

# Cwricwlwm i Gymru a BSL yn y cwricwlwm

# Curriculum for Wales and BSL in the curriculum

# Nodau'r sesiwn

- Cyflwyno gwybodaeth am BSL
- Cyflwyno canllawiau BSL y Cwricwlwm i Gymru
- Amlygu cyfleoedd a heriau o ran cyflwyno BSL yn y Cwricwlwm
- Cynnig cyfle i rwydweithio ag eraill sy'n addysgu/ ystyried cyflwyno BSL

# Aims of the sessions

- Present information about BSL
- Introduce the Curriculum for Wales BSL guidance
- Highlight the opportunities and challenges involved in including BSL in the curriculum
- Offer an opportunity to network with others who teach/ are considering introducing BSL

# Cyflwyniad

# Introduction

- Llywodraeth Cymru/ Welsh Government – Eleri Goldsmith
- EAS - Elen Roberts & Kath Bevan
- Mid-Wales Partnership -Heidi Lorenz
- CSC - Cath Billington-Richards
- Partneriaeth – Anna Vivian Jones
- GwE - TBC
- NPT - Ceri Long
- Swansea – Misha Goremano & Sarah Svensson
- Cardiff – Sam Green
- Independent BSL teacher – Sarah Smith

# Cyflwyniad

- Rôl Athrawon Plant Byddar
- Gwaith y grŵp datblygu'r canllawiau a gwaith ar adnoddau
- Sut y gall ysgolion elwa o weithio gyda'r gymuned Fyddar
- Sesiynau gwybodaeth eraill

# Introduction

- The role of Teachers of the Deaf
- The curriculum guidance development group's work and work on resources
- How schools can benefit from working with the Deaf community
- Other information sessions

# BSL

- iaith weledol gyda'i gramadeg a lecsicon ei hun
- iaith leiafrifol gynhenid ac yn iaith gyntaf i lawer o blant byddar a phobl ifanc fyddar yng Nghymru
- Cafodd ei hadnabod fel iaith annibynnol gan Lywodraeth y Deyrnas Unedig ym mis Mawrth 2003
- Cafodd ei hadnabod yn ffurfiol gan Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru ym mis Ionawr 2004
- A visual language with its own grammar and lexicon
- An indigenous minority language and the first language of many deaf children and young people in Wales
- Recognised as a language in its own right by UK government in March 2003
- Formally recognised by Welsh Government in January 2004

# Canllawiau BSL Cwricwlwm i Gymru

## Curriculum for Wales BSL Guidance

- [BSL designing your curriculum guidance](#)
- [BSL descriptions of learning](#)
- [Links with other Areas](#)
- BSL versions of the [four purposes](#) and [languages literacy and communication statements of what matters](#)
- [Curriculum for Wales BSL information for children, young people and families](#)
- [Canllawiau cynllunio eich Cwricwlwm BSL](#)
- [Disgrifiadau Dysgu BSL](#)
- [Cysylltiadau gyda Meysydd eraill](#)
- Fersiynau BSL o'r [pedwar diben a datganiadau o'r hyn sy'n bwysig ieithoedd, llythrennedd a chyfathrebu](#)
- [Gwybodaeth BSL y Cwricwlwm i Gymri i blant, pobl ifanc a theuluoedd](#)

# Pam cyflwyno BSL?

- cefnogi cynnydd mewn BSL ar gyfer plant sydd â rhieni, brodyr a chwiorydd neu ffrindiau byddar sy'n defnyddio BSL
- helpu plant sy'n clywed i gyfathrebu â phlant byddar yn y dosbarth/ysgol

**Yn eich grwpiau – beth ydy cyd-destun eich ysgol? Pam dych chi'n addysgu BSL/ yn ytyried addysgu BSL?**

# Why introduce BSL?

- supporting progression in BSL for children who have deaf parents, siblings and friends who use BSL
- helping children communicate with deaf classmates who use BSL

**In your groups – what is your school context? Why do you teach/ are you considering teaching BSL?**

# Arbenigedd a phrofiad

- y *gymuned Fyddar* yn ogystal â thiwtoriaid BSL ac Athrawon y Byddar
- dealltwriaeth o ymchwil a thystiolaeth addysgol o ansawdd uchel
- gwybodaeth berthnasol am ddysgwyr a'u cymunedau
- dysgu o ymchwiliad proffesiynol
- tystiolaeth ac arbenigedd a rennir drwy rwydweithiau lleol, clwstwr, rhanbarthol a chenedlaethol
- partneriaeth ag addysg bellach ac uwch
- dysgu proffesiynol

# Expertise and Experience

- the *Deaf community* as well as BSL tutors and Teachers of the Deaf
- understanding from high-quality educational research and evidence
- relevant information about learners and their communities
- learning from professional inquiry
- evidence and expertise shared through local, cluster, regional and national networks
- partnership with further and higher education
- professional learning

# Arbenigedd a phrofiad

Yn eich grwpiau:

- Pa arbenigedd BSL sydd gennych chi ac eraill yn eich ysgol?
- Sut ydych chi am fynd ati i wella eich gwzbodaeth a sgiliau?
- Pa gysylltiadau sydd gennych chi gyda'r gymuned Fyddar?
- Sut ydych chi am feithrin eich perthynas gyda'r gymuned Fyddar?

# Expertise and Experience

In your groups:

**What expertise do you and others in your school have in BSL?**

**How are you going to go about improving your knowledge and skills?**

**What links do you have with the Deaf community?**

**How will you develop your relationship with the Deaf community?**

# Cynnydd

- Cyflwynir y disgrifiadau dysgu ar gyfer BSL fel continwwm.
- Cam Cynnydd 1 fydd y man cychwyn wrth gynllunio dysgu ac addysgu ar gyfer defnyddwyr BSL byddar 3-5 oed a hefyd ar gyfer dysgwyr hŷn sy'n dechrau dysgu BSL
- Mae disgrifiadau dysgu Cam Cynnydd 5 yn cynnig yr un lefel o her â Chymraeg a Saesneg i ddysgwyr BSL byddar 16 oed.

# Progression

- The descriptions of learning for BSL are presented as a continuum.
- Progression Step 1 will be the starting point when planning learning and teaching will be for Deaf BSL users aged 3-5 and also for older learners starting to learn BSL
- Progression Step 5 descriptions of learnings offer the same level of challenge as Welsh and English for deaf BSL learners at age 16.

# Disgwyliadau ar gyfer BSL fel iaith ryngwladol

## Expectations for BSL as an international language

- Fel gydag ieithoedd modern eraill, y disgwyliad yw bod plant hyd at 8 oed yn cael cyfleoedd i brofi a defnyddio'r iaith.
- Erbyn diwedd yr ysgol gynradd y disgwyl yw i blant wneud cynnydd mewn Cymraeg, Saesneg ac o leiaf un iaith ryngwladol arall
- As with other modern languages, the expectation is that children up to age 8 have opportunities to experience and use the language.
- By the end of primary school the expectation is for children to make progress in Welsh, English and at least one other international language

# Progression Step 1

## Languages connects us

Descriptions of learning for Languages connect us are common to all learners in all schools regardless of which languages they use and learn.

For BSL:

- Identities includes identity as a deaf person and BSL user in Wales and in the wider world
- Belonging includes belonging to the *Deaf community* (local and wider) aCulture, includes *Deaf culture* mediation, communicating meaning from one person to another, which can include within BSL or from one language to another
- Etymology and language evolution includes the origin of individual signs, changes over time and the history and status of BSL
- Language variation includes regional variation in BSL – like accents and dialects in Welsh and English, different BSL signs are used in different parts of Wales and the UK.

# Progression Step 1

Understanding languages is key to understanding the world around us.

- I am beginning to distinguish between phonologically similar signs.
- I am beginning to recognise some BSL *lip patterns* and *mouthings*.
- I can understand a range of signs across different contexts.
- I can experiment with vocabulary.
- I can recognise differences in signs and differences in non-manual features that show affirmation, negation and questions.
- I can recognise non-manual features in emotion signs.
- I am beginning to recognise fingerspelled words, particularly for familiar names.
- I can recognise and follow multi-step instructions about familiar topics and routines.
- can engage with BSL users with growing attention, making good use of eye contact.
- I can follow storytelling and descriptions of past events.

# Progression Step 1

## Expressing ourselves through languages is key to communication.

- I am beginning to form signs correctly.
- I can describe objects and events, building and extending my vocabulary.
- I am beginning to use the non-manual features of individual signs consistently.
- I am beginning to use signs to indicate time.
- I am beginning to use fingerspelled signs, for example for familiar names.
- I canan combine signs to form sentences.
- I can ask questions, using manual and non-manual features.
- I am beginning to show negation and affirmation using manual and non-manual features.
- I am beginning to modify *spatial verbs* to show movement or manner.
- I can use directional verb agreement.
- I can use a range of *handling classifiers*.
- I am beginning to use size and shape specifiers.
- I can use classifier repetition or numbers to show plurals.
- I am beginning to take turns in conversation, following the topic and following appropriate Deaf cultural norms (for example for gaining attention and giving feedback).
- I am beginning to ask and answer questions.
- I can share ideas and feelings, and express what I like and dislike.

# Progression Step 1

## Literature fires imagination and inspires creativity.

- I can tell short, simple stories in BSL.
- I can respond creatively to a range of *BSL literature*.
- I can use familiar signs and phrases and experiment with newly learned vocabulary.
- I am beginning to represent different characters in my narratives.
- I am beginning to modify my signing to enhance my narratives.
- can understand and recognise roles and characters in narratives that use *constructed action*.
- I can respond to *BSL literature* and can express simple opinions on it.
- I am beginning to ask and answer questions to clarify my understanding of BSL literature.

# Cyfleoedd a heriau

Yn eich grwpiau:

- Pa gyfleoedd ydych chi'n meddwl y gall cyflwyno BSL eu cynnig i ddysgwyr yn eich ysgol a'r gymuned ehangach?
- Pa heriau ydych chi'n eu gweld wrth gyflwyno BSL yn eich ysgol?

# Opportunities and challenges

In your groups:

- **What opportunities do you think introducing BSL can offer learners at your school and the wider community?**
- **What challenges do you see in introducing BSL in your school?**

# Ar y gweill

- Adnoddau ymwybyddiaeth BSL
- Adnoddau BSL addas ar gyfer Cam Cynnydd 1

# Work in progress

- BSL awareness resources
- BSL resources suitable for PS1

# Mwy o wybodaeth

- [Rhestr chwarae BSL Addysg Cymru](#)

# Further information

- [Education Wales BSL Playlist](#)