

**Press Release**  
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**Photo Caption:** Melin's Office Manager Karen Jones, New Inn Primary School pupils and Newport Gwent Dragon Danny Lee celebrate St David's Day.

### **Melin Homes embrace Welsh roots**

Staff at Melin Homes embraced their Welsh roots by inviting local primary school children and a star rugby player to join them in a day of events to celebrate St David's Day.

New Inn Primary school choir were chauffeur driven in the Melin mini bus to the housing association's Pontypool offices on Monday 1st March<sup>to</sup> help staff raise the roof with a rendition of Mae Hen Wlad Fy

Nhadau.

They were joined by Newport Gwent Dragons and former All Blacks scrum half Danny Lee. The star player encouraged staff to join a target kicking competition in the office gardens.

Melin has been a keen sponsor of the Newport Gwent Dragons for the last two years and supports the work they do with many young people who live within our communities.

The St David's Day events are being organised in line with the Welsh Language Board initiative to boost the profile of Welsh.

A number of other events took place at the Melin offices throughout the day, including a Welsh themed fancy dress competition, Welsh language challenges, and a quiz called Never Forget Your Welsh, testing staff on their knowledge of national trivia.

Mark Gardner Chief Executive of Melin Homes said: "This series of fun events demonstrates our commitment to building partnerships in our local community as

well as encouraging staff to gain an interest and knowledge of Welsh language and culture.”

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**Notes to Editors**

Melin Homes is a not-for-profit landlord providing quality homes and services across Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, Newport, Powys and Torfaen. For further information please visit [www.melinhomes.co.uk](http://www.melinhomes.co.uk)

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