

Managing Director, Leighton Szade had a special reason for choosing Cefn Fforest having attended the school himself.

Leighton had not walked along the school corridors since leaving the school, so the opportunity to not only return to the school, but to give back to them, was very important to him. He recognised that The Bumbles of Honeywood Programme and the unique partnerships with businesses, supports the children's learning around enterprise and work, especially as he felt the current curriculum would benefit from role models from businesses to support the development of work and life skills.



Leighton is now known as 'one of the family' at the school, not only through his engagement on The Bumbles of Honeywood Programme at each of the workshops, but because he has used the programme as a 'foot in the door' to giving back to Cefyn Fforest in other ways. He has taken selection boxes for all the children at Christmas, attends and volunteers at their fetes and helped at their Christmas Nativity. He and his wife were also invited by the school to attend the Easter Play.

Recognising how parents were struggling with the cost of living crisis, Leighton has also teamed up with one of his customers; Castell Howell and through a close friend in The Salvation Army has arranged food banks at the school to help families with children at the school. Castell Howell delivers a pallet of food once a month, and the shipping container foodbank always has a queue out the door as soon as it is re-stocked.



Jayne Brewer, 2B Enterprising CEO, commented:

"Pallet Recycling South Wales have gone above and beyond to deepen the relationship with their partner school, and have used every opportunity to give back to them in thoughtful and impactful ways. Their relationship with the school, epitomises the aspirations we had when we set up the programme and the unique way we partner businesses with primary schools".

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