



Headteacher

Tim  
Redgrave

Top character  
qualities developed

- Conscientiousness, curiosity and focus
- Teamwork
- Compassion
- Selflessness
- Honesty, integrity and dignity



## Ysgol Esgob Morgan

REGION Wales

TYPE Controlled Primary School

STUDENTS 98 pupils aged 7-11

A decade and a half ago, our school's reputation was so bad that parents actively avoided sending their children here. And because they were not respected in the community, our children did not respect it in its turn. **So we forged a huge turnaround by teaching them how respect and care for their environment and their home.** Wales receives less funding per child than England so we've had to be innovative with our resources – we turned our field into a garden and farm and now 50% of the school is involved with a gardening scheme in association with the Royal Horticultural Society. **Our eco-program keeps chickens, rabbits and grows produce while other students run a nutrition group to work alongside our catering staff.** Some produce is sold and we are hoping to start making jams and juices to be supplied in local shops. We keep our area clean with litter picks as part of the 'Keep Wales Tidy' programme and we help maintain the nearby river Elwy, which recently burst its banks. Our students take part in the 'Young Volunteers' scheme run by Denbyshire County Council and when someone's work is outstanding, we make sure we

recognise it with certificates, putting their story forward in the local press and nominating them up for external awards. **We've featured in the local paper for our volunteering work for 25 of the 33 weeks of the school.**

Over 30 of our children regularly arrive from 8am to help maintain the school grounds simply because they want to. **The school is organised and calm now because the students are all involved in areas over which they have ownership.** And the children are outside, away from their screens, working the land and growing things. But we've seen their attention in class rocket too and their commitment to their academic work is significantly higher. We're receiving attention regionally now and are frequently asked about our methods. **I say: just start doing it. If you start doing it the enthusiasm follows and the children learn a 'can-do' attitude.**



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“ We love the new polytunnel, getting outside and getting muddy. Mum doesn't mind because we have wellies and overalls to keep our clothes nice. Eco is the best! ”

Megan Pursell, Year 5 pupil