GRIFFITHSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our house system helps pupils develop a strong sense of belonging, pride and responsibility by connecting them to a team that extends beyond their class or year group. It also promotes leadership, positive relationships, participation and the school's values, enabling pupils of all ages to contribute to and strengthen the wider school community.

At Griffithstown Primary School, our house system reflects the Curriculum for Wales vision of developing learners who understand and value their cynefin. Through houses named after significant people, families and communities from our local area, pupils develop a strong sense of belonging, pride in Griffithstown and an appreciation of the rich history that has shaped their community. The house system helps learners understand the importance of identity, heritage and citizenship, whilst encouraging them to make a positive contribution to the future of their community.

Griffiths

Griffiths House is named after Henry Griffiths, the station master whose vision helped create the community of Griffithstown. By supporting local families to own their own homes, he played a significant role in shaping the village we know today and left a legacy of community spirit, opportunity and aspiration.

Kemys

Kemys House is named after the influential Kemys family, whose leadership and service helped shape Monmouthshire (old Torfaen,) for centuries. Their legacy can still be seen in the local landscape today through place names and historic landmarks across the region.

Panteg

Panteg House is named after the historic local parish and community in which much of modern Griffithstown developed. Griffithstown originally lay within the Parish of Panteg, which has been an important centre of local life for centuries. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the area became closely associated with the iron, steel and manufacturing industries that shaped the community.

Thomas

Thomas House reflects Griffithstown's proud industrial heritage. It is named after Richard Thomas, whose company became closely associated with Panteg Steel Works for much of the twentieth century. The steel industry provided employment and opportunity for local families across generations.

Summary

Griffiths represents the founder of modern Griffithstown, **Thomas** represents the area's industrial heritage, **Panteg** represents the local community, and **Kemys** represents the deep historical roots of the wider area stretching back many centuries.