



Cwmbran Community Council
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Summer Playschemes 2019





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1) Background

Torfaen's Play Sufficiency Action Plan outlines the key actions for play and play provision within Torfaen. The plan recommends that a wide program of play provision is provided.

As a result, the Play and Short Break Services works together with over 70 partners to provide a rich and varied, inclusive program for play over the summer. This includes an integral amount of financial support from Cwmbran Community Council.

Planning for the playschemes start in January with venues being identified and the recruitment process is implemented at the beginning of February.

The team works holistically on the run up to the summer to ensure that all aspects of the playschemes are well planned and that all aspects of the playschemes meet the local authority's policies and protocols. The playschemes are heavily funded by Town and Community Council as well as other small pockets of funding





2) Venues and Locations

Woodlands Primary School, Thornhill
Maendy Primary School, Northville
Coed Eva Primary Playscheme
Blenheim Primary School Playscheme, St Dials
Cwmbran Stadium, Llantarnam
Henllys Church in Wales School, Henllys
Ysgol Gymraeg, Cwmbran (3 Bears School) Welsh Medium Playscheme
Nant Celyn Primary School
Integrated Children's Centre, Hollybush
Llantarnam Primary School, Primary
Fairwater Leisure Centre

Additional summer provisions also took place in the form of our Live, Laugh and Get Active Camps which were held at;

Blenheim Primary School
Nant Celyn Primary School
Coed Eva Primary School
Cwmbran High School (Transitional)

Specialist Respite sessions were provided for those with disabilities and additional needs at;

Fairwater leisure Centre - Youth Inclusion Zone
Pontypool Active Living Centre – Respite Play/Short Breaks Sessions
Cockerel – Play and respite Session
Victory Church – Play and Respite Session
Playscheme for Children with Complex Health Needs -



Blenheim Road Community Primary



3) Recruitment/Training

The recruitment process started in January with the interviews taking place in April for both paid workers and volunteers. Paperwork was then completed on each successful candidate including DBS, starter forms, and references.

A full training audit was completed on all 306 staff from the information captured within the interview process. This then enabled us to identify which qualifications and training the workers/volunteers already held and what they needed to participate in within training week.

A training week took place on the week beginning the 23rd July. The training was delivered at West Mon School. Specialist training took place prior to this including Epi Pen, Manual Handling/ Hoist training, Nutrition training, Food Hygiene as well as Shadowing Experience for children with complex needs.

Within training week over 45 different modules were delivered to ensure that staff had the necessary skills to work with children and young people.

These included the following: -

Code of Conduct
Playwork Principles
The Benefits of Play
Safeguarding
Prevent
Health and Safety
Manual Handling
Asbestos Awareness
Basic Games Training
In depth Autism / ADHD Awareness
Behaviour Management
Adverse Childhood Experiences
Site Files
Tube Feeding
Group Games
Epilepsy Awareness
Dealing with Parents / carers
Risk Awareness / Risk Benefit
Inclusion
Arts and Crafts
Welsh is Fun
Disability Sports
Music and Rhythm
Dodgeball Challenge
Tube Feeding /Displacement Training



Policies and Procedures
Playwork Curriculum
Role of Playworker
First Aid
Manuel Handling
Learn, Laugh and Get Active training
Fire Awareness
Dealing with Challenging Behaviour
Anti-Bullying
Dementia Awareness
Little or No Resources
Managing Staff
First Aid
Positive Well Being
Stoma Training
Parachute Games
Data Protection / Personal Care and Hygiene
Parachute Games
Holiday Hunger
Trip Procedures
Missing Children



Fire Awareness Training



4) **Staffing**

We recruited a mixture of both paid staff and volunteers to deliver the summer playschemes this year on the sites funded through Cwmbran Community Council. This included the following: _

1	Link workers
13	Site Supervisors
42	Playworkers/Play Care Workers
96	Volunteers
21	Play Helpers





5) Attendance Facts and Figures

	Week 1 Total Registered	Week 2 Total Registered	Week 3 Total Registered	Total Registered	Total Reach
Woodlands Primary	67	86	89	94	700
Maendy Primary	76	94	99	103	794
Ysgol Gymraeg	38	52	53	54	306
Coed Eva Camp	90	95	95	110	1107
Coed Eva playscheme	105	107	119	128	1151
Henllys Primary School	44	55	58	61	392
ICC	28	30	27	27	214
Blenheim Primary Camp	90	93	94	117	1083
Blenhiem Playscheme	110	117	118	117	1266
Fairwater Activities	144	157	162	162	1275
Cwmbran Stadium	247	296	322	331	2130
YIZ	13	15	15	15	170
Victory Church Play and Respite	11	12	12	12	174
Cockerel Play and Respite	11	13	13	13	159
Llantarnam Primary	72	88	97	118	588
Palc AM	14	14	14	14	227
Palc PM	14	14	14	14	233
Nant Celyn Active Camp	91	100	103	114	1143
Nant Celyn Playscheme	94	99	102	106	1135
Cwmbran High Active Camp	31	42		63	290

TR – Total registered	LAC – Looked After Child
M – Males	YC – Young Carer
F – Females	PH – Play Helper
CP – Child Protection Register	V – Volunteers

	M	F	LAC	YC	CP	PH	V
Woodlands Primary School, Thornhill	42	52	3	1	0	2	7
Maendy Primary School, Northville	52	51	4	0	4	2	7
Coed Eva Primary Playscheme	82	46	0	1	0	4	14
Garnteg Primary Playscheme	88	56	0	0	0	0	10
Blenheim Primary School Playscheme, St Dials	51	63	11	2	0	4	10
Cwmbran Stadium, Llantarnam	203	128	15	0	3	1	8
Henllys Church in Wales School, Henllys	24	36	0	0	6	2	1
Ysgol Gymraeg, Cwmbran (3 Bears School)	25	29	0	2	0	1	1
Nant Celyn Primary School	62	52	3	0	1	5	9
Integrated Children's Centre, Hollybush	11	16	2	0	0	2	5
Llantarnam Primary School, Primary	49	55	1	2	1	1	4
Fairwater Leisure Centre	100	62	12	3	4	0	10

Live Laugh and Get Active Camps

Blenheim Primary School	51	63	11	2	0	4	10
Nant Celyn Primary School	60	46	5	0	0	5	9
Coed Eva Primary School	82	46	0	1	0	6	14



Cwmbran High School (Transitional)	21	22	1	0	2	0	2
Specialist Respite sessions							

Fairwater leisure Centre - Youth Inclusion Zone	13	2	0	0	0	0	11
Pontypool Active Living Centre – Respite Play/Short Breaks Sessions am	10	12	0	0	0	1	1
Pontypool Active Living Centre – Respite Play/Short Breaks Sessions pm	5	3	1	0	0	1	1
Cockerel – Play and respite Session	9	3	1	0	0	0	5
Victory Church – Play and Respite Session	13	5	1	0	0	0	5

Total registered 1773

Total Reach 14,537



Llantarnam Primary



6. Individual Site Breakdown

Coed Eva Active Camp

Total Registered	110
Total Reach	1107

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
76	75	74	66	72	Week 1 363
61	55	69	56	57	Week 2 298
51	53	57	48	53	Week 3 262
42	41	51	49		Week 4 184
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1107

Coed Eva Playscheme

Total Registered	128
Total Reach	1151

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
83	83	70	68	69	Week 1 373
64	55	72	64	56	Week 2 311
46	55	55	55	54	Week 3 265
48	56	43	55		Week 4 202
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1151

Blenheim Active Camp

Total Registered	117
Total Reach	1083

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
64	60	67	64	61	Week 1 316
59	57	65	63	59	Week 2 303
58	60	46	60	45	Week 3 269
45	44	55	51		Week 4 195
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1083



Blenheim Playscheme

Total Registered	117
Total Reach	1266

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
77	74	85	77	68	Week 1 381
69	73	75	76	65	Week 2 358
65	62	59	71	51	Week 3 308
51	45	64	59		Week 4 219
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1266

Ysgol Gymraeg

Total Registered	54
Total Reach	306

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
24	11	21	15	10	Week 1 81
15	18	15	17	15	Week 2 80
17	20	18	19	18	Week 3 92
11	10	12	20		Week 4 53
					Total 4 weekly Reach 306

Ysgol Panteg

Total Registered	88
Total Reach	534

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
30	18	31	23	24	Week 1 126
21	20	36	33	28	Week 2 138
30	31	32	28	27	Week 3 148
24	24	27	47		Week 4 122
					Total 4 weekly Reach 534

Cwmbran Stadium

Total Registered	331
Total Reach	2130



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
121	152	134	120	94	Week 1 621
123	114	123	134	92	Week 2 586
119	119	114	113	84	Week 3 539
100	101	103	80		Week 4 384
					Total 4 weekly Reach 2130
					Total 4 weekly Reach 490

PALC AM

Total Registered	14
Total Reach	277

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
14	12	12	13	11	Week 1 62
13	8	14	11	13	Week 2 59
13	12	13	10	14	Week 3 62
11	12	12	9		Week 4 44
					Total 4 weekly Reach 227

PALC PM

Total Registered	14
Total Reach	233

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
11	10	11	12	12	Week 1 56
12	12	13	10	14	Week 2 61
14	14	14	10	11	Week 3 63
13	14	13	13		Week 4 53
					Total 4 weekly Reach 233

Victory Church Play & Respite Sessions

Total Registered	12
Total Reach	165

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
11	9	9	10	7	Week 1 56
8	10	8	9	10	Week 2 45
9	9	9	7	9	Week 3 43



9	7	7	7		Week 4 30
					Total 4 weekly Reach 174

Cockerel Play and Respite Sessions

Total Registered	13
Total Reach	159

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
11	8	8	8	8	Week 1 43
8	10	9	9	7	Week 2 43
8	10	7	7	6	Week 3 42
8	8	8	7		Week 4 31
					Total 4 weekly Reach 159

Llantarnam Primary

Total Registered	104
Total Reach	588

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
40	40	33	37	25	Week 1 175
37	29	36	29	27	Week 2 158
39	28	28	31	20	Week 3 146
24	24	26	35		Week 4 109
					Total 4 weekly Reach 588

Henllys Primary

Total Registered	61
Total Reach	392

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
26	25	26	26	33	Week 1 110
23	21	18	23	20	Week 2 105
22	20	19	20	21	Week 3 102
21	19	18	17		Week 4 75
					Total 4 weekly Reach 392



ICC

Total Registered	27
Total Reach	214

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
10	9	10	16	15	Week 1 60
11	12	11	8	13	Week 2 55
13	9	12	10	12	Week 3 56
13	8	11	11		Week 4 43
					Total 4 weekly Reach 214

Nant Celyn Active Camp

Total Registered	114
Total Reach	1143

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
75	60	55	64	57	Week 1 311
55	61	61	65	60	Week 2 302
58	60	56	61	60	Week 3 295
54	60	60	61		Week 4 235
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1143

Nant Celyn Playscheme

Total Registered	106
Total Reach	1135

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
71	65	56	66	56	Week 1 314
54	61	63	62	60	Week 2 300
55	60	60	58	60	Week 3 293
54	62	56	56		Week 4 228
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1135

Fairwater Activities

Total Registered	162
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Total Reach	1275
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
87	88	91	70	67	Week 1 403
72	71	82	63	62	Week 2 350
68	70	65	63	59	Week 3 325
43	55	48	51		Week 4 197
					Total 4 weekly Reach 1275

Maendy Primary

Total Registered	103
Total Reach	794

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
48	39	33	38	39	Week 1 197
28	36	39	28	28	Week 2 259
37	47	30	30	42	Week 3 186
39	41	37	35		Week 4 152
					Total 4 weekly Reach 794

Woodlands Primary

Total Registered	94
Total Reach	700

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
39	33	43	37	36	Week 1 188
40	39	48	45	35	Week 2 207
32	31	39	29	39	Week 3 170
36	32	33	34		Week 4 135
					Total 4 weekly Reach 700

Youth Inclusion Zone

Total Registered	15
Total Reach	170



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
10	10	11	8	10	Week 1 49
10	9	10	8	9	Week 2 46
8	10	7	9	8	Week 3 42
10	8	6	9		Week 4 33
					Total 4 weekly Reach 170

Cwmbran High Active Camp

Total Registered	63
Total Reach	290

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Reach
34	24	24	18	29	Week 1 129
17	22	27	22	25	Week 2 113
21	27	x	x	x	Week 3 48
x	x	x	x	x	Week 4
					Total 4 weekly Reach 290



Nant Celyn Primary



Free Food and Water bottles

This summer, Torfaen Play Service are doing their bit to help improve the local environment and reduce their carbon footprint by handing out 3,000 reusable drink bottles. This will potentially stop around 60,000 single use plastic bottles from being used over the summer playscheme period.

Each child that attends one of the 35 playscheme sites across the borough will receive their own reusable bottle free of charge. The bottles will then be handed back in at the end of each play day, with children able to keep them when playschemes close at the end of August.

The initiative has been funded through the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant, essentially allowing Torfaen playschemes to become a single-use plastic free provision.

In addition to this, children are given free healthy snacks at all playscheme sites across Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil, supporting working families and those that may be struggling financially.

The 'holiday hunger' project is funded by a variety of partners including Welsh Government, The School Holiday Enrichment Program, Community Councils, Torfaen Leisure Trust and the "Streetgames" initiative. Staff have also been trained to sign post families to local agencies who provide foodbank vouchers and financial support





7) Inclusion

To enable the provisions to be inclusive to all we worked closely with partners to ensure that 1-1 support was provided to children and young people who required it. Additional training was put in place for the workers to meet the individual needs of the children and young people they were supporting.

A pre playscheme parents/ carers forum was provided to allow parents/ carers to ask any questions and address any concerns. In addition to this, a pre playscheme visit was held to enable the child to familiarise themselves with worker and the venue. We also, where required, provided an “*All About My Worker*” pen portrait to enable the child to familiarise themselves with their worker. This proved very popular especially with children and young people who are on the Autistic spectrum.

Finally, this year, we implemented a *daily diary* system where the worker would provide an update of the day at playscheme for parents/carers. This proved very



successful in particular for those children who are non-verbal.

The children with the higher complex needs were supported on Pontypool Active Living Centre. In addition to this children who required nursing support were provided with a playscheme at the TOG's Family Centre in New Inn.



Children with Disabilities / Behavioural Needs

Woodlands Primary School, Thornhill	9
Maendy Primary School, Northville	4
Coed Eva Primary Playscheme	4
Blenheim Primary School Playscheme, St Dials	4
Cwmbran Stadium, Llantarnam	2
Henllys Church in Wales School, Henllys	2
Ysgol Gymraeg, Cwmbran (3 Bears School) Welsh Medium Playscheme	0
Active Living Centre, Blaenavon	7
Nant Celyn Primary School	5
Integrated Children's Centre, Hollybush	6
Llantarnam Primary School, Primary	4
Fairwater Leisure Centre	18

Live Laugh and Get Active Camps

Blenheim Primary School	5
Nant Celyn Primary School	10
Coed Eva Primary School	4
Cwmbran High School (Transitional)	2

Specialist Respite sessions

Fairwater leisure Centre - Youth Inclusion Zone	15
Pontypool Active Living Centre – Respite Play/Short Breaks Sessions	30
Cockerel Play and respite	13
Victory Church – Play and Respite Session	13
Playscheme for Children with Complex Health Needs -	2

159 Children with Behaviour or Disability Support



8) Parent/Carer Disability Feedback

Parents/carers were provided with a feedback form to complete. We had a 48% return rate which is much higher than in previous years. The parents/carers were asked to complete the feedback on site rather than take them home. Some sites hosted coffee mornings/afternoons to carry out the form filling.





Were you happy with the support provided?

Yes- I (14)

- Yes all workers seem really lovely, are always happy to top chat or answer and questions I have
- really good they love coming here and they have improved massively
- Yes,
- yes I was initially worried on day 1 when I found out that his 1:1 had changed to someone he had not met but the support Daniel received off not only meg but the team has been fantastic
- I was very happy with support provided and much more. I was so grateful when staff were so understanding about Edwards hospital stay which they then give extra support to myself and Edward
- yes Abi has been fantastic with Mason as have all the workers. Always understanding and patient of him in all situations and encouraged him to join in which he finds hard
- yes, really pleased with the excellent support
- really happy with this year's placement
- yes, staff very supportive
- yes very happy
- yes, the support workers have been excellent with Edward. Having the same people as last year is a definite bonus
- all workers are very friendly and welcoming
- Yes, the workers are always very aware of Gwen's ability and difficulties
- yes I was very happy with the support provided for Florence
- yes first time for Alex thanks to Sophie he has enjoyed it
- yes very happy
- Really happy with support
- Yes, his 1:1 support was brilliant. Thankfully more experienced staff were also available to support them both with things like toileting and managing meltdowns
- Absolutely, all the staff are amazing, the bond Iwan has with his 1:1 and the way they are with him I can't fault
- Yes, very reassured from details requested right from the start. Communication to allow my son to adapt and develop is key and supported brilliantly by all staff members
- very much so
- More than happy with support
- Very pleased with the support all staff are truly amazing
- Yes, I felt very confident with Albie in Georgia's care
- yes the team have been great with Tom
- very happy, staff are amazing!
- extremely happy with the support, Thomas was happy to go every day
- yes, very happy. Ellie is warmly greeted, her needs are met and she is eager to go each day
- yes, Bethan has loved being with her 1:1 she has been keep to go each day and tell her stories
- absolutely



	<p><i>-very friendly, caring and professional as usual</i></p> <p><i>-Very happy, staff are friendly</i></p> <p><i>-brilliant support</i></p> <p><i>-we are more than happy with the support provided. I always leave and feel completely confident in the staff to tend to his needs</i></p>
Were you happy with the venue?	<p><i>Yes- 18</i></p> <p><i>-Yes my boy loved going</i></p> <p><i>-yes it has , it makes them really happy when they come and they never want to leave</i></p> <p><i>-the venue is ideal and he is familiar with it</i></p> <p><i>-Venue has always been in the same place but I'm always happy with it</i></p> <p><i>- Yes, it was better than in previous years as the other venue was cold</i></p> <p><i>-Yes, the site seemed great and secure with close parking for pickup and drop off times</i></p> <p><i>-yes, already a school so purpose built</i></p> <p><i>-PALC is his favourite mainly for swimming</i></p> <p><i>-yes plenty of activities and places to explore</i></p> <p><i>-the lack of day light is unfortunate but the space is great</i></p> <p><i>-venue always looks clean and tidy</i></p> <p><i>-yes, was his primary school so was wheelchair friendly and only a five minute walk for us</i></p> <p><i>-very much, Gwen gains so much from the socialising and the nutritional information given. She also loves the food.</i></p> <p><i>-Yes I was happy with the venue, as it was near other family members so they were able to pick her up if I wasn't able to</i></p> <p><i>-Yes venue is local and convenient</i></p> <p><i>-The venue is great, he loves to be outdoors so the site was perfect with the woodland areas</i></p> <p><i>-yes secure site definitely needed for my son at this stage</i></p> <p><i>-yes its familiar to Iwan and he loves going there</i></p> <p><i>-yes, safe, open and secure. My son has the freedom to explore in this environment and lots to do</i></p> <p><i>-very much so</i></p> <p><i>-extremely happy with the venue</i></p> <p><i>-very happy with the venue, very local so easy to attend</i></p> <p><i>-Yes, well secured</i></p> <p><i>-yes, was worried about Thursday afternoons at the park so glad this changed</i></p> <p><i>-Logan's school so knew it would meet his needs</i></p> <p><i>-yes, it works really well with the wheelchair</i></p> <p><i>-yes, great for wheelchairs</i></p> <p><i>-a good venue I wish it was a little closer as I come from Pontypool</i></p> <p><i>-yes the venue is ideal as it is where Lincoln attends school therefore he knows the layout which helps him to feel confident</i></p>



If your child was not in playscheme, what provision/activities could they access locally?

-At home playing up
-Swimming, trampoline, bowling, boating lake, flower gardens
-Local parts
- only places where me and my husband could take him as he needs a constant 1-1
-he wouldn't be able to access any other provisions due to his additional needs so it would be down to myself and family to keep him busy
-if it was not for playscheme my child would not have anything to do because it's nothing in Blaenavon
-none that I know of as he didn't get Action for Children, which was only for 1 week anyway
-very little, would love for there to be but doesn't get the support like at playscheme
-none
-nothing
- there is nothing for her to access
-leisure centre
-Go play ASD session
-Swimming
-I can't afford much so possibly boating lake but it wouldn't be every day
-As we don't have a disability social worker it would have been really hard for us to access other play provisions for Florence, as most provisions need a disability social worker
-hardly any
-none
-very little as we have other children and giving him the support he needs whilst looking after the others is difficult
-nothing that would be able to provide one to one support during the daytime for his age group
-there isn't really anything that runs through the week. He attends evening sessions with TOGS on a Wednesday and a Saturday a month with Action for children
-None that I am aware of without me being there as his 1:1
-soft play, trampolining, swimming, not a great deal and costs a fortune
-nothing locally, Hope GB offer an ASD club at Go Play every Wednesday which he attends, we usually have to travel out of borough
-very little as 1:1 is a secure quiet area doesn't exist locally
-Isn't much around for my son, he did attend another playscheme prior to this one but could not get on their which resulted in Cywyn becoming extremely distressed on many occasions
-If it wasn't for this playscheme then there was nothing else for my child to do
-One session once a week which would have been difficult for Albie to understand
-nothing over the summer



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -none, just days out which would cost a lot -nothing, he has limited hours with Action for Children and needs support to access everything -there is nothing else -unsure except for soft play and swimming -other playschemes but he loves YIZ and autistic facilities are a lot better -as far as we are aware there are no other provisions available to us that are local
How have the Playschemes benefitted your child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Helped Mckenzie with her speech and to get on with other children - Alex loved playscheme, he was able to go swimming almost every day. He loves water. He made lots of friends, alex learned new words through singing, dancing, having fun. -He has looked forward to going. He was very happy playing, mainly with the workers, very positive as not usually like that with people. It has given him opportunity to run around in a safe environment which is fab as he never sits still -he has benefitted from playscheme with 1:1 support as he has been kept active, tried new things. His behaviour has improved due to having a routine throughout the summer -keeping a routine in place over the holidays has been a real help, also having a different person supporting helps learn adapt to change. -playscheme have benefitted my children and has helped Edward to mix with other children -it has encouraged him to join in and try new activities, make new friends, and gave him a routine throughout the holidays. -Josh has learnt to swim two lengths unaided thanks to Jamie -Kyun has been able to access a variety of activities which he is keen on, he's enjoyed being there -Tara has made really good friends and this has made all her interactions easier -it has helped him burn off energy and socialise -safe, secure play space -Playscheme has helped Shay settle back into his school routine -Independence -its given him a chance to make friends, share new experiences and have fun - the plasyscheme has enabled Leah to keep a routine -Mason enjoys his own company and would normally play alone, so I'm hoping he gained a little more social skills and made some great memories and friends -Socialising, learning new skills, having the chance to see animals and learn things like Judo -they have meant that Florence is able to have consistency which she particularly likes -made him more sociable



-without playscheme Lukus would spend almost the whole summer indoors at home. He gets to interact with others and gives him the chance to join in

-he has had so much fun and tried new activities

-Routine being kept so he can control certain aspects with the routine

-it has enabled leuan to integrate with other children. Supported his social skills with can be difficult

-Routine, schedule, opportunity to play with supervision from adults, burnt off some energy, new toys/games/experiences I am unable to provide

-it gives him routine each day. It's a place he can go and play independently from the house with other that are similar to him without the need for me or dad to be there

-exposure to social environment with peers, become more confident

-allowed free expression, social interaction, and allowed to play

-definitely benefited from attending this playscheme

-Tom has mad new friends which is extremely unusual for Tom. He has enjoyed the freedom to play with other children and his anxiety has reduced because of it

-Yes very much has he needed it to keep him into some kind of routine

-Playscheme has been such a support to the family as a whole but has enabled Albie to be more confident, less anxious and in a fixed routine. It has also encouraged Ablie to make new friends. This has been the highlight of our summer

-confident mixing with other children

-he's been happy because he's had time to socialise and see his friends. Activities to meet his needs and amazing staff

-its given him something to do away from family members and a variety of activities

-stopped her being bored, chance for social interaction with other children

-enjoyed social interaction with other children and she has looked forward and been excited about going each day

-Lincoln has loved spending time with his peers trying new thinks and making new friends of all ages

-Molly has loved going and has been toilet trained without me going. She is an only child so has benefitted from seeing and playing with other children

-gained social skills and confidence

-As usual Jamie can interact with others and the outside world hopefully will make him more independent and gives us time to do things with his sister

-exercising, socialising and has helped her boredom

-given Matthew constituency as he does not cope with holidays well

-Helped keep routine before going back to school and helped Ethan's social skills with other children

Definitely, sad for it to be over



	<i>-Playscheme has given Kaiden more structure and routine over the summer</i>
How have the Playscheme benefited your family?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- we have been able to do things for a few hours as a family especially the activities that Leah does not enjoy</i> <i>-loves going. It is unusual for him to look forward to going somewhere where there are a lot of people</i> <i>-it helped family loads since I can spend time with Edwards younger brother</i> <i>- Alex requires lots of time and patients. We as parents spend more time concentrating on his needs so by him going to playscheme we have time to spend with each other which is quality time.</i> <i>-As I work having playscheme with 1:1 support has made a huge impact and we've been able to have a break</i> <i>-Mason needs routine and structure so the 6 weeks can be challenging. However, having the time each day set aside for him to enjoy himself and get a break from his baby sister has been really good for him</i> <i>-I've had two hours a day which I can devote to other family members or just get stuff done around the house</i> <i>-josh loves attending as he is able to run free and this enables us to do everyday activities without him</i> <i>-Respite for us and Edwards siblings, time to be able to do 'normal' things</i> <i>-has given us much needed respite</i> <i>-its enabled myself and daughter to spend time together which can be difficult when Kyun doesn't want to do what we have planned</i> <i>-it has given us a few hours respite and allowed Tara to play and make friends</i> <i>-helped so I can still work</i> <i>-given much needed time to himself</i> <i>-Playscheme has given my family time to spend together</i> <i>-its helped a lot, we've recently moved so still settling in so having playscheme means kids are having fun while I tackle the house and when they come home we can spend family time together</i> <i>-having no money, Gwen would not have had access to play, paint, trips to the local farm or varied meals</i> <i>-it has meant that Florence's sister has had some respite too and she has been able to attend ballet lessons</i> <i>-it gives Lukus the chance to get out the house, make friends and join in</i> <i>-Playscheme has enabled my son to interact with other children over the summer holidays and to take part in new activities</i> <i>-Allows the rest of the family to continue with things such as shopping without having to make extra allowances</i> <i>-It has enabled me to continue to work from home knowing he is being looked after</i> <i>-Immensely! Holidays have been a nightmare for us as a family until now. The structure of attending playscheme and the 2 hour break for us has been a God send.</i>



	<p>-it gives Iwan much needed opportunity to play which I don't always have time for and it gives us chance to spend time with his brother</p> <p>-Keeping my child into a routine and prevented him from being bored</p> <p>-Gave Cywyn a focus and brake the days up for him resulted in myself being able to spend quality time with my other children</p> <p>-Mum can catch up on housework, dad can have a break, allows more communication of each member individual day</p> <p>-They have allowed my children free time to play, 1:1 support added greatly and brilliantly</p> <p>-100% it has supported the family to reduce Albies anxiety, create a solid routine for the summer and to encourage play with others</p> <p>-its given much needed respite for a couple of hours and given Tom and his sister space from each other, it has also given routine</p> <p>-gives us a break</p> <p>-given mum a bit of time to do boring things or rest after having surgery for breast cancer</p> <p>-Enabled me to work whilst knowing Thomas is in a safe environment</p> <p>-Entertainment and valuable respite. Less boredom in the holidays and less stressful at home</p> <p>-Valuable respite and gives something to look forward to, less stressful at home</p> <p>-it has been an immense benefit to us all and as Molly can be a handful at times so her Grandfather has had some respite and in return Molly has enjoyed the structure and has blossomed</p> <p>-Rylan has been able to socialise with others and it has given me respite</p> <p>-has given me the chance to take my sons to somewhere age appropriate</p> <p>-it has allowed us to be able to have a family holiday as we have not had to use all our holidays to cover this</p> <p>-Ethan has had less meltdowns due to this and has helped his brothers and us to be able to do other activities</p> <p>-fantastic, a lot easier for them</p> <p>-Lincoln can be very difficult to occupy at home and spends a lot of time fighting with his younger brother. Playscheme has meant they spend time having fun</p>
<p>Have the playschemes increased your child's emotional/mental wellbeing?</p>	<p>Yes-III</p> <p>Alex loved playscheme every day he was happy and smiling and away from the TV and tablet.</p> <p>-yes, he cant wait to go he asks every day if he can go, its great seeing his enthusiasm</p> <p>- yes, because of the routine</p> <p>-Daniel has been much happier at home as he has still got a routine by going to playscheme</p> <p>-Having no one in place have helped Edwards loads which is great on both parts</p> <p>-yes, the opportunity for him to be in a different setting with different children daily has enabled him to build his confidence and ability to communicate</p>



-I think so, he's had a variety of activities to engage in which most likely would not have been the case had he not gone to playscheme
-Josh always gets excited when we pull up to PALC so really is enjoying it
-Yes Tara is really happy to go, she enjoys the activities
-yes, he is calmer whilst at playscheme
-it's difficult to know but he certainly enjoys going
-possibly
-I don't know exactly, I think Charles had a few emotional outbursts in playscheme but it's his first time attending so it's all new
-Gwen looks forward to being at playscheme if she didn't want to come she would show it in her actions
-Florence enjoyed playscheme and asked to go each day, meaning she really enjoyed it
-yes he has been really happy
-yes, it's so nice to hear Lukus excited to tell me about his day and to hear him laugh
-absolutely
-yes, he loves going there. He's happier resulting in fewer meltdowns and that provides a happier atmosphere at home. He sleeps better as is tired
-yes, confidence has been built up especially with a transition period
-I think so, it has also given him a distraction from anxiety of comprehensive in September
-it has given him the opportunity to play with other children whilst supervised and a variety of games to keep him stimulated
-yes, he is becoming more confident with new people and to communicate his wishes
-yes indeed, they are happier and calmer
-yes, gave Cywyn a better outlook on the days which he attended resulting in him being calmer
-yes very much helped my child to meet more new people and friends
-yes again with Albie knowing what we were doing each day, it reduced stress and ensured he was confident what was happening in his day
-100% it's been great
-definitely, Logan would not have done half of the things without playscheme and mum not feeling up to it
-Yes its given him freedom and kept him occupied
-difficult to judge, but social interaction with peers and stimulating activities must have positive effect
-hard to judge, think it has kept her happy to be with a group of children
-Absolutely, she is getting more confident which is clear to see every week
-100% he's really happy and cheered up being with others
-absolutely! He can struggle to integrate with other children but the playscheme allows him to voice concerns or anxiety he might have with different tasks



Have the Playchemes helped you as a family to build resilience and be stronger as a family unit due to the respite you received?

Yes-III

Yes, as the beginning of the summer holidays we were asking ourselves – how will we keep our jobs – who will we leave Alex with. We were so grateful for the support provided.

-yes I am able to spend more 1:1 time with my eldest boy which can prove hard to do

- helped us to do things that we cannot normally do

-being able to send Daniel to playscheme with 1:1 support has improved our family relationship as we are not constantly on edge trying to find things for him to do or wondering what he will do next

-yes receiving respite has helped reduce my stress levels and has given me some more time

-definitely, he is happy there so gives us relief. He can be challenging in the house so to give him this time to himself makes him a lot happier after he's burnt off the energy.

-a little breathing room always helps!

-the respite sessions are a great help especially with the baby

-yes, the respite is invaluable

-Yes, the respite was definitely helpful for my kids and also myself

-definitely, the 3 hours a day of respite have been a godsend

-having respite is vital to having a child with disabilities. It means time as a family can be spent as a family and not just carers

-the respite has given us all a bit of time separately, this has been beneficial when we come back together

-yes at this hard time with losing his mum its helped to be normal and helped him to play and relax

-yes the respite benefits both me and Lukus

-yes being without them for a few hours every day has saved my sanity

-yes the playscheme has allowed us a brief 'downtime'

-it has enabled me to stay focused and have really appreciated the break

-definitely, the respite for the other kids has meant they have managed to get some of my attention

-yes, Iwan is a lot calmer and happier

-yes, everyone needs a break from time to time, especially Gethin needs a break from mum and dad during the 6 weeks

-yes, quality family time with other family members

-yes my child loves coming home and speaking about what he has done in playscheme

-yes as we were able to all be calmer and enjoy the fun things of the day rather than all the everyday boring chores.

-yes, having the space to have some calm in the house makes a difference to everyone

-yes, surgery was hard and playscheme gave me a rest period whilst knowing he was safe and happy

-yes, it's made childcare to organise

-Playscheme has made the summer holidays more fun and positive for us all, happy children=happy parents=happy family



	<p>-time to keep on top of jobs at home and some social time-invaluable</p> <p>-most definitely and we are very grateful as a family for this</p> <p>-yes 100%, it has helped immensely, we don't have much spare funds so he is still able to enjoy fun activities everyday</p>
<p>By receiving respite from playschemes, does this then help you- does it help improve your lifestyle?</p>	<p>Yes-100%</p> <p>As parents we feel guilty for not spending time with our other children and we feel judged. We are so grateful for the support provided</p> <p>The respite helps but we would like all day</p> <p>-Gives me a chance to do my shopping. This is very difficult during holidays as my boy will not stay with anyone. Has to know what time, gets in a state if we are late</p> <p>-there has been a huge improvement in lifestyle and wellbeing. This is due to knowing Daniel is getting the support he needs whilst allowing us to have much needed 'me' time</p> <p>-yes receiving respite has help reduce my stress levels and has given me some more time</p> <p>-been able to spend more time with other children, and complete daily tasks</p> <p>-100% makes my day less stressful</p> <p>-I'm able to get on with routine tasks that Tara would find difficult</p> <p>-it gives us time for 'normal' family time and to rest and relax</p> <p>-It gives me opportunities to do things that I can't when he is with me like shopping also some quiet time</p> <p>-yes definitely, I can do all the adult jobs that daily need doing when playschemes done I have time to enjoy with my children</p> <p>-certainly, I can clean the house and do all the things which are easier without children running around. Means I can give my kids my full attention when I've done all the house work</p> <p>-Focus, the ability to get tasks done means I am less stressed</p> <p>-Playschemes help Florence build confidence, get out of the house, do different activities that she wouldn't do at home and learn to enjoy a new environment therefore building more independence. A valuable resource for our family</p> <p>-yes it helps to keep working knowing he is looked after</p> <p>-yes with 7 children at home, having the respite gives us time with the younger children</p> <p>-yes, it is very difficult over the 6 weeks with 2 ALN children with different needs</p> <p>-it massively helps. The summer holidays are challenging and without any support we would have really struggled</p> <p>-absolutely, being able to do everyday tasks that people take for granted so not possible with my son around, shopping, paperwork, phone calls, these two hours have been essential for me</p> <p>-not only does it provide Iwan with independent play, it enables us as parents to have a quiet hour or spend time with other children</p> <p>-yes, would give myself a break as Cywyn requires constant supervision</p>



	<p>-yes as stated above it ensured I didn't have to take Albie in places he struggles he was having so much fun</p> <p>-yes it gives me the time to get everything done, spend 1:1 time with other children and have a break</p> <p>-yes happy child means happy mum</p> <p>-The summer holidays are long and daunting when you have special need children. Having some time to keep on top of other things or socialise invaluable</p> <p>-it has helped me not to get stressed out about child care and grandparents taking on too much</p> <p>-As someone who suffers with anxiety this respite is a God send to me. I dread the summer holidays but the playscheme gives us all a breather from each other</p>
<p>Please use this space to provide us with any further feedback...</p>	<p>-Would like to be placed more local but I know this is hard due to the needs of my child</p> <p>-I hope we will be able to access more like this, Liam loves coming I'm hoping it will develop his social skills.</p> <p>-Daniel wouldn't be able to attend playscheme without 1:1 support due to his needs. 1:1 support is much needed to allow all children to access the playscheme and I hope that this can continue as it made a huge difference to Daniel</p> <p>-I am so grateful with what support I get from this service for Edward.</p> <p>- I would like to say thank you very much to both teams for being so lovely, helpful and for taking care of my boy. We are very grateful for the support and it is nice to see the workers so happy enjoying their jobs</p> <p>-the playscheme opportunity has been invaluable to us as a family and knowing he had a 1:1support meant I knew he was safe. Just want to say thank you for making Summer 2019 a great one for Mason and us as a family.</p> <p>-Really well organised this year, really happy overall and Ioan has really benefited from going this year</p> <p>-All workers are great with Josh but a massive thankyou to Jamie for his support this year</p> <p>-Kyun's playworkers have been fantastic, he enjoys their company</p> <p>-the staff have been fantastic especially Stacey and Ffion</p> <p>-the three hour sessions work much better than the full days</p> <p>-Greyson loves playscheme</p> <p>-having the playscheme as Coed Eva has been amazing. It give Lukus the chance to get to play with other children his age. We are limited on places to take him in his wheelchair that is suitable for the whole family and age ranges. Lukus loves playscheme</p> <p>-Mason's 1:1 was lovely, I felt relaxed meeting Josh and confident leaving Mason there. Such a great thing that Mason is provided extra support. Thank you very much. Mason is having a great time and the playscheme team seem fantastic!</p> <p>-Charlie would have sometimes liked to have stayed longer but with no access to a fully disabled changing room he wasn't able to. I used</p>



the one available and it wasn't fully equipped for a disabled person. Also on a few occasions where only the main gates were open for cars and footpath was locked so not safe for wheelchair access.

Other than that I know Charlie had a great time and enjoys playchseme. Bethany Charlie's 1:1 has been amazing, felt nervous first day but she really put my mind at rest. Thank you!

-Thank you to all the workers and the team who organise this. It's a brilliant service and hope it can continue well into the future as it is vital that children have access to play and for families to be supported

-Florence has had a lovely time enjoyed being with her 1:1. It's a great resource for children during the summer holidays, especially for those with additional needs

-Alex enjoyed Sophie's company it has been a positive experience

-Playscheme has once again made the holidays easier for me and an amazing experience for the children

-By having a playscheme and their support for this period has allowed the children to build their confidence and resilience through all the activities and support provided even in the horrid rain!

-Thank you so much for all the support, patience and care you have provided

-Please please keep supporting our children with additional needs by continuing this service. Training for staff for these children should be encouraged

-The playschemes are so valuable, not only to the children but for the parents too

-we are happy and confident Gethin receives the best support and exposure in this environment, all the staff are easy to approach and not afraid to ask questions and always eager and happy, well done thank you!

-staff are amazing and my children have benefitted from 1:1 support and care, excellent scheme thank you so much!

-Can't thank his 1:1 enough and the others there enough. Cywyn would be eager to attend with no hesitation when arriving as well as leaving and be calmer when at home. Again many thanks to all the team for their help with Cywyn as an indivual

-Playscheme this year has been a God send it's kept my children active, happy which in turn has helped us as a family to reduce meltdowns due to structure and knowing your children are going to be safe. Georgia has been amazing with Albie

-The team at playscheme have been amazing I can't say how much this has helped Tom and how much he has grown and gained confidence. As a family the impact has been huge!

-please keep playshcemes going

-Logan looks forward to play scheme, he enjoys the wide range of activities that are planned for his ability, and staff are amazing!

-Very pleased with the provision and support. Very well organised!

-The different format this year (longer) is so much better, thank you!

-Thank you, girls have loved it, new format is so much better



-I cannot thank the team enough for the work they have put in, it was her first year and she has loved it. Really hope it continues to provide fun and care
-The service is amazing for families like mine and it's the only respite I have
-don't know how we would have managed without this
-To have access to this playscheme where all children are catered for both in activities offered and the standard of supervision, it is an absolute credit to Torfaen Play and the funding they receive
-very happy with the support provided, Kaiden has really enjoyed it and has really benefitted from having a 1:1
The worker was very good with Leah and very polite and professional at all times. This made me feel at ease to leave her. We are very happy with the support this year.



Coed Eva Primary



9) Children's Feedback

Children and young people feedback

<u>Have you enjoyed playscheme?</u>	Yes: 86% No: 6% Don't know: 8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-playing football-colouring-park-yes it was fun, always fun things to do, no one judges me-no because we have to join in, no tuck shop-we can play lots, people help me-enjoyed swimming, group games, activities and the availability of free food at lunch time-it's fun and lots of great activities-it's exciting, staff are enthusiastic-love playing football with staff-my first time and I love itHarper has really enjoyed herself across the summer thanks!-I like all the fun activities, next year I want more sharks and dodgeball-I loved going with other children and I like to play with the Lego and I also loved arts and crafts. Next year I would like to do more arts and crafts, this was my favourite playscheme-I like all the activities, next year I want to be outside more-I loved the arts and crafts it has been very fun and amazing next year I would like to go swimming, thank you for everything-I like arts and crafts, playing outside, drawing and the talent show-I love every bit of playscheme, I want to come again, I love dancing and I am sad about leaving- I love playing outside because they do fun games. I like arts and crafts because I love making things-I would like to go to playscheme every summer, it has been the best place I have ever been in my life. I like playing ball
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		<p>games and bringing my own toys. It's very nice and tidy and I get to play with lots of children</p> <p>-I like playing with the arts and crafts stuff, it's different every day</p> <p>-they love playing with their friends and learning new things and loads of different activities. Particularly enjoyed the water fight, Disney day, Harry Potter day and party day</p> <p>-staff are respectful and fun and the children are kind</p> <p>-playscheme is fun</p> <p>-it is giving me something to do and I have fun</p> <p>-we have fun playing Uno with staff and friends</p> <p>-I like playscheme because we play lots of football</p> <p>-I wish playscheme was forever</p> <p>-I have made new friends and learnt new skills</p> <p>- Great playscheme! We had so much fun</p> <p>- Love the food!</p> <p>- Definitely the best playscheme thank you all so much!!</p> <p>- We have had the most fun ever!</p> <p>-I have enjoyed because I have played with different things and Lego too!</p> <p>-I have enjoyed the dodgeball</p> <p>-I like playing with the staff that run playscheme because I like that they teach me new things</p> <p>- I like going to playscheme because I can play with lots of my friends. I like creating things</p> <p>-I like coming here to play with friends, I enjoyed the water fight the most</p> <p>-I enjoyed the water fight, Harry Potter, Bouncy castle and playing outside</p> <p>-I liked playscheme because they have cool activities</p> <p>-I like playscheme because we play games, I like Uno and Lego</p> <p>-I enjoyed playing outside with my friends</p> <p>-I enjoy playing with friends. Doing lots of arts and craft activities and playing outside. I like playing with all the Torfaen Play staff</p>
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		and using sponges to soak them in the water fight
<u>Have the staff been helpful?</u>	Yes: 91?% No: 2% Don't know: 7%	-yes- kind, helpful, join in and play with us -no because I don't always need help -don't know- some staff don't help me to get to know people -encouraged us to play games -escort us to the toilets -make us feel safe _ they are helpful and fun -I really like josh - they helped me when I lost my phone
<u>Have you made new friends?</u>	Yes: 93% No: 1% Don't know: 6%	-All know each other already -everyone is friendly and kind -nice to meet new people -nice to learn new things from new people - I have lots of new friends _ Cerys is my new best friend
<u>What activities have you enjoyed the most?</u>	-dodgeball -cars -bench ball -carnival -dodgeball -colouring -arts and crafts -going to the park -parachute games -swimming -different genres of music -lion king day -Pokémon day - themed days - playing with my mate - slime	
<u>Which things concern you the most when you play outside?</u>	Dogs: 9 % Bullies:41% Strangers: 33 % Traffic: 10% Other: wasps-7%	-not many play outside, but if they did they would be wary of strangers -scared of seagulls -some children are scared of dogs -scared of people with weapons
<u>Are you allowed to play in the community without an adult?</u>	Yes: 71% No: 24% Don't know: 5%	-Some need older siblings -older children are allowed but have rules and times to stick to
<u>How can we make playscheme better?</u>	-Xbox -Wi-Fi -more activities	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -different board games -provide more food -more outside -all day clubs 	
<u>Do you attend a play club in your community?</u>	Yes: 41% No: 53% Don't know: 6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -football -church Friday Fun -Togs -gateway church -Kids club -Blenheim Play Club
<u>How did you find out about play clubs and playschemes?</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letters in school -a friend -poster -a letter -parents/carers Mum seen it on Facebook 	
<u>Did you have a suggestion box on your play provision?</u>	Yes: 83 % No: 2 % Don't know: 15%	-we don't have a box but we feel that we can speak to staff with suggestions
<u>Do you feel safe when at playscheme?</u>	Yes: 96 % No: 1 % Don't know: 3%	



10) TORFAEN PLAYScheme FACEBOOK PARENT / CARER FEEDBACK

Youth Inclusion Zone

Joanne Hadley - *Ethan has really enjoyed himself at playscheme. All the staff have been brilliant with him. He has struggled in the mornings going in due to his health but all the staff have been so patient with him and he this has helped him keep to a routine, continue to develop his social skills as he normally finds it difficult to leave the house and I know due to this wonderful playscheme that he will now have no major issues going back to school x*

Michelle Woodland *Amazing team, i have watched the way some of these guys have been interacting with these amazing children whilst my own daughter has been swimming and i am absolutely blown away by how calm, caring, understanding and thoughtful these play care workers are, an absolute inspiration to us all, yes my son Callum may be one of these said play care workers but i have noticed how everyone works so well together and how caring they are as a team, you should all be super proud of the support these guys are giving.*

PALC – Respite and Play Sessions

Stephanie Caldwell - *Great staff, Josh loves it and Jamie has even managed to teach him to swim 2 lengths unassisted this year*

Anna Lloyd - *Great staff. Lots to do*

Samantha Cousins - *Molly is a different child since she's been coming here!!! Amazing team!!* ❤️👍

I need to add a quote from molly!!

"mum I feel like I fit in and have actually made real friends by being myself! I haven't had to pretend to be able to make friends" 🥰

This is a massive deal for her and she really doesn't want to say goodbye to any of you!

To say she has been a different child this summer is an understatement! We've never had a summer where I've not pulled my hair out! But I'm finding myself dreading sending her back to school.

No amount of thank you's are enough!!! ❤️👍 ❤️👍

• **Naomi Haine Wilkins** - *Greyson* ❤️❤️

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• **Joanne Bateman** *Absolutely brilliant. Evan loves Emily and has had a fab summer x*
Steph Aldaya - *Iolo loves spending time with his friends at playscheme, in a safe and happy environment* 🥰 x

• **Amy Fieldhouse** - *Allanah has been fab with Flo as usual. x*

Cwmbran Stadium



Amanda Teresa - *Doing a fantastic job!*

Kady Roberts - *Brilliant playscheme on the 1st day my daughter was crying but since then everyday she has been excited to go, shes made loads of friends and had loads of fun 😊 thank you everyone at cwmbrian stadium*

Jo Dunning - *Doing a fantastic job my boys have been every day and loves it well done*


Blenheim Primary

- **Kathy Whitehead** Thankyou all for providing so much fun and games for Jasmine and Harmony! They love coming to playscheme xx
- **Vicky Thacker** Amazing!!! Honey & Teddy love every day at Playscheme all because of the efforts of the play workers. You all do such a fantastic job & I am very grateful for every one of you. Thank you for keeping my children happy, safe & entertained :)

Kate Cook *Best team ever! From learning about healthy eating and exercise to playing games and general chit chats, learning and fun all in one. I massively appreciate every little thing you all do, catering for complex needs on top of all you do is something I am very grateful for! Thank you all so so much especially Tyla and Jordan who have had a tough job keeping my boys in line but seem to do it with ease! Thank you all 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊*

- **Gabrielle Bennett** *Amazing team my daughter and son has loved it*

Claire Early *Absolutely fantastic team when MacKenzie broke her arm you allowed her back and made sure she didn't do any physical activities; she has really enjoyed herself and looking forward to coming back xxx*

- **Dainora Dainora** *Thank you all so much! Top  team! Deilas love it every day!xx*

- **Ange AP** *Brilliant team my done, Charlie, loves going. Cerys is his favourite apparently cos she is really fun and plays Uno with him lol thanks cerys x*

- **Mary Smith** *noah speaks highly of kieran or the new guy as he refers to him as ... he's absolutely loving his time at playscheme... what a lovely bunch of people thanks for saving me a summer of im bored 🙌🙌🙌*

Nant Celyn Primary

Kelly Longley *This is 3rd yr of playscheme for my son and he has certainly enjoyed every minute of it I can't thank the staff for all the support and help they've given him to enjoy all the activities provided with his hearing impairment. He learnt new activities & even wanted to do some singing & dancing in a show there rehearsing for in the last week. The activity sheet was a brilliant idea so we knew from the start what's going on and needed, I really love the Facebook page with all the photos great to see how much all the kids are enjoying themselves. Thank you & Well done Nant celyn team*

Sinead Lurvey - *3rd year for my son attending summer camp and playscheme at Nant Celyn & it's been his favourite year 😊 He has really enjoyed all activities on offer his favourites being the show which they are currently rehearsing for. From a parents view, it has been the best year for communication, We were given a sheet with all themed days so we have been in the know from the start. Love the new group pages with plenty of photos for us to see, Kirsty is always prompt with updating the page and any information we need to know. Thank you Kirsty and team 😊 xx*



Natalie Deacy *My girls have really enjoyed this year's playscheme, plenty more photos than last year 😊 more activities that my girls have enjoyed doing. Well done to kirsty on running it so well x*

Maz Rodriguez *The first time for my sons, Tyson and Axl. They absolutely loved it. Telling me all the lovely things they did. I think you've all done an amazing job. Seriously XX thank you and well done x*

Sian Kenney *Wow what can I say .. Thank you soo much for being absolute stars and looking after my little boy so well .. you have been life savers. Hes had such a good few weeks and has thoroughly enjoyed every moment.. you should all be so proud of yourselves .. My only regret was that I didn't book him in for the full Duration .. Thank you Kirsty and Team for a fabulous play scheme.. you all deserve a well-earned break at the end x x x*

Danielle Smith *Both my boys have absolutely loved this years playscheme, loads of fun activities for them to do, this has definitely been the best year yet and I'm so looking forward to coming to see the show on Wednesday, it sounds amazing, well done kirsty and team 😊 xxx*

Llantarnam Primary

- **Shelly Sims** *Emily loves coming to llantarnam playscheme she really enjoys all different activities you all do thank you for making it so much fun*
- **Rhiannon Atkinson** *Ethan and the ladies at the church have been amazing with Tomos. I was really nervous sending him, hes not an easy child but from the first day they have been brilliant. He's been encouraged to play with children he's never met which for Tom is a huge achievement. He's enjoyed the freedom with the security of knowing Ethan is there if he needs him. Victoria greets him everyday with a smile.
It's been a great summer holiday for Tom and given him so much confidence. Thank you all*
- **Ange AP** *Charlie and harri loves the play scheme. They have so much fun*
- **Maz Rodriguez** *First time for my boys, Tyson and Axl. It's a shame we joined so late and a shame the centre got water damage. Special shout out to Ethan. The boys think he is brill*

I was really nervous sending Tom to playscheme, as you know he's not an easy child doesn't mix well and can be very aggressive.

Ethan and Victoria have been incredible with Tom. There has been no aggression or outbursts at all, he tried to leave the site once this week simply because it was raining but he still wanted to go to the shop, both Ethan and Victoria dealt with it amazingly. Tom accepted his punishment and moved on with no further issues at all.

Ethan has encouraged Tom to play with people he has never met before and has made some really lovely friends. This on its own is incredible for Tom.

All the workers at Llanyravon know Tom and always welcome him with a smile and knowing his name really puts him at ease, they are really welcoming to all the children.

The knock on effects from Tom having a positive experience at playscheme has had a huge impact on his behaviour at home. He's been a joy all summer and has started to interact with children at the park and talk to people when we are out.

I cannot thank the play service and especially Ethan and Victoria for the incredible work they have done with Tom over the last three weeks.



Mrs Atkinson

Coed Eva Primary

- **Jade Kilday** Absolutely amazing bunch! My boys loved playscheme! so much so that they are already excited for next year and complaining it's over all ready 🙌 well done and thank you for providing so much fun and a safe and happy environment for Luca and Jensen this summer xx
- **Sherie Jones** Absolutely amazing both my children attend (both first time) I was so nervous leaving them as they both need one to ones and I needed of been so worried ... my kids love it here and are doing really well with all the activities that you are providing.
- **Kat Evans** Once again another fantastic playscheme. Year on year it just gets better. The boys absolutely love it and are upset on the weekends when I tell them there isn't playscheme. They would happily go 7 days a week. Well done to all involved xx
- **Gemma Green** Oliver has absolutely loved play scheme this year. The staff running it have been fantastic he comes home telling me about all the fun he's had ! He especially enjoyed the football match today! Thank you everyone.
- **Jodie Louise Underhill** Xavier has absolutely loved his time at play scheme 2nd year running, the staff are great and very approachable. Would like to thank u all for your time
- **Amy Hoare** Another fab year!! A huge thank you to Tom who has been so understanding with Zac and taken his needs into account by keeping things as structured as possible! Well done Coed Eva!
- **Stephanie Smith** Amazing April loves it there
- **Alison Randell** First time for my 2, thoroughly enjoyed every minute, disappointed on the days they couldn't attend. Thank you to everyone involved, all your hard work is very much appreciated 😊
- **Tanya Manley** Thank you so much for keeping Jayden kodi & Kaylen active and changing their attitude on a lot of foods now they want to eat healthy things instead of me bribing them 🍌🍌, and the best bit for us parents..... Absolutely shattered every evening.
- **Danielle Hughes** Tom and Connor have been fantastic, this is the second year for my two and they have had a fantastic summer with you guys who work hard to give our babies something fun to do with their friends everyday very easy to talk to if there are any problems always take the time to listen.. thank you all x
- **Laura Williamson** Amazing playscheme, this was Grayson's first year at a playscheme and he loved it he's already asked if he can go back next year. Hats off to all those involved you've taken your time to make these children's summer a fun, happy time. Well done and a big thank you to everyone involved xxx
- **Craig Sims** Harry has loved this play scheme guys. He's talked about it every day. You've all made a massive effort for the kids so thanks for all of your hard work. See you next year hopefully. Well done everyone 👍



- **Vicky Gough** *Erin loves going to play scheme. This is her second year of going and she really enjoys it. The staff are great always having fun with the kids and encouraging them to get involved in different activities. Thank you all so much!*
- **Rosie Hayward** *Amazing!! Ella's first year and she loves coming every day*
- **Danielle Louise Fisher-Burgess** *My son Dylan has had an amazing time wasn't sure how he would get on but hes loved it :) hes been away for a week but can't wait to come back for the last week this week...Thankyou all for all the fun he has had*
- **Lisa Jones** *Tom wasn't sure about going to playscheme. It's his first year and he was worried as not many of his friends were attending. In typical Tom style he really got into just as it was ending. He can't wait for next year. Thanks so much everyone. He had great fun*

Fairwater Activities

- **Rachel Harris** *Fab playscheme as always kids are enjoying every second plus of course they are loving the toasties and the going swimming a few days a week staff are great and friendly kids are coming home shattered from all the activity well done to all the staff and especially Lauren for being Ryan's 1 to 1 and helping him all summer your a super star xxx*

Kelly Colcombe *My daughter really enjoys attending, the different activities and being able to mix with school friends outside of school. Her highlight has got to be swimming and eating toasties.*

A big thanks to all at fairwater who make this work 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

- **Ceri Edmunds** *Both of my sons really enjoy the sessions. They particularly enjoy the sporting activities, swimming and the Xbox- they are also a big fan of the toasted sandwich. I love being able to see the photos on Facebook. Thank you for making their time brilliant*
- **Emma Norton** *My son loves attending. He thinks it's amazing that his form is posted out addressed to him and not myself. He enjoys the activities that are put on for them every day. He loves being able to go to the pool for a swim.*
I like the fact that i have seen the professional way the staff deal with difficult situations they face. I wouldn't want to be accountable for so many children in one place. Much credit to them.

Ysgol Gymraeg

- **Jessica Thomas** *Harper has absolutely loved attending the playscheme! She is so excited to go, and has loved playing with her school friends and also making new friends. Having a Welsh option has been a fantastic way of keeping on top of her Welsh language skills during the summer holidays .*
- **Emma Loader** *Coming from a non welsh speaking family Owain misses speaking welsh during the holidays. Play scheme has allowed him to still speak welsh but also have fun with his friends. There is always a wide choice of both indoor and outdoor activities.*
- **Melissa Garrett** *Fantastic team. Always see them with a smile and my boy absolutely loves going 😊*
- **Naomi Wall** *My children have loved going to playscheme. They have taken part in a wide variety of activities and had lots of fun with their friends. Noah's favourite parts were playing with the big footballs and making masks and Freya says that she has enjoyed everything. A huge thank you to everyone running the playscheme-you are all friendly and approachable and make it lots of fun for our children. Diolch! ☺ ☐*



- **Melissa Justin Robinson** *I never thought my son Jack would like playscheme but he loves it! The team are amazing always keeping the children occupied with a smile on their face. Thank you all very much for all you have done 😊*
- **Kayleigh Marie** *Logan also loves play scheme. It's a great help for some parents during the holidays. Logan has really enjoyed seeing his best friend Evan in this setting! Thanks so much xx*
- **Catherine Smith** *My children have absolutely loved playscheme this year! The staff have made them feel welcome and as a parent I have felt safe to leave them! They count down the hours to go to the session and are gutted when it's over.*
- **Elizabeth Griffin** *My granddaughter Caitlin has love play scheme meeting all her friends and the staff have been absolutely wonderful so much activity look forward to next year*
- **Kirsty Fry** *This was Jacob's first time going to playscheme and he's absolutely loved it, the team leaders have made such an effort to keep the kids entertained. Thank you 😊*
- **Sian Redwood** *Diolch yn fawr am roi Jonah haf gwyh. Mae Jonah wedi dwli mynychu Cynlluniau Chwarae blwyddyn yma. Mae tîm o staff ar y safle wedi rhoi pob plentyn y cyfle i chwarae yn ei gymuned ac yn bwysig i ni, yn enwedig oedd bod y chwarae yn digwydd trwy'r Gymraeg. Roedd digonedd o weithgareddau hwylus i gadw'r plant yn hapus. Hoffwn ddiolch i Chwarae Torfaen a'r tîm ar Safle Panteg am ei gwaith caled dros yr haf.*

Henllys and ICC

Debbie Gliniany *Maggie has absolutely loved attending both Henllys and ICC. I was really nervous at first to take her, as she's the youngest at 5, and worried how she would mix with older children but she's not had one bad word to say about it. All the playworkers have been fantastic with her and she has looked forward to going back every day! It has been a godsend with filling the summer holiday void and they have done such a great variety of things! Thank you very, very much for welcoming Maggie- she will most definitely be back next year! Maggie wants a shout out to Sophie the playworker as well 🐶*

Cerys Lulu *2 votes here from immy and ffion. Thanks for taking care of the girls. They have had a blast. Not one bad word to say. They have enjoyed every moment xxx*

- **Michaela Williams** *Zara has absolutely loved it. She is already asking to go back next year. A big thank you to all the Play scheme staff what an amazing team. Wish you all well in the future. Xxx*
- **Charmaine Colcombe** *Grace has had an amazing time she ever really wanted to do playscheme but has looked forward to going every afternoon.....The playscheme staff have been so welcoming and very kind towards Grace a massive thumbs up from her and she definitely be doing it again next year she has enjoyed every moment xxx*

Victory Church and Cockerel

- **Hannah Jayne Hewitson** *Niall like going. The team have been great with niall. Always get good feedback off the team about what he been doing. Fingers crossed next year maybe he can do full day lol thanks again to you all 😊*



- **Sarah Louise Jeffries** Ocean hasn't been going long but the team have been great with her and really understanding of her needs her likes and dislikes and have supported thank you she cant wait for next year x

Woodland's Primary and Maendy Primary

- **Shelly Sims** Emily loves coming to meandy playscheme she's looks forward everyday to going doing all different activities thank you for making it so fun for them
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 - **Carla Marie Dillon** Honey loves coming to maendy playscheme. Thanks for making it super fun for her x
 - **Amanda Claire Edwards** Bethan and Cerys love woodlands
- Bethan Robins** Kian loved going to Maendy Playscheme with all his school friends. He loved all the staff but his Favourite was Cariad 😊😊 Mad to think i was working for you 6 years ago and now my son goes 😊😊 But thank you for making an amazing summer for kian.
- **Lucy Davies** Caitlyn has loved woodlands and says she's really going to miss Callum

Further Feedback from Parents/ Carers

<u>ICC</u>	-Gethin has been attending Torfaen Play Sessions at ICC Ton Road during the 6 week holidays. Gethin gets more and more excited about going each day to play on the slide and snack time. I cannot fault any of the process since starting. Staff are always happy and confident, never afraid to approach for queries or questions regarding my son's needs, albeit, regarding social development, likes/dislikes or his methods of communication. I feel happy knowing my son is happy and safe in the environment and the daily feedback and social media updates are great, more of a link than home and school links. I want to thank the staff for welcoming Gethin to the session and thanks for also reassuring mum and dad, also allowing us to have the respite for a cuppa and a rest. Many thanks and hope to see you at the next half term! Kelly Jenkins
<u>Henllys Primary school</u>	-Mya has really enjoyed herself, playscheme has really helped me out -Caitlin has loved playscheme and the different things to do -Betsy ad Florence have loved coming, thank you for making it fun! -Absolutely fantastic, Zara has loved every minute. A huge thankyou to all the staff -Jessica has loved the summer club and looked forward to going every day. Thank you



<u>Llantarnam Primary</u>	-Excellent scheme, well done very positive -brilliant service -Great People! Great Service! -Louise has loved coming here, very friendly staff
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End of Summer Playscheme Awards 2019

The awards ceremony took place at Victory Church in Cwmbran to celebrate what has been the busiest year ever on playschemes.

Over 300 staff were in attendance which consisted of 187 volunteers and 119 paid workers. Elected members, Town and Community Council as well as partners were in attendance.

The awards were hosted by Torfaen Play officers Julian Davenne and Andrea Sysum. Special recognition was made to the hard work that had gone into the planning and delivery of playschemes across Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil.

Awards were presented to those who went above and beyond their role. A big thank you was provided to the volunteers who provided us with 25,245 hours of volunteering this summer. All volunteers completed a qualification in both Safeguarding and Playwork and were also signed up to the "Volunteering Matters" program to receive accreditation for their volunteering hours.

The summer playschemes have been a great success with over 4200 children registered, 187 received 1-1 support and over 100 Looked After Children also engaged in playschemes. This summer, we also provided food and free healthy snacks on all playschemes. This was very well received on all sites. The premier of the summer playschemes was shown at the awards to provide a greater insight into the wide range of activities and themed days that took place. This included all sites doing the "Daily Mile", National Play Day as well as festivals, visits from the Fire Service and animal encounters.

Awards presented included – Volunteer 1-1 Buddy's, Play Helpers, Epilepsy, First Aid and Food Hygiene, Wellbeing, Safeguarding, Outstanding Playwork Practice, and The Cynthia Beynon Inclusion Awards.

Best Newcomers went to Dan Cox and Jamie Preston

Best Site Supervisor went to Kelly Sutherland

Personal and Professional Development – Abi Dickens and Macauley Marsh

Volunteer of the year (The Terry Jones Award) – Laura Powell

Best School Holiday Enrichment Program Site (SHEP) – Garnteg Primary

Best Planned Activity Day – Blenheim Primary, Overmonnow Primary, Garnteg Primary



Best Blaenau Gwent & Merthyr Tydfil Site – Deighton Playing Fields – Tredegar

Best Monmouthshire Site – Thornwell Primary Food and Friendship Camp

Best Torfaen Site – New Inn Primary

Outstanding Inclusion Awards

