



A SUMMARY OF THE GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

The school year 2021-22 saw a number of positive changes, as life increasingly returned to normal after Covid interruptions. This year, the children were able to spend much more time together, for example performing and singing together in the school hall for the first time in two years. Many familiar activities returned to the calendar, including pupils' visits to the Urdd camps at Glanllyn and Cardiff, and the Urdd Eisteddfod, where the school celebrated successes in music and arts and crafts. Pupils shone in sport too, winning football tournaments and representing Bodhyfryd across Wales. Congratulations to all the children and thank you to the staff for enabling these activities!

Throughout the year, the children also took part in a wonderfully wide range of activities from street dance to animation, netball to gardening. School staff also applied successfully for several grants to improve the outdoor areas, which now look fantastic. From September 2022, the New Curriculum for Wales becomes statutory and the school has been preparing extensively for this – we wish the staff all the very best with these changes. Finally, in the summer of 2022, Mrs Penge was appointed as permanent Deputy Head – congratulations to Mrs Penge! The school is in safe hands for the future.

A big thank you to all the staff who keep the children safe day in and day out and best wishes to everyone for the rest of the academic year – *diolch yn fawr*.

Liz Edwards

No meetings were held with parents under Section 94 of the School Standards Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 during this year.

In the past, annual meetings were arranged at the time of the Governors' annual report to parents. This arrangement has now changed. Parents now have the opportunity to meet with the Governing Body should a minimum of 10% of parents wish to discuss a specific issue. You should remember, therefore, that this is open to parents throughout the year (up to a maximum of three meetings a year).

Elections of parent governors

The next elections for the parents' representatives on the governing body will be held on 9.2.25

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY 21-22

CHAIR: Dr Elizabeth Edwards

CLERK: Adrienne Jones

It is possible to contact Dr Elizabeth Edwards or Adrienne Jones by contacting the school office, 01978 351168

Name and status of Governing Body members

Name	Representing	End date
Rhodri Davies	Chair Parent Governor	19.05.17 – 18.05.21
Dr Elizabeth Edwards	Chair Parent Governor	8.2.21 – 8.2.25
Gareth Williams	Vice Chair Community	8.4.19-7.04.23
Cynghorydd Alun Jenkins	Local Authority	10.3.20 – 9.3.24
Cynghorydd Graham Rogers	Local Authority	1.7.20 – 30.6.24
Cynghorydd Linda Subacchi	Additional community	04.02.22 – 03.02.26
Nerys Davies	Head	18.07.18 – 17.07.22
Gwawr Thomas	Community	31.08.21 – 31.08.25
Jenny Humphreys	Community	3.1.21 – 3.1.25
Catrin Penge	Teacher governor	25.1.21-24.1.25
Shaun Richardson	Staff Governor	25.1.21 – 24.1.25
Angharad Jones	Parent Governor	1.03.22 – 28.02.26
Claire Tomlinson	Parent Governor	15.10.21 – 14.10.25
Nia Redman	Local Authority	1.12.21 – 30.11.25
Mra Karen Wilson	Clerk	27.11.18 – 26.11.21
Adrienne Jones	Clerk	12.3.22 – 12.3.26
Amanda	Clerk	27.11.21– 12.3.22

Community connections

The school maintains strong links with the local community. The local environment is used extensively to enrich the pupils' learning experiences. Natural resources within the local area provide valuable opportunities for the pupils to develop curricular areas such as Knowledge and Understanding of the World (Foundation Phase) History, Geography, Art, Religious Education and outdoor activities in Key Stage 2. We support local organisations through participating in various activities and events within the local area, enhancing the school's reputation in the process. A variety of visitors come in to support the pupils' learning, and share their specialist skills. We have strong links with the local Councillors, and we benefit significantly from the work of the local community council and the County Council. The school has developed strong links with local care homes, and the pupils take part in a variety of activities with the residents. Our school Police Officer is PC Mark Jones, who works specifically with Years 2, 4 and 6. During the year, the school held a number of activities, raising money for a number of charities.

Sporting events

During the year, the school has supported several different sporting activities. Due to Covid, there were less sporting activities with the Urdd but we have continued with a range of sporting activities during the year. There have been strong links with the Wrexham tennis and football clubs, and staff have been holding sessions for the pupils. Year 3 to 6 pupils receive swimming lessons at the local swimming pool, and pupils from the reception up to Year 6 visit Queensway gym for gymnastic lessons.

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The school works diligently to ensure effective delivery of the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 curriculum. The curriculum is taught through a variety of methods (eg whole class teaching, group work, individual work, paired work). The pupils are included in the process of planning the direction of their learning, in order to ensure that they're interested in what they're learning, and that we are aware of what they already know about a particular topic. We aim for every individual to be challenged to achieve to the best of their potential. To ensure this, a child must be enthusiastic towards learning. Through a variety of strategies, we work very hard to nurture a child's wellbeing and develop their confidence and self esteem. We believe that happy, confident children work more effectively. Pupils with additional learning needs are supported through a variety of methods (1 to 1 support, small groups, differentiated work within the classroom, streaming across year groups, in class teaching assistant support). Outside specialist agencies provide support in line with the child's needs. Parents are included in the process and outcomes shared. The school's Additional Learning Needs and Wellbeing Co-ordinator is Mrs Sian Jones.

ATTENDANCE OF THE PUPILS 2021 – 2022

The school's attendance percentage for the whole year

90.2%

Authorized absences – 8.5%

Unauthorized - 1.3%

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Priority 1

Develop effective approaches to learning the new curriculum, focusing on the 12 pedagogy principles

Priority 2

Continue to develop the effective teaching of numeracy across the curriculum

Priority 3

Continue to develop pupils' Welsh language accuracy

Priority 4

Prepare for the ALN changes