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INTRODUCTION

KEVIN BAUGH, HEADTEACHER OF YSGOL DEINIOL CP SCHOOL

Ysgol Deiniol County Primary is a small school in the north of Wales. They aim to support, motivate and inspire all pupils to learn and excel whilst in their care. In order to support each and every child, they look for new and innovative ways to personalise learning.

Ysgol Deiniol aims to empower learners through a tailored approach to every student's learning, whilst engaging with parents to ensure a joined up approach to learning at home and in school.

Kevin Baugh, Headteacher, took some time to talk to us in more detail about the ways that the school use Maths-Whizz and the training and support that Whizz Education provide to meet specific challenges.



THE CHALLENGE

RAISING STANDARDS IN MATHS AND ENGAGING PARENTS

'Maths has been a real focus for us over the last couple of years. In Wales we have annual tests which are published internally within schools. What we noticed, by looking at the standardised scores, is that there were a lot of children who were in the middle band.'

'We have tried different ways to increase the amount of children moving to the upper band, as well as building the confidence of those in the lower band to enable them to reach the next level.'

Ysgol Deiniol have tried different ways of sharing these goals around maths improvement with parents. The aim is to encourage a joined-up approach to learning at home and in school.

'Engaging with parents was key. We have had parents' evenings where a member of staff from the numeracy team has put together a presentation to show parents the strategies we are using in maths.'

'They've not been very well attended. After a long day at work, do parents really want to come into school, sit in a hall on small plastic chairs and be talked at? Probably not. What they do want though, is to go home and see what their child's been learning in maths without having to take an hour or two out of their day.'

“ We all truly believe that every child does matter, but with the amount of work that teachers have to do, it's not always possible to reach every child in the classroom.

THE SOLUTION

MATHS-WHIZZ FOR PERSONALISED LEARNING AND TRANSPARENT REPORTING FOR PARENTS

'Maths-Whizz was recommended to us by one of our Governors, who is a Deputy at another school in Wrexham. He really couldn't speak highly enough of it.'

Whizz Education began a partnership with Ysgol Deiniol, implementing Maths-Whizz to help engage both parents and students in maths, as well as providing training for teachers and the tools to support them, without adding to their workload.

'Lindsay, our Customer Success Manager, is constantly there to help us keep driving results with Maths-Whizz and making improvements. She understands our goals and challenges.'

'The support and CPD training provided directly aligns to our objective to raise standards in maths and get those children into the top band in the National Procedural tests.'

'She will always come with the answers that are needed. Lindsay looks inside the reports to determine specific children, classes or areas for improvement. She really cares.'

'By picking up on a specific child she can show examples of the different metrics – usage and progression - and train the staff on what a healthy balance looks like and the ways to analyse and spot trends.'

Parents have easy access to information regarding their children's individual progress and developments via regular email updates.

'We are encouraging parents more and more to engage with how their child is learning in school. It ties into everything we're trying to do here at Ysgol Deiniol.'

'Not only can parents see progress on Maths-Whizz as it is being used for homework, but they can understand what their child has been working on and the areas in which they are receiving additional support.'



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THE RESULTS

RAISED STANDARDS IN MATHS AND INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

'We have seen a noticeable improvement in 4 out of the 5 year groups – a significant percentage increase in the amount of children getting into the top band.'

'Considering the size of our school, that equates to almost an entire class worth of children that made it into the top band that didn't make it before we started working with Lindsay and using Maths-Whizz.'

Through the implementation of Maths-Whizz and the training provided, parents are able to keep track of progress and understand the areas their child should be working on.

'Parents are positive about Maths-Whizz for homework because the children need little encouragement to log on when they get home from school - they want to increase their own usage and show progress.'

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YSGOL DEINIOL?

Ysgol Deiniol County Primary School will soon be using the help of Maths-Whizz and their Customer Success Manager to aid their intervention programme. Using the reports and analysis of individual student attainment, the school's maths team will run practical sessions alongside Maths-Whizz to bolster learning.

'The training provided for our staff keeps teachers and children engaged, which has resulted in us making the most of Maths-Whizz and ultimately improved progress.'



“ *The children have been on task, teachers are saving time and parents are engaged.* ”

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