inspiring – diolch yn fawr!"

2

= 14



2 weekly clubs – an average of 14 babies / young children attending each club

4

25-30

4 weekly Story Time sessions attracting 25-30 families each week

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6

6 seasonal events for the family

Clubs for 4-8 year olds

10

200

10 weekly clubs with 200 members

Holiday Care Scheme

9

25

9 weeks of care with an average of 25 children coming each day.

Bwrlwm

4 weeks of open access play with an average of 28 children enjoying each session across 5 sites

4 weeks

5 sites

28

children enjoying each session

"A free event for the whole family to enjoy. We loved listening to the bands singing in Welsh and promoting the use of the language in The Vale."

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An audience of 4,000 come to enjoy



- 50 activities/acts
- Second performance stage
- 16 volunteers



7 one day courses with 50 attending

2 gigs held throughout the year



Over 1,400 subscribers to our e-newsletter



800 followers on Facebook



1,200 followers on Twitter



270 followers on Instagram



"I like my children to be able to speak Welsh naturally during the school holidays with other children. Diolch yn fawr. A fantastic scheme."



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