



# School Resource



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Cymru EWRO 2025 Poet



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Calling Wales'  
Creative Kids!



Back in October 2024 we asked you to write poems to show your support to Cymru as they were preparing to play the UEFA Women's EURO play-off matches.

**And you delivered!**

We received over 400 individual poems, which were shown to the Cymru players to inspire them before they faced Slovakia on Tuesday 29 October.

# Angharad James, Cymru Captain said:

*We're truly inspired by the support we're seeing from schools and children all over Wales, it means the world to us. Reading these poems filled with passion, pride, and creativity has given us an extra boost.*

*"A big thank you to every child who's written a poem for us, knowing that you're behind us on this journey is incredibly powerful. We'll be taking your words with us onto the pitch. Diolch o galon!"*





# And it worked!

Cymru did brilliantly  
and are now in  
Switzerland taking  
part in their first major  
tournament.



Not everyone can go to Switzerland to follow and support the team, so we've asked poet and performer Sarah McCreadie to follow the squad to Lucerne and on to St Gallen, supporting them as they take on the Netherlands, France and England. She is writing poems documenting her time there, singing her praises to the team and celebrating their historical journey.

**You can watch Sarah's video poems on the Literature Wales YouTube page:**

**[www.youtube.com/@LiteratureWales](https://www.youtube.com/@LiteratureWales)**









Sarah was so impressed with the poems you wrote to support Cymru before the play-offs – poems full of creativity, energy and inspiration – that she now has another task for you!



# The Task





# Cymru and Me



How do you feel when you watch Cymru? Poetry is a great way to express yourself and your perspective is unique. You could write a poem about a game you attended or you watched on TV or perhaps what the Cymru women's team mean to you.



# You are all poets with a story to tell!



**Tip:**

One way to make your poems extra creative is to include all the senses. This can make your writing feel alive and jump off the page like a leaping header. See if you can include all five. What do you hear when you watch a game? What do you see? Can you feel the goosebumps? Smell the wet grass? And maybe you even have a tasty halftime snack!



# Example - a poem by Sarah McCreadie:

## Wales vs Slovakia, October 29th 2024

She is blushing in red, first game

They have ponytails too

The glitter finish she opted for on her face paint

lit by floodlight

Giddy

to see a woman wear red

hear names like school friends

Kayleigh, Hannah, Ffion

sung in folklore hymn

She too sings

Wales

Wales

Wales

Joins the choir eternal

Her voice floats

on to the pitch

down the touchline

into the penalty box

Gôl



# For Teachers: Guide your learners to expand on the senses

- See:** What do you see at a Cymru match? What do you see on the pitch? Perhaps you could write about all the colours, the crowd or what it looks like when we score a goal!
- Hear:** What do you hear? What do The Red Wall sound like? What does it sound like when the ball hits the back of the net?
- Taste:** This one is more of a challenge but you can do it. Maybe you have particular half-time snacks!
- Smell:** Think about the smells in the air, from the wet grass to the burger vans!
- Touch:** What does it feel for a player to kick a ball? Or to pull off an important save! Or perhaps even a knee-slide celebration...







# Barod? Ready?



Get writing!

We would love to see your work. Why not film yourself performing it, or maybe you could take pictures, and share them on your school's social media platform\*. You can write as an individual, in pairs or as a group/class.

Remember to tag Literature Wales, and use the following hashtags:

#CymruAndMe #ForHer #AmdaniHi #TeamCymru #TîmCymru

Instagram: @llencymru\_litwales  
Facebook: LlenCymruLitWales

\* No social media? No Problem! Read on to find out how else you can share your work with us.



# The Small Print



- If your school doesn't have social media, but are willing for Literature Wales and its partners to share poems and videos, please send your poem and permissions to [pel-droed@llenyddiaethcymru.org](mailto:pel-droed@llenyddiaethcymru.org), with first name, age and either the name of the village/town/city where the children live or the school they attend.
- Poems will be displayed with the following information: First Name, Age, Location i.e. Tomos, 9, Aberystwyth / Plascrug Community School.
- We welcome poems by children up to 16 years.
- You would be welcome to send poems written as a group too. Please note the class/school year and the school e.g. A Poem by Year 4, Mount Stuart Primary School.





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