

Penclawdd Primary School celebrates...



International Women's Day





Tuesday 8th March 2022

- International Women's day is a day when we reflect on gender equality.
- This means, recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world.
- We have chosen three successful women who are connected to our school and have asked them about their careers and the success they have achieved.



Former pupil - Sam Hughes

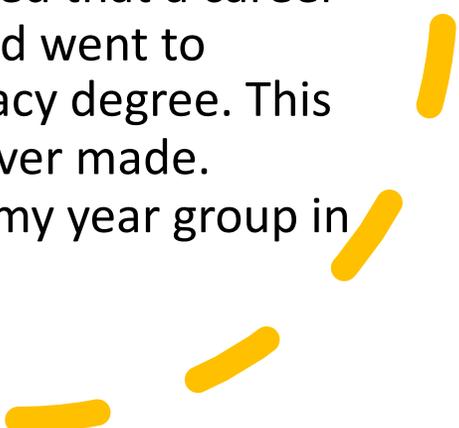
Former pupil

Samantha
Hughes

Back quite a few years ago now I was a pupil at **Penclawdd primary school**, just like you. After leaving Penclawdd I went to Gowerton comprehensive where I grew and did different subjects.

I decided to choose a range of GCSE's as I didn't know what I wanted to do, I did Triple Science, History, Maths, English, French, Welsh, Spanish to name a few. After gaining 11 GCSE's I wanted to stay in Gowerton for my A levels - I still didn't know what I wanted to do - and this is ok if you don't. I did Psychology, Chemistry, History and Welsh baccalaureate at A level and worked super hard over the 2 years to achieve 3 A's and 1 B.

After lots of decisions to be made, I finally decided that a career in Pharmacy was for me. So I left home at 18 and went to university in Reading, England to study a pharmacy degree. This was a long 4 years but the best decision I have ever made. During this time I achieved the highest grade in my year group in my final exams and had lots of fun!



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Sam - all the staff at
Penclawdd Primary are
EXTREMELY proud of you
and ALL your
achievements !

★ WELL DONE!! ★

Fast forward to 2022 and I am now living in London and working for the NHS at Northwick Park Hospital as a pre-registration Pharmacist. I work with other healthcare staff such as doctors and nurses to look after sick people and make them better, and I am planning on staying to pursue my career here. As a bit of inspiration, you can achieve whatever you set your mind to when you work hard and you can decide whatever you want to do.

There have always been lots of men in science, but now there are more and more girls who are pushing boundaries and getting involved in science - so i hope this is some motivation to show what both boys AND girls can achieve! And if you don't like science, there are plenty of other things you can do in life, you just have to find the thing you enjoy 😊

By Sam Hughes – January 2022



Mrs. Davies
Penclawdd
Primary School
Nursery and Y2
Teacher



Teacher

Mrs. Davies

I have always loved children and it was an ambition of mine to become a mum. I am truly blessed.

My forever dream was also to become a teacher. The journey began in Penclawdd Primary School in in 2006 I was employed as a Teaching Assistant – a job I loved. I studied Early Childhood Development and gained a First Class Honors Degree in 2017. Following this I was accepted on the Graduate Teacher Programme and trained in our school. I completed by NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) status and am very proud to be a fully qualified teacher.

I have always been very sporty and played hockey at county level. Later in life I have entered triathalon and endurance events. In 2019 I completed two long distance triathlon events, long course weekend plus IRONMAN.

If I can do all of the above then anyone can! What does it take, planning, determination and support from those who love you.



Sarah Hopkins - Screen Printer



Dylan's Place
printed in
2014



School Governor - Sarah Hopkins

We are very proud to have Sarah Hopkins as our school LEA Governor.

Sarah holds an MA in Fine Art and qualified with Distinction. She also has a Postgraduate Certificate of Education, and has taught in Further Education for over 30 years.

Sarah, a Swansea-based artist and printmaker has and continues to have a wonderful career. She is a shining example of having a career in a creative field. Her work as a Printmaker can be viewed in local galleries but also on her own website. <https://sarah-hopkins.co.uk>

Sarah has exhibited her work all over the world and is a highly regarded artist.

Sarah is inspired by architecture and landscapes.