



ANNUAL GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS 2021-22

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Annwyl Rhieni a Gwarcheidwaid,

On behalf of our whole team at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our school. Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School continues to be a happy and successful school and that is only achieved by all stakeholders; parents, staff, pupils and Governors working together.

It continues to be a privilege to be leading Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School. We have a fantastic team here and wonderful pupils who all help to ensure that our school is the best place to learn. We build on the firm foundations you have already created in your child's early years and enjoy working with you to maintain that momentum. We work hard to help children develop a love of learning and strive to provide a rich and broad curriculum. Above all we want your child to be happy, to feel secure and enjoy coming to school.

It is our firm belief that it is every child's entitlement to receive the best education possible and it is our very real intention, of all the staff and the governors of Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School, to provide that standard of education for your child. We are looking forward to the year ahead. School is currently preparing for the new curriculum and is ensuring, as always, that pupil wellbeing is central.

Miss Marina Parsons
Pennaeth / Headteacher

The Governing Body recognises the importance of maintaining the inclusive and supportive school ethos which has been created at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School. We will be working closely with Miss Parsons and the rest of the staff to ensure that whatever challenges may arise at a local, national and indeed global level, our school will continue to move from strength to strength.

Mrs Gaenor Johnson
Cadeirydd Llywodraethwyr / Chair of Governors

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Governors meetings

The full Governing Body met each half term throughout the academic year via Zoom. Governors discussed and made a variety of decisions regarding staffing, premises and budgetary matters. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, Governors have been limited in their participation of school life through visits and activities such as: learning walks, concerts, assemblies, sporting and fund-raising events. The Governing Body has continued to conduct its duty via email and Zoom meetings. Copies of the minutes of Governors' meetings are available for any parent/guardian or interested party to view by telephoning 01745 570171.

Composition and terms of office of the Governing BodyFoundation Governors

Chair - Mrs G Johnson	office ends	Sept 2021
Vice Chair - Mr D Gladwin	office ends	Sept 2021
Mrs J Roberts	office ends	Sept 2021
Mrs R Wright	office ends	Sept 2022
Vacancy	office ends	xxxxxxxxxx
Mrs P Bagguley	office ends	April 2020
Mrs H Papworth	office ends	July 2024
Mrs Joyce Hawkins	office ends	Oct 2022
Vacancy	office ends	xxxxxxxxxx
Mr Tim Roberts	office ends	Jan 2024
Reverend David Lewis	office ends	ex-officio

Other Governors

Parent Governor - Mr Dave Gladwin	office ends	Oct 2022
Community Council Governor - Mr D Ellis	office ends	June 2024
Teacher Governor – Miss C Hughes	office ends	Aug 2024
Headteacher - Miss M Parsons	office ends	N/A
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs L Evans	N/A

Policies

All statutory policies have been reviewed and copies of these are available on the school website or upon request. A number of policies have been updated in light of Covid-19 during the year and copies of all relevant policies and the Risk Assessment are available on request from the school. Please contact the school with any other queries that you may have.

Finance

Governors have not claimed expenses this year. The school budget for 2021-22 was used to provide sufficient teaching and support staff levels, covering additional sickness levels, purchasing play and outdoor equipment and Welsh resources. The finance plan is monitored by the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the designated LA officer.

Sample activities undertaken by members of the Governing Body during 2021-22

The governors are committed to providing opportunities for high quality continuing professional development in order to raise the standards of teaching, learning and care of pupils at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School.

Governors attend appropriate training for their role; including Governor Induction, Child Protection and Safeguarding. Governors are aware of current developments with regard to the Curriculum for Wales and approved the Curriculum Statement. A Governor listens to Key Stage 2 learners weekly to support development of Welsh reading skills.

School Resource Management and Safety

The Diocese has supported funding for stonework repairs to the chimney. Fire drills and safety checks are carried out on a regular basis throughout the year; issues are reported to the Governing Body, the Diocese or the Local Authority for action.

The School Curriculum

We have continued to support initiatives to encourage art, drama music and sport. Cross-curricular planning and use of the outdoor learning environment is an important and on-going area of development for the school. It focuses on the holistic development of children and their skills across the curriculum. All classes are now following a skills, knowledge and experiences-based curriculum. All classrooms now have interactive whiteboards to support teaching and learning and learners have access to individual devices.

Each child develops their own thinking skills; enabling them to explore in their learning. The children focus more on how to learn; are frequently required to verbalise and to articulate their thinking/learning and support each other's efforts to learn and jointly construct their learning. They are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and make informed decisions, reflect, monitor and self-evaluate their own progress. Learners and teachers have a common language of learning.

The school is a Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School and is part of the Diocese of St Asaph. We are a predominantly English medium primary school. We teach Welsh as a second language to all pupils. The School continues to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which offers pupils engaging and exciting learning opportunities.

We support the concept of lifelong learning, recognising that both adults at school and children learn new things every day. We maintain that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. Through our teaching we seek to equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their lives.

We recognise that people learn best in different ways and we aim to provide a rich and varied learning environment that supports children in developing their skills and abilities in a range of ways, in order to achieve their full potential.

Through our teaching we aim to develop pupils who are:

Ambitious, capable learners

Enterprising, creative contributors

Ethical, informed citizens

Healthy confident individuals

We teach learners through curricular topics which cover a broad range of themes (Humanities, Expressive Arts, Science, Health and Wellbeing) over the course of a year. The curriculum is designed to allow opportunities for learners to develop their literacy and numeracy skills in a range of contexts incorporating the Digital Competency Framework. Each topic starts with an interesting visit or activity and ends with a presentation of work to parents and Governors.

There are opportunities to be creative, to solve problems and to work both independently and collaboratively. New digital technologies and ICT are integral to most themes. We teach Mathematics and Numeracy, English (LLC), RVE and Welsh discretely and additionally through cross curricular topics and themes; pupils build up their knowledge and skills to apply them across the curriculum.

Religion, Values and Ethics and Welsh (Second Language) are an important element of our curriculum. The school's Criw Cymraeg also promote the wider use of the Welsh language throughout the school. The wider curriculum includes PE, personal and social education as well as global citizenship and learning in the outdoors.

We believe that we offer learners a broad, balanced education which will equip them well for lifelong learning. We want them to enjoy their time at school, develop confidence and be active members of our school and wider community.

The school took part in the Welsh in the Outdoors pilot scheme for Flintshire County Council.

Arrangements are made to adapt the curriculum as necessary to allow all learners, including those with a Statement of Educational Need, to make good progress in their learning. School intervention programmes include speech therapy, NWRRP, precision teaching and basic skills work. We have a school-based ELSA to support emotional development.

Welsh Language / Yr Iaith Gymraeg

It is important that the children of Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School are taught Welsh as a second language. It enriches their knowledge and understanding of the culture and

heritage of Wales. It develops their personalities and ability to contribute to the community giving them a sense of place and identity.

The aims of teaching Welsh at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School are to develop knowledge, understanding and skills within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing; to create a Welsh ethos which promotes opportunities for children to enjoy the rich heritage of Wales. Pupils and staff are encouraged to use the 'phrase of the week' chosen by the Criw Cymraeg. Welsh assemblies take place each fortnight. The use of incidental Welsh is encouraged across the curriculum and throughout the school day. The school was successful in achieving the Siarter Iaith Silver award and is now working hard to achieve the Aur (Gold) award.

Progress since the last inspection

The headteacher and teaching staff drive sustained improvement to the quality of teaching through rigorous monitoring and support to develop teachers' skills.

Teachers plan work which matches pupils' needs so that they quickly consolidate their knowledge and this preparation for independent work means that children work at their best rate and increase their learning by learning from each other as they work.

High-quality questioning develops pupils' understanding of what they read and experience so they see beyond the obvious and are able to explain for example how an author is creating a character's special qualities and equips them very well for their own writing.

High expectations of what pupils can do drive their enthusiasm. Immediate feedback to pupils on the quality of their work and how they can improve it, is a powerful tool well used by teachers to accelerate pupils' progress. As they mature, pupils are increasingly given opportunities to reflect on their work and decide how they will improve its quality or accuracy.

School prospectus

A visual tour of the school has been created by the Ethos Council and is available to view on the school website. The school prospectus is updated annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government or other related bodies. Updates include staffing, calendar of dates and school routines. The prospectus is available on the school website. An Early Years prospectus is also available.

School Links with the Community, Business and Industry

Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School is keen to promote links with local businesses and other organisations within our community. We have maintained strong links with Prestatyn High School and liaison meetings take place between teachers from cluster schools. Transition activities were online.

All teachers work within the Holywell cluster of schools on a range of school development projects: digital learning projects, sharing videos, using SeeSaw for tracking and assessment and to develop planning and assessment approaches for the new Curriculum for Wales.

The School, Eco and Ethos Councils led events to enable the whole school to work collaboratively on common goals e.g. Christmas Refuge, Spirituality, water conservation. The pupil councils organised smaller class-based events, such as 'own clothes day' to support their charity work.

Pupils Year 3/4 took part in a Dementia Awareness campaign, working over a number of weeks in drama workshops to create a video to be shared within the community. This highlighted the issues and experiences of those with dementia within several areas of life.

Community / Arts

No community events were held in the school during 2021. During 2022, we were able to invite families and the community to Fairtrade coffee mornings and events hosted by the children e.g. Show and Tell.

The school was successful in acquiring a substantial grant from the Welsh Arts Council and worked with a local Welsh artist to create a 'Croeso' sign by our main entrance; highlighting local features of the area and promoting the Welsh ethos of our school.

Sporting Aims and Achievements

Health and well-being have had a strong focus throughout 2021-22. We encouraged as much outdoor learning and play as was practical. Team sports were limited during the past year; however, each class enjoyed a significant proportion of the day being active through sports, Active Maths and Junkyard (loose parts) activities.

The school took part in several sports workshops throughout the year, led by Aura Sports. A range of sports were on offer, from American Football to Boccia.

Extra-curricular activities

A variety of arts, sports, digital and Welsh extra-curricular activities were offered during 2021-22. Children were able to work with other adults and professionals, such as artists and sports coaches.

Meetings with parents

Target setting meetings were held via telephone for all parents in October and February, most parents attended. Throughout the year, outdoor meetings or telephone meetings were held with individual parents as and when questions or concerns were raised. Teachers are available to support learners and parents daily via our SeeSaw online platform. Reports were sent to parents via SeeSaw in the summer term with an overview of children's progress, effort and attainment.

Hygiene / Provision of Toilet Facilities

The school water systems are checked regularly for legionella bacteria. This continued throughout periods of school closure. The school provides sufficient w/c facilities for the number of pupils on roll. Facilities are cleaned on a daily basis, including at lunchtime. Pupils are encouraged to form good hygiene habits from a young age.

Healthy Eating and Well-being

Children are encouraged to follow healthy lifestyles and we actively support and promote health and well-being. The development of healthy lifestyles is of

importance in our school. School lunches are provided by Newydd Catering Services and we encourage parents to supply pupils with a healthy packed lunch, where school dinners are not taken.

A Healthy Snack is provided for all pupils, following the support of Thomas Plant Hire to finance this initiative. Pupils have access to fresh water in their classes. Foundation Phase pupils receive milk during their morning break.

Fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or foods high in fat and salt are not encouraged by the school. All snacks and drinks provided for the Foundation Phase are in line with the guidelines set out by the Welsh Government.

The children have continued to enjoy using a range of play and loose parts equipment during their break times. The Criw Cymraeg developed the Shed Cymraeg, supplying children with a range of additional resources to use on the yard and multiple opportunities for them to use Welsh whilst outside. Pupil Voice is effective.

The School Council develop links with our community and our Ethos Council maintain our vision and aims. The Criw Cymraeg are responsible for promoting and developing the use of the Welsh language across all aspects of school life; ensuring that children have a pride and deep understanding of Welsh culture.

We have a good PSHE curriculum addressed through class sessions and circle time. In surveys children highlight very positive attitudes to school life and report that they feel safe and happy at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School. The Digi-squad are responsible for supporting the development of digital skills throughout the school; promoting online safety and acting as a source of assistance for both adults and pupils ensuring the school community know how to keep safe online. Children take part in a range of activities to ensure that they feel safe at school.

All members of staff and Governors receive annual Child Protection training. The school continues to have a robust safeguarding and child protection procedure in place, including safer recruitment.

This year the Eco Council achieved the Platinum Plus Award.

School performance

There is no school data for 2021-22

Attendance rates by whole school and classes 2021-22

Target 2021-22 = 96% / Actual 2021-22 = 91.4% / Target 2022-23 = 96%

N / R = 88%

Years 1 and 2 = 91.5%

Years 3 and 4 = 93.9%

Years 5 and 6 = 91.8%

The school monitors attendance and punctuality. Parents are encouraged to take holidays when school is closed or these days may be recorded as unauthorised absences. Where attendance falls below an acceptable level, the school works in collaboration with the Education Welfare Officer and families.

DATES AND SESSION TIMES 2021-22

Autumn term

Open 1st Sept - 22nd Oct

Open 1st Nov - 22nd Dec

Spring term

Open 6th Jan - 18th Feb

Open 28th Feb – 8th Apr

Summer term

Open 25th Apr - 27th May

Open 6th June - 20th Jul

Usual session times:

Nursery 8.55 am- 11.30 am

Infants 8.55 am-12.00 pm

1.00 pm-3.05 pm

Juniors 8.55 am-12.00 pm

1.00 pm-3.20 pm

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