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Daniel

Meet the teacher proud to be sharing Cymraeg with learners, celebrating not just the language but Welsh culture too.

Daniel teaches year six at a primary school in Llandudno. Although his first language is English, he speaks fluent Welsh, and is passionate about making the language accessible to the young people he teaches. He completed his teacher training when he was 21 and quickly went from strength to strength. His passion and enthusiasm for providing the best education possible to young people in Wales led to him rising through the ranks and taking on more responsibility.

“I’m in a middle leadership role now, so I teach year six here at Ysgol Ffordd Dyffryn, but I’m also responsible for progression step three, which is the progression being made between years four, five and six.”

Daniel goes to lengths to support other teachers, and extend his learning and experience to those in the field.

“In previous roles, I took part in whole school initiatives, especially with assessment for learning, and as part of that project, I was able to help and support other schools. We worked as a lead school and I helped other schools to embed the strategies that we’d embedded in our school.”

Daniel takes the opportunity to speak Welsh where he can and values the chance to engage in conversations with other Welsh speakers.

“It’s important that, as a fluent Welsh speaker, I can pass on my skills and knowledge of the language to these young children. But I think it’s much more than just the language as well. I think it’s about celebrating the culture and the ethos that comes with the language.

“It’s important that we don’t just do standalone Welsh lessons. I’ll make a very conscious effort to use the language throughout the day, so I’ll speak to the children in Welsh, ask how they are, and give basic commands in Welsh. It’s about the learners being immersed into it in a really encouraging and friendly way.”

To those thinking of becoming a teacher in a Welsh school, but are nervous about their ability to speak Welsh, Daniel stressed that there’s no perfect way to speak Welsh and that the more you do it, the better it will get.

“I would say just embrace it and remember that there’s always somebody there to turn to and there’s always going to be people with knowledge of the language around you that can help.”

Explaining what the best part of his job is, Daniel said:
“I think it’s got to be the reward you get. When the light switch comes on kind of thing, when you realise that somebody’s understood something – that’s really nice. You get to do your best to put young people on the right path.”