

# Monmouthshire and Ceredigion County Councils

**"Using grant funding to enhance relationships with families"**

# Local Authority EHE Position

## Monmouthshire

Monmouthshire had 94 EHE learners as of Jan 2022 at a rate of 9.2 per 1000. (This is just below Welsh average of 10/1000 or 1%)

## Ceredigion

Ceredigion had 239 EHE learners as of Jan 2022 at a rate of 28.8 per 1000. (This is the highest rate of EHE in Wales)

# Welsh Government funding Grant (£50,000)



## Monmouthshire

- EHE Support Officer
- Underspend utilised to contribute towards educational activities and hiring venues for events
- Smaller raw number of EHE learners compared to many LAs
- Since funding was allocated the number of EHE learners has increased
- Impacted upon range of enrichment and resources offered to EHE families.

## Ceredigion

- Full-time EHE Education Inclusion Officer
- 0.1 Administration support (Admissions officer)
- Ceredigion has historically had the highest rate of home schooled children.
- Ceredigion has a high proportion of home educated children who have never attended school – 38% of January 2022 EHE cohort
- Numbers have decreased since funding was allocated



# Our aims:

- To develop opportunities to speak and meet with EHE learners and families in a relaxed environment.
- To build positive relationships between the LA and EHE families.
- To offer enrichment activities where we could support EHE family links and support social opportunities
- To provide enrichment activities to engage families and see families more often
- To provide examination opportunities so we could gain some outcome data and provide next steps support
- To provide educational resources to families with a collection/delivery service, where again we could meet with families.



## Common activities across both local authorities

- Examination costs and examination centre offer
- Outdoor Education Activities
- Music sessions
- Resource bags with educational supplies (relevant to age)
- Waterstones book vouchers
- National Trust Annual Family Membership



# How we used funding for EHE learner support:

## Monmouthshire

- Registered IGCSE examination centre.
- Duke of Edinburgh (14+)
- Les Mills – On-line Exercise Activity Programmes
- Humble By Nature – Cookery Sessions
- Cute Farm Experience
- The Works Vouchers
- Sports & Craft Bags

## Ceredigion

- Swim Passes
- Twinkl Subscription
- Reimbursements for educational resources
- Creative sessions – land art, pottery, screen-printing, yogadance & breakdance, forest schools



# EHE Learner participation

The variety of activities encourages participation from different learners

Due to enrichment days we are now aware of Nursery and Reception age siblings

EHE families approached us about opportunities as they heard by word of mouth

Virtual meetings now offered and families engaging due to relationship improvements

## Monmouthshire

EHE numbers range from 89 to 122 since funding provided

Average attendance between 24 & 30 learners per activity

## Ceredigion

EHE numbers range from 239 to 254 since funding provided

Average attendance between 16 & 48 learners per activity



# Popular Sessions:

## Monmouthshire

- Cookery activity –28 attended
- Outdoor education –26 attended
- Music sessions –30 attended
- Cute Farm –24 attended

## Ceredigion

- Creative activities –32 attended  
(8 sessions)
- Outdoor education –78 attended  
(2 separate days)



# Engagement:

Increased capacity has enabled us to offer enrichment educational activities and increase our active participation contact with families/learners

- Initial contact via a visit (Monmouthshire) / Initial contact enquiry form sent (Ceredigion)
- Face to Face Annual Visit
- Email correspondence re enrichment activities and information (Time)
- Provide increased enrichment to education of learners
- Provide social activities and building EHE community links
- Providing examinations to learner to support next steps
- Examination results has enabled us to gain outcome data at the end of KS4
- Links with Careers and next steps and tracking outcomes

Improved LA and EHE communication and involvement (broke down barriers)

# Education Otherwise Awards:



Key officers have been awarded the 'Kit' award for excellence when working with and supporting families who have elected to home educate.

The award has been developed as a quality mark to reflect collective experiences of home educating families, with respect to the quality of the support they have received.

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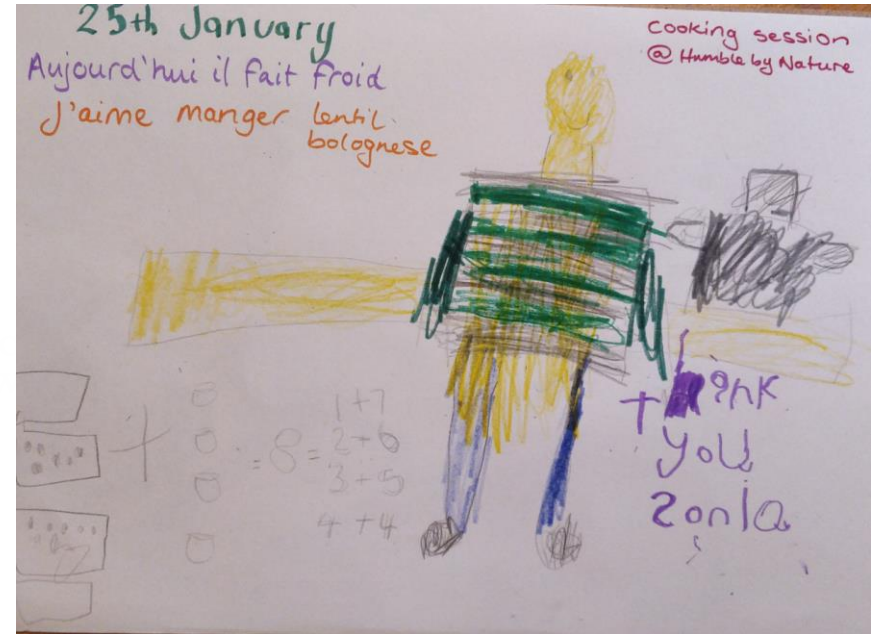
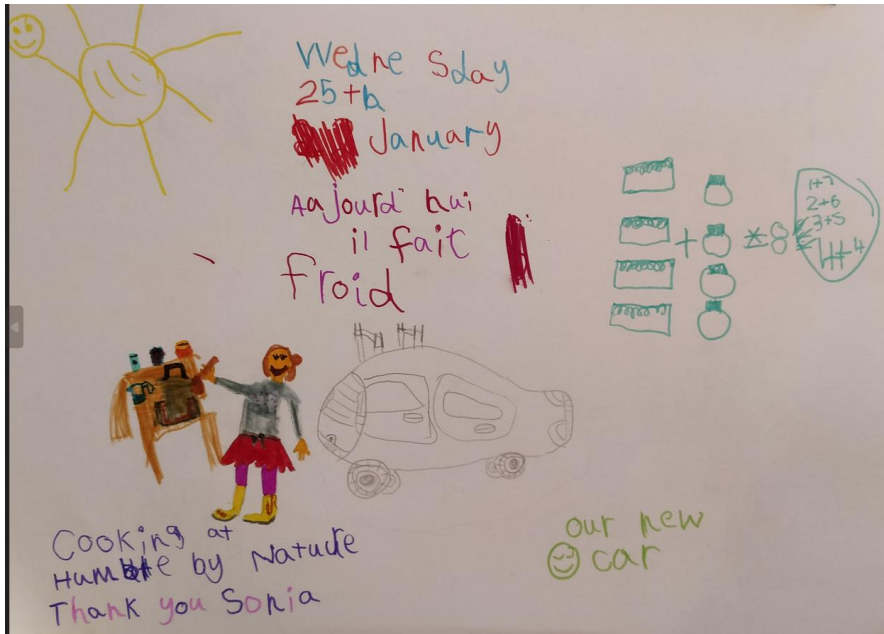
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## National Trust Voucher

Family sent us this photo as a thank you and to show use of the voucher provided.

Families could use across Wales and England.

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# Family Feedback:



Dear Catrin Petche,  
Dear Lowri Reynolds,

We are sending you a big THANK YOU for your amazing surprise box filled with thoughtful, brilliant gifts. From the maths book, the art tools to the mindful journal, everything is perfect! sending you our best wishes,

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