



Offenhau Eisteddfod

Eisteddfod– a welsh festival of music, song, dance, drama, poetry and prose.

Every other year we hold an Eisteddfod at Offenhau School. This Eisteddfod gives the children many opportunities to showcase their talents in a number of areas, both individually and in a group.

Competitions – all children are encouraged to take part in each audition in order to gain housepoints for their team. The competitions are as follows:

Solo singing

House Choir – conducted by children

Choral speaking (Cyd adrodd)

Group dance

Handwriting/calligraphy

Prose - writing on a theme

Poetry - writing on a theme

Poetry recitation

Cake baking

Art - choice of media

All preparation for the competitions takes place at home over a period of a couple of months

Rationale/intention

As a school we recognise the importance of language and oracy and the confidence these skills give to children as they develop and grow into adulthood, developing skills for life and the workplace.

Music and the arts are central to who we are as a school and we see the benefits of being a singing and dancing school. We have had many opportunities to be involved in our local and wider community using our love of arts.

Eisteddfod is an opportunity to expose our children to a different culture and what that culture values. It is also an opportunity to bring our school community together in creating something beautiful.

Our “Bake off” culminates in a cake sale which enables us as a school to give to others. In creating something beautiful in cake form and then selling it the children understand that charitable giving is something bigger than just giving money; true charity is about investing something of oneself in giving.

The culmination of weeks of hard work practicing and polishing performances brings us to the competition day and then finally to the Eisteddfod Showcase for winners of each competition. This is open to our wider community and allows the children to ‘show-off’ their hard work.

It is our intention:

- For every child to develop a love of the arts as well as their talents as musicians, dancers, writers, public speakers and in food technology, therefore increasing their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement
- For every child to have the opportunity to work as a team towards a common goal
- For every child to appreciate the value of the arts and their power to transform experience and lives
- For every child to demonstrate resilience and perseverance and the benefits of taking risks in a safe space
- For every child to have the opportunity to sing, speak or dance in public – either in a group or individually