

## **GENTLE TEACHING**



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Impact of Gentle Teaching upon the Students and Staff at Ysgol Maes y Coed.

At Ysgol Maes y Coed, the Gentle Teaching Project has provided a new context for us to explore the values that we hold most highly for our pupils and staff members.

Clear communication, compassion, respect, sharing and a sense of community have always been cornerstones of our approach towards teaching and learning within school. However, there is always a need to reframe and re-explore these qualities to give a fresh and exciting perspective to topics that we felt well acquainted with.

The Gentle Teaching Project has provided an exciting opportunity to connect with colleagues and pupils from other countries, to share elements of best practice and to collaboratively design a wealth of resources and activities that aimed to celebrate, integrate and uphold the principles of Gentle Teaching.

To this end, the project has had a very beneficial impact on our school, through raising awareness of the principles amongst pupils and staff, and giving an opportunity for our learners to experience other cultures and for some, even experiencing European locations during visits to our friends in Italy, Germany and Catalonia.

The Gentle Teaching Project has a legacy within Ysgol Maes y Coed, and it will continue to be impactful in reminding us of the principles by being imbedded into the curriculum we are designing for the future. As such, we are all very grateful for the opportunities the Gentle Teaching Project has afforded the staff and pupils of our school, and the unforgettable memories of the visits and connections we have made. The impact has been great, and the enjoyment for all, even greater.