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Where did you grow up?

Llangefni until I was six years old, and then Nefyn, on the Llŷn Peninsular.

Where did you go to school?

Ysgol Gynradd Nefyn and then Ysgol Uwchradd Botwnnog.

What was the best / worst thing about your school?

I liked the chocolate sponge pudding and chocolate custard in the canteen, and I enjoyed writing stories, reading a novel together in class and playing rounders.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Author and zookeeper!

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

Y Gwningen yn Cipio'r Tân and *Gwe Gwenhwyfar*. Also, all the books by Elgan Philip Davies and the Judy Blume books.

What are your hobbies?

Going for walks, eating, and playing with my sons, Caio and Deri.

What makes you happy?

A warm, sunny morning with the birds singing.

What makes you angry?

People letting their dogs off the lead when they shouldn't.

When did you consider being an author?

I've always been writing, either picture books or a diary or short verses. It was never a conscious decision – it's just what I do!

From where do you get your ideas?

Lots of my ideas these days come from my children.

Are there any themes which particularly appeal to you?

I like writing about people rather than about specific themes or subjects.

What advice can you give to budding authors?

Try to write like your favourite author and then carry on writing until you find your own voice.

What's the best / worst part about being an author?

Best: someone saying that they've enjoyed one of my books.

Worst: spending hours on my own with only the laptop for company.

Quick fire questions:

Favourite childhood book?

Y Gwningen yn Cipio'r Tân.

Hoff gymeriad o lyfr?

Jini Mê.

Favourite place?

Dinas Dinlle beach.

Favourite food?

Salad. Joke! Chocolate cake.

Favourite film or show?

Moana.

Favourite word?

Pendwmpian (the Welsh word for 'amazing').

Superpower of choice?

The ability to freeze time.

Favourite social media network?

Instagram.

What makes you smile?

Hearing my sons in stitches with laughter.

If not an author, what would you be? Ideal job?

Running a cafe.

Top tip for budding authors?

Write notes – ideas don't stay in your head forever.