

Mount Street Nursery & Infants School

Ysgol Feithrin a Babanod Mount Street



School Prospectus
2023-2024



Welcome To Mount Street Infant School

Croeso I Ysgol Feithrin a Babanod Mount Street

Dear Parent

On behalf of the children, staff and governors welcome! We hope you find this prospectus informative and it gives you an insight into our happy and busy school and the many opportunities our children enjoy here.

Here at Mount Street Infants we provide a caring, happy and stimulating environment where all our children feel safe and secure. We pride ourselves on the nurturing approach and the family feel as you walk around our school. Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff provide an exciting, creative and challenging curriculum and are committed to achieving the highest standards in teaching and learning for all children. A high priority is given to pupils' personal, social and emotional development and we promote high standards of behaviour where children learn and play together. Children are at the heart of everything we do and we strongly believe that it is our role to ensure that all children reach their full potential whilst they are a member of our school family.

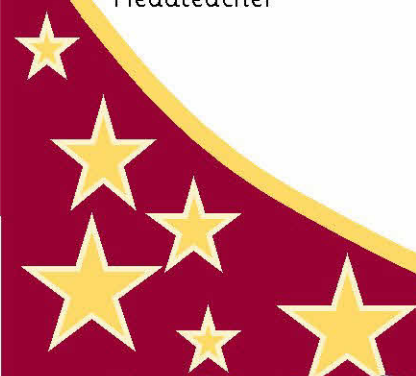
We are very fortunate to have wonderful school grounds and our own woods and the school is part of the Forest School initiative. This allows our children unique opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences in our outdoor environment.

I am extremely proud of Mount Street Infants and am always pleased to show prospective children and parents around so that they can see our school first hand. You can contact us on 01874 623038 or email us on office@mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Kenchington

Headteacher



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How to contact us



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Headteacher/Pennaeth:

Mrs S Kenchington

Chair of Governors:

Mr J Daggett

Cadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr

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Our school statements

Value Statement

Who we are.

Mount Street Infants School is a caring, happy, inclusive and stimulating learning community where all our children feel safe and secure.

Our wonderful school and our own woodland provide our children with unique opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem through learning and experiences both indoors and outdoors.

Vision Statement

What we strive for

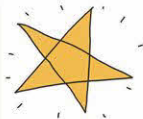
We are growing the determined compassionate change makers of the future.

Mission Statement

How we will do it

Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff provide an exciting creative and challenging curriculum and are committed to achieving the highest standards in teaching and learning for all the children.

All our children will be:



Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.



Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.



Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.



Healthy and confident individual, who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.



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All about our school

Mount Street Nursery and Infant School has a strong team of committed staff of teachers, teaching Assistants and the Head teacher. Each class is supported by a full-time Learning Support Assistant.

Further assistants support EAL, ALN pupils and MOD pupils.



We want all our children to:



Be polite and helpful to school staff and children at all times.

Take care of the school including equipment, building, playground and gardens.

Be on their best behaviour at all times.

Provide their best work at all times.

Be happy and have fun learning!

Our promise:

We will encourage children to do their best at all times to achieve their full potential.

Provide a broad, well balanced and exciting curriculum.

Ensure all the children work in a caring and safe environment.

To raise children's self esteem by ensuring that every child feels valued.

We want all parents to:

Become involved with their child's education as much as possible.

Feel valued and respected, with a warm welcome into our school.

Support their children's learning through partnership with the school.

Attend parents' evenings to discuss their child's progress with their teacher.

Please note – The full home/school agreement document will be available on registering your child at our school.

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Our school environment



The log circle - our favourite place!

There are four classes currently in the school. All the classes are named after wild plants to reflect our school's ongoing commitment to outdoor learning. Throughout the school there is a strong emphasis on active learning with all classes learning through hands on experiences, with carefully planned holistic, thought provoking activities. Each class has its own Clevertouch TV screens which the children use to enhance their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

We promote learning through outdoor activities. The children follow the Forest Schools Programme in our woodland area. Two members of staff are qualified Forest School Practitioners and all staff are trained to Level 1. Essential pieces of equipment are a pair of brightly coloured wellingtons and a waterproof coat!



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The School Day

School Hours:

9:15am - 12:00 (Doors open at 9:00am)

1:00pm - 3:30pm

If you are not collecting your child yourself, please ensure that the class teacher is informed. Regular and punctual attendance is essential if satisfactory progress is to be made. Please send a letter to school or telephone or email if your child is absent for any reason. If you are considering taking your annual holidays during term time, you will need to complete a holiday request form which can be obtained from the school office. 28 days notice is required and only up to 10 days can be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Admissions



The Local Authority has set the school intake number at 43 pupils per year group and 12 places in the Specialist Centre. The school governors have adopted Powys's LA admission policy, copies of which are available in the school.

Parents who are considering sending their children to Mount Street Infants School are encouraged to contact the school and arrange a meeting with the Headteacher. Children are admitted to the reception class at the beginning of the academic year in which they attain their fifth birthday. Children can attend the pre-school setting in the school the term following their third birthday for 2 hours at a time, either in the morning from 9.00am -11.00am or in the afternoon between 1.00pm and 3.00pm for a maximum of 10 hours a week.. The setting also offers The Welsh Government 30hrs free childcare offer.

The Strategic Equality plan is in place and available at the school office.

Parents are asked to contact the school in advance of their start date if any remedial work is required

prior to their child's admission.

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The School Curriculum

As an Infant school, we follow the Curriculum for Wales. Welsh is taught as a second language in accordance with the Local Authority and National policy. Our pupils' bilingual skills are developed through the use of "Cymraeg pob dydd" encouraging pupils to speak Welsh in their daily routines.

Pupils learn about the world of work through visits to various businesses in town such as The Shoe Shop, Tourist Information Centre, and The Castle Hotel. Visitors to the school include Nurses, Dentists, Fire service and people with various other forms of occupation.



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Curriculum for Wales

The curriculum at this age is based on Active Learning and is exciting, interesting, sometimes messy and above all mentally and physically stimulating. We aim to develop the 'whole child', irrespective of race, colour or ability and will offer equal opportunities for learning in a caring, stimulating and challenging environment.

The Curriculum for Wales is divided into six main areas of learning and experience (AoLE), which are integrated and overlap. These are:

- ✦ Expressive Arts;
- ✦ Health and well-being;
- ✦ Humanities;
- ✦ Languages, Literacy and Communication;
- ✦ Mathematics and Numeracy;
- ✦ Science and Technology;

These Areas of Learning are underpinned by the Cross Curricular Responsibilities of Literacy, Numeracy, Digital competency and Wider Skills.

Outdoors

We have wonderful, spacious school grounds which include playing fields, a community garden, three yards, adventure play grounds, growing areas, a mini meadow and our own fenced off woodland area

Indoors

Each class has its own Clevertouch TV Screens, computers and iPads. There are book corners in each class and an I.T Suite. The school hall is used for P.E, dance, assemblies, concerts and is also used as our dining hall.



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Curriculum for Wales

Areas of learning are taught through a planned and balanced programme of stimulating topics which provide continuity and progression. Each class has a set of information pages on our school website at www.mountstreeti.powys.sch.uk. Via the class pages, you can access photographs and information on what each class has been working on that term.



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Additional Learning Needs

All children are special and have individual needs; a differentiated approach to learning is therefore maintained in each class. However, if a child has specific gifts or learning difficulties, appropriate help and support is given.

Pupils who are identified as having Additional Learning Needs (ALN) are placed on the ALN register. Parents are involved as soon as possible and are kept informed of progress. More Able and Talented (MAT) pupils are placed on the MAT register. By providing for these pupils we raise the standards for all. The ALNCo is Mrs C Hutch and she also has responsibility for Looked after Children (LAC) in the school and to ensure that their academic and emotional needs are met. Mrs. Libby Hyde has responsibility for EAL (English as an Additional Language) pupils.

Specialist Support Class

The school hosts a Specialist Support Class for children with more complex needs, supporting and working with children from Brecon and surrounding areas. These are children who have been identified by the Area Educational Psychologist as requiring specialist teaching and the nurturing environment the experienced staff provide. The children are fully included in the life of the school and pupils are integrated into their peer groups as and when appropriate. The centre has its own outdoor area and interactive whiteboard to support the children's multi-sensory learning. The staff work as part of a multi agency team eg. SALT, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and the school nurse. The centre is easily accessible via a paved pathway suitable for wheelchairs.



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Breakfast Club & After School Club

The school runs a breakfast club from 8.00am every morning. Any parents who are interested are asked to contact Ms Stephens at school; all children must be registered before attending. The cost is £1.50 per day and pupils who receive the Free School Meal grant do not pay.

An after school club is held at the school from 3:30pm to 5:15 pm with a charge of £6.50 for one child or £5.50 if there are 2 or more children attending per session.

Religious Education & Collective Worship

The school provides the pupils with Religious Education in accordance with Powys LA's agreed syllabus. Daily assemblies, of a broadly Christian nature, are held involving all the children. Local Clergy and visitors are invited into school to join and celebrate with us. The parents who do not wish their child to take part in Religious Education lessons and/or Assemblies are asked to notify the school in writing. Pupils are provided with alternative activities within the classroom or alongside another class if appropriate.

Other religious festivals are celebrated and discussed.



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Parent Teacher Association

We have a thriving PTA run by our hard working, enthusiastic parents. All parents are invited to meetings and events. The PTA is run by a committee of parents and teachers who organise a wide range of activities throughout the year. Staff and governors are very grateful to them and acknowledge all of their hard work.

Complaints

Should parents have any reason to complain about any aspect of the school, the procedure for dealing with complaints is available from the school website. We do hope however, that any problems can be resolved by discussion with the class teacher, Headteacher or Chair of Governors. The school operates an open door policy.

Charging Policy

The school has adopted the Powys County Council policy for charging for school activities. All contributions for school activities are voluntary if the event is during school hours. It is important for parents to understand that many of the events which require voluntary contributions will not take place if large numbers of parents fail to contribute.



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Equal Opportunities

Our aim is to provide equal opportunities in every aspect of school life. We always ensure that there is no discrimination - racial, gender, disability, class or economic regarding pupils' access to school activities and experiences.



Health & Sex Education

Health and Sex Education is integrated into the curriculum and teachers do all that is possible to approach sensitive issues sympathetically. Many of these issues are addressed through Personal and Social Development and circle time.



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School Uniform

We have a school uniform which we would like to encourage children to wear at all times. The uniform is a burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with white polo shirt, black skirt/shorts or trousers which can be purchased at many high street shops. Red gingham dresses can be worn in the summer.

There is an option to purchase a school jumper with the school logo from an online company called School Trends. Full details are available on their website.

Hats are encouraged and should be available during the summer months for wear at playtime. As we work so much outdoors it is essential that wellington boots are kept in school. Please ensure that all clothes are marked with your child's name. For P.E. children come to school on the designated day wearing appropriate clothing e.g. joggers/leggings, t-shirt and trainers.



Transfer to Key Stage 2

Children transfer to Key Stage 2 at the end of year two. If the children transfer to Mount Street Junior School, then the pupils visit the school on several occasions prior to starting for a variety of events. This enables the children to meet the staff and become acquainted with the building. The staff from the junior school liaise closely with the Year two teachers and spend time here observing the classes and working with the pupils.

Discipline

An important aspect of education at our school is to encourage the children to be socially aware. They are expected to conduct themselves in a sensible manner with due regard to other people with an emphasis on self-discipline. Care for other people and their property is encouraged as well as respecting our school grounds. The children have helped write our school rules which are pertinent to them and encourage a caring attitude. Positive discipline management is used in the school and follows the Incredible Years Programme.

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Safeguarding

The school has an obligation to act on any child protection issues that may arise.

A clear Child Protection Policy and all Safeguarding Policies are available on the school website.

Equality Act 2010

At Mount Street Nursery and Infants School we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils and staff. In addition we aim to provide equality for all those receiving services from the school, irrespective of disability, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership. These are known as the “protected characteristics”. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected with the school feel proud of their identity and able to participate fully in all aspects of school life.

The achievement of all pupils is central to our core purpose; this will be monitored and we will use this data to support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching. We will tackle any form of discrimination by the positive promotion of equality, challenging bullying and stereotypes and creating an environment which champions respect for all. At Mount Street Infants we believe that diversity is a strength which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit our school.

Our policy is to confront any form of inequality. Any inappropriate views expressed by pupils or adults in the school will not be tolerated and will be challenged by all members of staff.

Where pupils are involved in making inappropriate remarks they will be given simple explanations of acceptable behaviours. We operate equality of opportunity in all our day to day working practices and we aim to provide all our pupils with the opportunity to succeed and to reach the highest level of personal achievement.

We recognize our responsibility to establish equality for all learners, staff, other members of the school community regardless of their race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership as defined within the Equality Act 2010.

- We have developed, in consultation with stakeholders, a Strategic Equality Plan (SEP) the purpose of which is to fulfill the duties to promote equality for people with ‘protected characteristics’ and



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embed fairness and equality at the heart of our school community and in all aspects of our plans and policies.

The governing body has set out its commitment to equality and diversity within this plan and it will continue to do all it can to ensure that the school is fully inclusive to pupils and responsive to their needs based on the various protected characteristics. The governing body will:

- Seek to ensure that no individual is discriminated against when applying for jobs at our school.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the school environment gives equal access to people with disabilities.
- Strive to make all communications as inclusive as possible for pupils, parents and carers.
- Ensure that no child is discriminated against whilst in our school.



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Smarties

Children may attend our Smarties group in the term after they reach their 3rd birthday. A wide range of play activities are planned and well supervised to promote progress in all areas of a child's development, which will meet the needs of individual children. The children are offered a variety of learning experiences such as playing with sand, water, dough, clay, role-play activities, bikes, toys etc . We also have our own yard to play on using a variety of equipment as well as on-site woods. There are lots of opportunities for listening to stories, imaginative play and for singing and dancing. The children follow the statutory curriculum for 3-7 year olds. Each session will include time for a snack.

Wrap around care is available at Smarties and we are part of the 'The childcare offer for Wales' which provides working parents with a mixture of childcare and early education for children aged 3 or 4.

To contact the Smarties please telephone the main office at the school, which is 01874 623 038. Alternatively you are welcome to call in to the school for details. If you wish to visit the playgroup prior to your child starting, please call to make an appointment.



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Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023	Non-Pupil Days	No of School Days
Monday 4th September to Friday 27th October	Friday 1st September	40
Half Term - Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023		
Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December	Friday 22nd December	34
Spring Term 2024	Non Pupil Days	No of School Days
Tuesday 9th January to Friday 9th February	Monday 8th January	24
Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		
Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd March		25
Summer Term 2024	Non Pupil Day's	No of School Days
Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May		34
Half Term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June		
Monday 3rd June To Friday 19th July		35



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Meet the Staff

Teaching Staff

Headteacher: Mrs S Kenchington

Teacher in charge Mrs S Jenkinson
Mrs E Hyde

Reception and Year 1 Teachers:

Mrs V Holloway

Mrs J O'Shea

Mrs S Jenkinson

Year 1 and 2 Teachers:

Mrs E Hyde

Mrs R Thomas

Specialist Centre Teacher: Mrs C Hutch

Non Teaching Staff

School Secretary: Mrs K Davies

Teaching Assistant: Mrs. S. Evans

Teaching Assistant: Mrs. A. Morgan

Teaching Assistant: Mrs T Wood

Teaching Assistant: Miss S Richards

Teaching Assistant: Mrs P Hamilton

Teaching Assistant: Mr C Evans

MOD / EAL Support: Miss T Rana

MOD Support: Mrs D Marshman

Smarties

Leader: Mrs J Edwards

Assistant: Miss E Stephens
Mrs K Griffiths
Mrs E Bujok
Miss R Davies

Midday Staff

Canteen Staff: Mrs. D. Bevan & Mrs. S Goktas

Maintenance

Cleaner in charge: Mrs. S. Goktas

Handyman Mr M Jones

Governors

Chair of Governors Mr. J. Daggett

Vice Chair Ms M Griffiths

Powys LEA Mrs L Burnett

Powys LEA Mrs F Coombs

Teacher Governor Mrs. S. Jenkinson

Staff Governor Miss E. Stephens

Community Governor Mr J Symmons

Minor Authority Ms. L Rijnenberg

Community Governor Vacancy

Parent Governor Vacancy

Parent Governor Mrs L Bennett

Parent Governor Mr L Boven

Parent Governor Mr G Adams

Headteacher Mrs S Kenchington



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