



**Early
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Wales**



Early Years Wales Awards 2020

15th December 2020

Hosted by Dave Goodger, CEO, Early Years Wales

We were absolutely thrilled that so many of you 'braved the weather' just before Christmas to join us for our virtual Early Years Wales Awards celebration. As Dave said, it was quite different to the first and very different to how we imagined the second to be, but we wanted to end the year on a high and celebrate the incredible work you do for and with the children in our sector.

During the evening 15 awards were presented, and we are delighted to announce the winners...



Early Years Wales Setting of the Year
Little Inspirations Day Nursery Ltd (GROUP)



Early Years Wales Innovator of the Year
KIN Nature Kindergarten, Monmouth



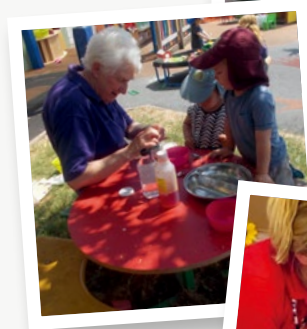
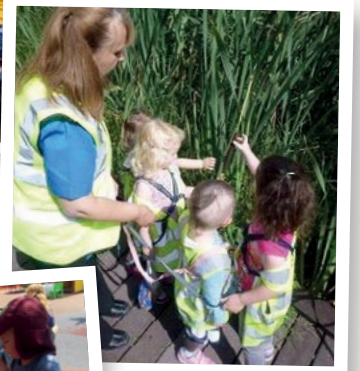
Early Years Wales Practitioner of the Year
Margaret Powell, Golden Manor Nursery Ltd, Pembrokeshire



Early Years Wales Volunteer of the Year
Pat Moreton, Gibbonsdown Children's Centre,
Vale of Glamorgan



Early Years Wales Learner of the year
Sandra Strait, Little Tigers Day Care,
Monmouthshire



Special Recognition awards

This year has been an unusual & challenging year for us all. As a result, we wanted to acknowledge settings that have had to deal with situations they wouldn't normally be in.

Often the forgotten partners in looking after children, childcare has really stepped up [during the pandemic]. So much of the work you do is behind the scenes to enable it to be business as usual for your parents and children. We wanted to recognise a few settings that have been brought to our attention for going above and beyond.

- 1 Rachael's Playhouse, Rhondda Cynon Taff**
Awarded for their exceptional support to settings across the Early Years Wales network during the pandemic.
- 2 Little Friends, Rhondda Cynon Taff**
Awarded for overcoming the devastating impact the floods in early-2020 had on their building. They demonstrated incredible resilience and community spirit in overcoming the challenges they faced as a result.
- 3 Pebbles Day Nursery, Swansea**
Awarded for their innovative approach to childcare.
- 4 The Learning Tree, Cardiff**
Recognised for their flexible and parent led approach to childcare.
- 5 Talitha Brown, Penmorfa Playmates, Denbighshire**
Recognised for her excellent management and leadership skills.
- 6 The Trustees of Gresford Playgroup Ducks and Ducklings, Wrexham**
Thank you to Janet, Jean and Kathryn for their voluntary work on behalf of the setting.
- 7 Sally Munro, Trelogan Playgroup, Flintshire**
Awarded for her commitment to her role and the setting during 2020.
- 8 Carol Dove, Penguin Playgroup, Flintshire**
Carol has shown incredible dedication to her role as a new trustee.

Quality for All (QfA) Outstanding Achievement

A new award category for 2020. The QfA outstanding achievement award recognises the commitment to the challenges faced by settings during these uncertain times, and to settings who have shown dedication to achieving QfA accreditation year after year.

- 1 Rose Garden Day Nursery, Swansea**
- 2 Myrtle House Nursery, Carmarthenshire**

“You are all winners; you are all stars, and you are amazing.”


Congratulations to all our finalists and thank you to all that entered and were nominated. As always, the shortlist was exceptionally high, and the final decisions were incredibly hard to make.

Over the coming months and issues we'll be sharing our winners stories with you in more detail. Watch this space and be sure to join us for the Early Years Wales Awards 2021...

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