YSGOL Y LAWNT

School Year
2020—2021

THE GOVERNORS' GAZETTE

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRLADY



THE ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a challenging year for everyone. The world as we knew it changed over night and we are now beginning to live the 'new normal'.

I would like to thank the whole school community for helping to keep everyone safe during this terrible pandemic.

The staff, pupils and parents received a crash course in online and home schooling and we are so proud of everyone's achievements.

Mrs Davies and all her staff have ensured that the children were able to return to school safely, working under strict Covid 19 guidelines as set out by the Welsh Government and the Local Authority.

As we are all aware, Covid 19 has not left us, but as we learn more about the virus and how we have to live with it, it is important that we continue to support one and other by respecting each others space and following guidelines as set by the Welsh Government and adopted by the school.

Restrictions will eventually come to an end and normality will return. In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Christine Chater
Chairlady
Ysgol y Lawnt
Governing Body

Inside .....

What's happening in your child's school
Information for parents / targets / attendance / budget/ term dates

WHO'S WHO ON THE GOVERNING BODY

Name	Position
Sharon Davies	Headteacher
Christine Chater	Chairlady
William D Evans	Vice Chair
Kath Scott	Deputy Headeacher
Claire Ingram	LEA
Alyn Davies	Community representative.
Jill Morris	Community representative.
Catrin Flanagan	Community representative.
Katherine Hallam	Parent Rep
Katie Godfrey	Parent Rep
Abbie James	Parent Rep
Samantha Theophilus	Parent Rep
Joanne Vest	Parent Rep
Natalie Field	Staff Rep

Vacancies :

We currently have one parent governor vacancy on the Governing Body. Governors are appointed for a period of four years.

Parents will be informed by the school of the vacancy on the Governing Body and applicants will be invited to put their name forward.

All parents who vote for an applicant should return their votes to school in a sealed envelope. These are then forwarded to Governor Support at CCBC to be counted.

School does not have responsibility for counting votes.

Chairlady

Mrs Christine Chater

Ysgol y Lawnt,

Surgery Hill,

Rhymney

Caerphilly

NP22 5LS

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

MS ANNA LEWIS

TREDOMEN

Ysgol y Lawnt

GOVERNING BODY STATUS AND TERM OF EXPIRY

NAME	STATUS	TERM EXPIRES
Sharon Davies	Headteacher	N/A
Christine Chater	Chairlady	N/A
William D Evans	Vice Chair	N/A
Kath Scott	Deputy Headteacher	17.05.2025
Alyn Davies	Minor Authority	03.03.2025
Jill Morris	Community representative.	28.09.2025
Katherine Hallam	Community Representative	02.03.2025
Catrin Flanagan	Community Representative	02.03.2025
Abbie James	Parent representative	07.03.2025
Katie Godfrey	Parent representative	07.03.2025
Samantha Theophilus	Parent representative	07.03.2025
Natalie Field	Staff representative	24.02.2024
Claire Ingram	LEA	N/A
Joanne Vest	Observer	

SCHOOL ADDRESS AND DETAILS

Surgery Hill,
Rhymney,
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TEACHING STAFF AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Enw gwreiddiol y dosbarth / class original name.	Enw'r dosbarth Class name.	Athro / Athrawes Teacher
Meithrin / Nursery	Blodau menyn	Mrs J Green / Mrs Rudd / Miss
Derbyn / Reception	Llygaid y dydd	Mrs D Jones / Miss Pearce / Miss Field / Miss Perrin
Blwyddyn 1 / year 1	Clychau'r gog	Mrs Powell / Mrs O'Brien / Miss
Blwyddyn 2 / year 2	Lili	Mrs Watkins / Miss Donovan
Blwyddyn 3 / year 3	Cenhinen bedr	Miss Noakes
Blwyddyn 4 / year 4	Briallu	Miss Poulton
Blwyddyn 5 / year 5	Eirlys	Ms Jones
Blwyddyn 6 / year 6	Meillion	Miss Scott
ALNCo		Mrs Kinnear
Ymyrraeth / intervention	Lafant	Mrs Powell
PPA	Mrs Kinnear / Mrs Green	

AGM—The GB is no longer required to hold an annual meeting with parents to discuss the report. This requirement has been replaced with the duty on the GB to hold a meeting with parents on receipt of parental petition as outlined in the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) 2013 Act.

Curriculum

Ysgol y Lawnt offers a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that stimulates the academic, moral, spiritual and social development of each child. Foundation Phase pupils are immersed in the Welsh language. English is introduced at Key Stage 2. We encourage pupils to speak Welsh in all aspects of school life. When a child starts school, instructions are re-enforced in both English and Welsh until the child is confident to speak Welsh.

Education is constantly evolving and following the publication of The Donaldson Report the school community is preparing for launch of the Successful Futures Curriculum.

All pupils throughout the school will follow the same themes and projects are carefully planned to encompass all the requirements of the Foundation Phase Curriculum for pupils in the Nursery to year 2 and the National Curriculum for years 3 to 6. The Literacy and Numeracy Framework, aims to ensure that there are opportunities for pupils to fully develop their literacy and numeracy skills in all aspects of their learning. All pupils have personal targets. Realistic and ambitious targets are set a year in advance for year 6 pupils. Parents' evening are held each term to discuss pupil's targets, performance and educational development. Parents' are contacted if a child has specific needs, or we notice a change in their personality / behaviour.

The school has a range of school based policies in place. Parents are welcome to see these upon request.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN)

As a Governing Body we endeavour to do as much as we can to improve the provision for children with ALN. An Individual Development Plan is prepared for pupils on the ALN Register. The register is reviewed termly. This enables the school to monitor the needs of individuals, and is aligned to the requirements of the ALN Code of Practice.

We also recognise pupils who are 'More Able and Talented' (MAT). Pupils are grouped appropriately and work is set as to challenge each individual.

Activities and Achievements

The Urdd Movement

We are looking forward to the return of the Urdd Movement. Unfortunately due to the Pandemic our yearly Urdd activities were halted. Our talented staff provide a range of opportunities for the pupils, these include sporting competitions, singing, reciting, acting cooking and art. The Urdd has a competition to suit all ages and abilities.

Extra Curricula Activities

To prevent the spread of Covid 19, the mixing of bubbles was not permitted, therefore all extra curricula activities halted. However, after school clubs and dinner time clubs will resume when it is safe to do so. All clubs are run voluntarily by school staff. We are extremely grateful to staff who give of their own time to ensure that pupils have opportunities to develop new skills through acting, singing, dancing and also through a variety of sports.

Not all schools are as fortunate as ours, we have willing staff to carry out these activities for our children to enjoy and also these resources benefit parents too.

Instrumental Tuition

Instrumental tuition has been halted due to Covid 19. These will resume when it is safe to do so.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will resume when it is deemed safe.

End of year celebrations 2021

At the end of the school year, celebrations took place on the yard.

Pupils enjoyed a vast array of celebrations, which included a water party, sports day, games and a trip around the world!

All classes chose a country, the pupils learnt about traditions from around the world and a dance from the country they had been studying.

Celebrations took place and the whole school had a picnic and a party in the sun!

The perfect end to a difficult year.



Celebrations

The school celebrates pupils achievements and are always eager to know what your child has achieved outside of school.

Please encourage your child to share their special moments with the school.

Community links

Ysgol y Lawnt work very closely with parents and encourage parents to attend meetings and events held by the school. There is a pro-active PTA who arrange a wide range of activities throughout the year and this is very well supported.

People from the local and wider community are invited into school to share their expertise with the pupils.

As a school we support community events.

Emergency services play a vital role in school life. Community police help with traffic control. Fire services come into school to speak to the pupils.

We are an
Eco School
Healthy Eating School
Fair Trade School
Autistic Aware

Official Visit by : Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales - May 2014

Below are the recommendations following our Estyn visit May 2014.

The school have addressed all of the recommendations in their School Development plan.

R1—Raise the level of challenge for More Able and Talented Pupils

R2—Raise the standards of pupils creative writing skills in both languages at KS2.

R3— Improve Attendance

R4—Develop the governors understanding of their role as a critical friend in order to challenge the schools performance effectively.

R5—Strengthen the schools self evaluation process and improve the quality of the school development plan.

Transition to Secondary School

Ysgol y Lawnt works closely with Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. During the two years prior to pupils transferring to the secondary school, both year 5 and year 6 pupils are given opportunities to visit the school.

Covid 19 has impacted upon transition arrangements, but ordinarily, all Cwm Rhymni cluster schools send their pupils on transition days.

Enhanced transition is also available for pupils who have additional needs.

Good luck and best wishes the year six pupils who transferred to the comprehensive school in September 2021.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS

Key Stage 2 and the Foundation Phase.

Pupils reached realistic targets set by the teachers. End of year results did not have to be submitted to the Welsh Government due to the Pandemic.

Baseline Assessments

Baseline assessments were carried out with all nursery pupils during their first six weeks in school.

National Reading & Numeracy tests were no carried out this academic year.

Targets set by the Governing Body for the coming three years.

The targets set by the Governing Body are closely linked to standards in literacy, numeracy and science. Also targets to maintain and further improve attendance is high on the agenda. The Governing Body challenge the school to ensure these targets are achieved.

Target setting within the school.

Individual targets for improvements are set for each pupils every half term and progress is tracked and monitored accordingly.

Thank you

Once again a big thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work at the school.

Extra Curricula Activities and Sporting Activities

The school offers a range of sporting and extra curricula activities. Pupils are given the opportunity to participate in netball, football, rugby, cricket, Urdd and swimming competitions organised by the school.

Extra Curricula Activities

Staff at the school offer a wide range of opportunities for pupils.

> Cookery club
> Eco / Art club
> Olympics
> Rugby
> Football
> Netball
> Choir
> Glee
>Cwtsh Cymreig
> Cross Country
> Folk Dancing Lessons
> Music Lessons
> Hockey
> Table tennis

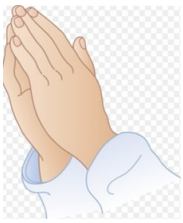
Further details are available from the school



School lesson times:

Morning sessions:	Afternoon sessions:
Lesson 1 > 9:00—10.00am	Lesson 3 > 12.30—2:00pm
Lesson 2 > 10.20—11.30am	Lesson 4 > 2:15—3:30pm

Pupils attend school assembly 3 times a week and attend class assembly twice a week.



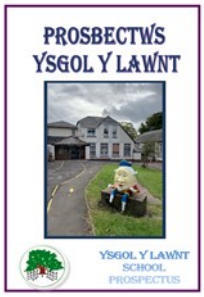
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School Prospectus

If you require a school prospectus, please go to the school website or contact the school office for a paper copy of our prospectus.





Nursery, Rising 3's and Mudiad Mwy

We have a morning Nursery class. Pupils are welcomed into school the term following their 3rd birthday.

School starts at 9.00am for the nursery.

During the morning they will have fruit and milk or water. The children will be taught a range of early writing and counting skills and a range of activities will be taught to develop fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery sessions end at 11.45am.

From September 2018—Mudiad Mwy have provided wrap around child care for Nursery pupils during the afternoon. The wrap around is very well attended at all times.

Attendance: School Target is 94%

Attendance was significantly affected during 2020 –2021 because of Covid 19. End of year attendance 2020-2021 = 89.2%

Parents worked closely with school and followed the Welsh Assembly Guidelines.

Pupils attended school when it was deemed safe and when they did not have to self isolate.

Moving forward to 2021 –2022, self isolation rules have now changed and whole classes will not have to self isolate if there is a positive covid case within the class.

Targets to raise attendance:

- school to text /ring parents if child is not in school.
- Red/Yellow/Green letters
- EWO contacted if pupil displays poor attendance.
- Children's services contacted for extremely poor attendance.
- Parents must request holiday forms to take child out of school.
- Reward system in place.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

- Term starts Thursday 2 September 2021
- Half term starts Monday 25 October 2021
- Half term ends Friday 29 October 2021

Term ends Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 2022

- Term starts Tuesday 4 January 2022
- Half term starts Monday 21 February 2022
- Half term ends Friday 25 February 2022

Term ends Friday 8 April 2022

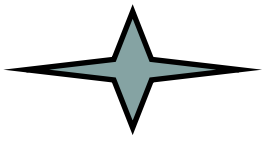
Summer Term 2022

- Term starts Monday 25 April 2022
- Half term starts Monday 30 May 2022
- Half term ends Friday 3 June 2022

Term ends Friday 22 July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

- Term starts Friday 2 September 2022
- Half term starts Monday 31 October 2022
- Half term ends Friday 4 November 2022
- Term ends Friday 23 December 2022



Outturn Budget Report 2020-2021

SCHOOL: Ysgol Y Lawnt

OUTTURN REPORT 2020-2021

OLAS	OUTTURN BUDGET 2020-21
EMPLOYEES	£
Teachers	634,525
Support Staff	245,881
Other Staff related costs	13,034
Sub Total	**893,440**
PREMISES RELATED	
Building Maintenance	12,762
Gas	5,059
Electricity	7,575
Rates	12,305
Water	1,658
Fire Fixtures	-
Cleaning Contract	12,077
Refuse Collection	2,942
Insurance	6,420
Hygiene	816
Alarms	1,240
Window Cleaning / Servicing / Misc	-
CCTV	60
Sub Total	**62,914**
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	
Computer Costs	17,259
Capitation/Stationary	48,043
Music Support Services	1,020
Licences	146
School Trips	
Telephone Charges	2,687
Photocopying	2,070
Transport Hire / Swimming	
Medical	341
Misc Expenses	5
Retrospective clawback -CAG	
Sub Total	**71,571**
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	
All Services	**26,489**
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANS (including PDG /EIG Overspend)	**-**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**1,054,414**
INCOME	
Reimbursement School Meals	5,693
Supply Compensation	13,940
Miscellaneous & Other Income	83,267
Devolved	14,050
EIG / PDG	118,274
Grant Funding	98,460
Early Years Funding	15,579
TOTAL INCOME	**349,263**
NET EXPENDITURE	**705,151**
TOTAL SURPLUS/CONTINGENCY	**100,271**
TOTAL	**805,422**
TOTAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL	
FUNDING	
Formula Allocation (net of retro. adj)	729,941
Retrospective Adjustment from prev yr.	684
Total Formula Allocation	730,625
Total Carried Forward from prev. yr.	74,797
TOTAL FUNDING	**805,422**
BUDGET SHORTFALL	

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Here are the outside classroom.

Our wildlife area is used for a wide range of activities, including pond dipping, bug hunts, nature trails, bird spotting and wild life observations. We also have allotments for the pupils to plant fruit and vegetables.









Foundation Phase Provision









Lesson / Story telling area and amphitheatre



