

Definition

The literal definition of participation is 'taking part'. In the context of children and young people's rights, however, Welsh Government state that participation is about children and young people having their voice heard when decisions are being made that affect their lives, and being actively involved in decision-making processes. Pupil involvement and their participation is at the heart of the new Curriculum for Wales.

There are a number of pupil groups established in the school including:

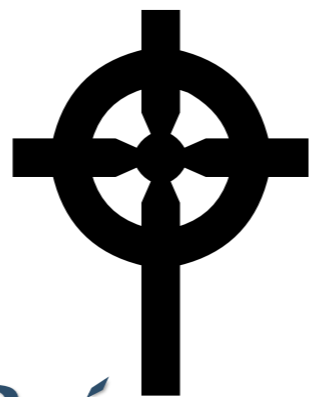
- Super Ambassadors
- School Council
- Eco Committee
- Criw Cymraeg
- Digital Leaders
- Wellbeing Warriors
- P4C Ambassadors
- St Bob's COGs
- Friendship Fixers



Eco Committee

The Eco Committee - representatives from Yr.2 to Yr.6 and are involved in eco projects and promotes the eco message of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling waste.

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Pupil Voice

'Jesus In Us'

Jesus and the 'Good News' that He brings is the basis of our school life.

P4C Ambassadors

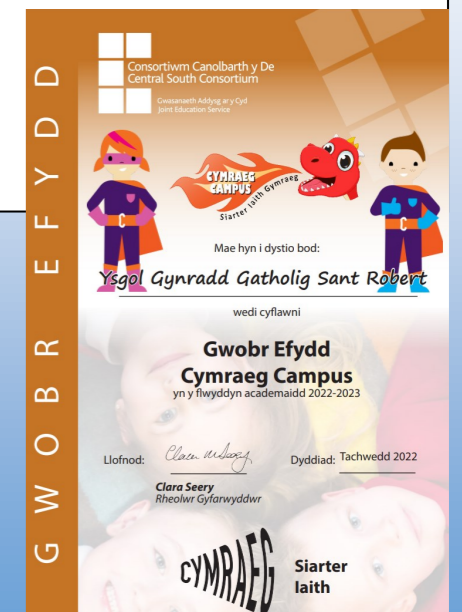
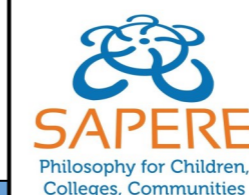
P4C Champions - from Yr.2 upwards - to lead with matters developing P4C throughout the school including: Listening to Learners, Organising P4C Days; Sharing P4C with stakeholders such as parents.

School Council

Being a member of the School Council, children from Yr.2 to Yr.6 select two representatives on to the School Council. They meet on a regular basis with the Deputy Head Teacher. They have focused on such issues as - the School's Anti- Bullying Policy, our Bilingualism policy, consultation on the school uniform, activities/resources for playtimes and lunchtimes, and an End of Year Pupil Questionnaire.

Criw Cymraeg

Children from Y2 to Y6 promote the use of Welsh across the school. The Criw Cymraeg led the school to achieving the Siarter Iaith Bronze award in November 2022.



St Robert's Senedd

Half termly, representatives from each pupil group, meet with the SLT of the school to discuss priorities and any actions that need to be considered. Following this, a pupil voice newsletter is shared with families and governors.

Pupils voice in a wider context

Pupil groups are involved in the wider aspects of school life and have opportunity to influence areas such as lunchtimes, behaviour management, after school activities, playtimes and learning environment. Listening to learners is regular features of all classrooms and pupils in KS2 complete an annual pupil survey. Pupils from year 4 upwards complete a wellbeing survey. Results are discussed by the appropriate pupil groups.

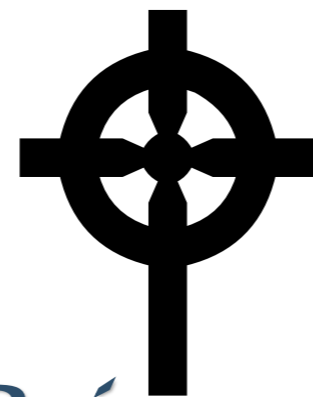
Digital Leaders

6 Year 6 pupils lead matters linked to digital learning: running of coding club; assistance and support with hardware. They also organise Safer Internet Day.

Pupil Voice throughout the curriculum

Pupils have opportunities to shape their learning especially within our enquiry based approach. Following a launch day, the pupils have time to reflect on their topics and suggest activities across all AoLEs. They have opportunity to think about trips, visitors, enrichment days and suggest these ideas to their class teacher. These are celebrated on the class topic display.

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Wellbeing Warriors

Two children from Year 2 upwards. Improve health and wellbeing throughout the school; promote health and wellbeing in the community; passionate about sport, health, creativity and mental health; organise awareness weeks; pupil voice for wellbeing in the school and lead on wellbeing issues and targets.



Gwobr Ansawdd Genedlaethol
Rhwydwaith Cynlluniau Ysgolion Iach Cymru



Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes
National Quality Award

Super Ambassadors

The Children's Commissioner of Wales' Super Ambassadors - two Year 6 pupils promote the rights of the Child and organise our Rights of the Child Day, leading an Assembly and organising activities for each class.



St Bob's Cogs

St Bob's Cogs (Our Community Out Reach Group) Yr. 3 upwards - Catholic Social Action Group. Lead by the Papal Encyclicals of Pope Francis - Laudata Si (caring for God's creation) & Tutti Fratelli (Global Brotherhood).