YSGOL Y LAWNT

School Year
2023—2024

THE GOVERNORS' GAZETTE

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRLADY



THE ANNUAL REPORT

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
Janet Williams	Community representative.
Catrin Flanagan	Community representative.
Katherine Hallam	Parent Rep
Angharad King	Parent Rep
Samantha Theophilus	Parent Rep
Joanne Vest	Parent Rep



Llongyfarchiadau / Congratulations to Pupils and Staff at Ysgol y Lawnt for their launch of their Swap Shop.

We are very proud of our Pupils and Staff at Ysgol y Lawnt who are always looking for ways to save the planet and save money. Most recently they have established a Swap Shop in Caffi Clic a Chlonc. The Eco Committee are committed to re-cycling school uniform, PE kits, winter coats, sandwich boxes, football boots and much much more! The most amazing thing is we are recycling, saving the planet and saving money at the same time! It's a win win situation for everyone!

Well done Ysgol y Lawnt!

Inside .....

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

Arolygiaeth Ei Mawrhydi dros Addysg a Hyfforddiant yng Nghymru
Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

Ysgol y Lawnt were inspected by Estyn from October 17th—20th 2022.
Estyn published their report on 19th December 2022.
Here's what Estyn said about Ysgol y Lawnt :

Ysgol y Lawnt is a successful learning community that celebrates the progress and achievement of all pupils particularly effectively.

Teachers and learning assistants have high expectations for all learners in terms of their achievement and behaviour and support them to develop

The school's ethos is based firmly on a shared vision, which is to promote Welshness, courtesy and responsibility

The weekly 'Caffi Clic a Chlonc' café provides very valuable opportunities for all pupils in turn to develop and apply their real-life skills by working with members of the community, including the school's parents. For example, pupils produce menus, cook food to be served and handle money when selling the produce and then ana-

Ysgol y Lawnt received two recommendations, which have been addressed in the school development plan.

R1 Improve pupils' Welsh reading skills

R2 Share best practice in teaching across the school

The Governing Body would like to congratulate Mrs Davies and all her staff upon a very successful inspection and the excellent learning experiences that the pupils constantly receive.







Above— The pupils at Ysgol y Lawnt celebrating World book day.
Left - The pupils are celebrating Welsh music day.
Right—Pupils enjoying their first Ukulele lesson in year

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF WELSH EDUCATION

Ysgol y Lawnt is proud to announce that it is Celebrating 70 years of Welsh Education in the Rhymney Valley during 2024—2025.

Welsh education originated in the Rhymney Valley in 1951, where a small voluntary Welsh school was held on a Saturday morning. During the Autumn term of 1955 the first Welsh class opened for pupils in the Middle Rhymney School. From this acorn grew Ysgol y Lawnt as we know it today!

Over the years, Ysgol y Lawnt has grown in numbers and benefitted from multiple school buildings that have accommodated the pupils. Pupils who attend Ysgol y Lawnt are immersed in the Welsh language from the onset in Nursery through to year 6. School also benefits from the local Cylch Meithrin, set within the village where staff provide amazing opportunities for pre-school pupils to learn the Welsh language through song and play.

Caerphilly CBC are proposing a new school for Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary. Further information can be found on Caerphilly CBC website.

The Relocation of Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary School.

The proposal seeks to create a sustainable Net Zero Carbon school building with shared facilities, to accommodate Ysgol Y Lawnt, Upper Rhymney Primary School and Community use. The two schools will continue to provide both Welsh and English Medium Primary education and remain as separate entities, situated within the new dual purpose building.



Ysgol y Lawnt are currently arranging celebrations for the Summer of 2025.

Diary dates:

18.06.2025 - Celebratory show, which will involve all of the pupils.
19.06.2025 - Tea on the Lawn & open afternoon to browse historic memorabilia and meet old friends.
20.06.2025 - Celebratory party for the pupils.

Vacancies :

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

Parents will be informed by the school of any vacancies 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
Janet Williams	Community representative.	28.09.2025
Katherine Hallam	Community Representative	02.03.2025
Catrin Flanagan	Community Representative	02.03.2025
Angharad King	Parent representative	07.03.2028
Samantha Theophilus	Parent representative	07.03.2025
Claire Ingram	LEA	N/A
Joanne Vest	Observer	

SCHOOL ADDRESS AND DETAILS

SURGERY HILL,
RHYMNEY,
CAERPHILLY,
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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 Rudd / Miss Llewellyn/Mrs Davies
Derbyn / Reception	Llygaid y dydd	Mrs Green, Mrs Rosser, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Leonard
Blwyddyn 1 / year 1	Clychau'r gog	Miss Evans a Miss Vest
Blwyddyn 2 / year 2	Lili	Mrs Powell / Miss Pearce
Blwyddyn 3 / year 3	Cenhinen bedr	Mrs Watkins a Mrs O'Brien
Blwyddyn 4 / year 4	Briallu	Miss Lewis
Blwyddyn 5 / year 5	Eirlys	Miss Poulton
Blwyddyn 6 / year 6	Meillion	Miss Scott
ALNCo		Mrs Kinnear
Ymyrraeth / intervention	Lafant	Miss Powell
PPA	Mrs Kinnear	

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. Pupils in the infant department are immersed in the Welsh language. English is introduced when the child reaches year 3 in the junior department. We encourage all 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 the New Curriculum for Wales became statutory in September 2022. Ysgol y Lawnt has designed a bespoke curriculum "The Riches of Our Valleys" that will enhance pupils learning and knowledge of their local area along with the reinforcement of basic skills that will enable the pupils to become independent, lifelong learners.

Themes and projects have been carefully planned to encompass all the requirements of the New Curriculum for Wales.The Literacy and Numeracy Framework along with the digital competency framework aims to ensure that there are opportunities for pupils to fully develop their literacy, numeracy and ICT 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 their child has specific needs, or school notice a change in their personality / behaviour. Ysgol y Lawnt will always endeavour to promote and inclusive education for all pupils.

The school has a range of school based policies in place. These are available on the school website or parents are welcome to see these upon request at school. https://www.ysgolylawnt.co.uk

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN)

The Governing Body endeavours to support and improve the provision for children with ALN. All pupils have a one page profile and those with ALN receive more specific targets to improve areas of development. Under the new ALN code of practice, school is currently working closely with the LA to implement the new practises. Parents have been advised of changes that will take place between September 2021 and August 2024—please follow the link for further information : Additional learning needs (ALN) system: parents' guide [HTML] | GOV.WALES

We also recognise pupils who are 'More Able and Talented' (MAT). Pupils are grouped appropriately and work is set as to challenge each individual. School also celebrates pupils extra curricula talents, such as dance, sport and cheer.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Urdd Movement

Pupils of all ages competed in a range of Urdd competitions during the spring term.

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

All Extra curricula activities take place on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday these are after school for pupils in years 1 to 6.

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.

Swimming Lessons

All year 6 pupils benefit from a 3 week intense swimming course during the summer term. Excellent progress is always made during these sessions.

End of year celebrations 2024

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, Fair ground rides 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 studied.

The perfect end to the year.



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.

School supports 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

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.



Singing



Football



Cooking

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.

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 2023.

Curriculum for Wales
The Riches of our Valleys

Progresion Steps 1,2 & 3

Pupils reached realistic targets set by the teachers.

Baseline Assessments

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

National Reading & Numeracy tests are carried out during the 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 and numeracy. 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.

Thank you to all parents for your support throughout the year. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the activities and that you feel like part of the Lawnt family.

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.



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.

> Art club
> Games
> Football
> Rugby
> Net Ball
> Choir
> Cross Country
> Dance Lessons
> Music Lessons
> Glee
> Cogurdd



School lesson times:

Morning sessions:

Lesson 1 > 9:00—10.15am

Lesson 2 > 10.35—11.45am

Afternoon sessions:

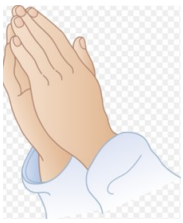
Lesson 3 > 12.45—2:00pm

Lesson 4 > 2:15—3:30pm

Pupils attend school assembly 3 times a week and attend class

assembly twice a week.

Dwy law yn erfyn
Sydd yn y darlun
Wrth ymyl fy ngwely i
Pob bore a nos
Mae weddi yn dlos
Mi wn er na chlywaf I
Amen



Iesu tirion gwel yn nawr
Blentyn bach yn plygu lawr
Wrth fy ngwendid
Trugarha
Paid am gwrthod Iesu da
Amen

Nursery, Rising 3's and Cylch Cwtsh

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

School starts at 9.00am for nursery. During the morning they will have fruit and milk or water. The children will be taught a range of fine and gross motor skills along with early communication, turn taking and of course they'll be immersed in the Welsh language.

Nursery sessions end at 11:45am. Afternoon wrap around sessions are run by Mrs Rudd at Cylch Cwtsh y lawnt. The wrap around begins at 11:45am through to the end of the school day.

Attendance: School Target is 91% and we were just above that target at the end of the summer term 2024 = 91.13%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Most pupil and parents think 90% attendance is good.
Are they right?
NO

90% attendance = 1/2 a day missed every week
90% attendance over 5 years of school = 1/2 a school year missed

Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 95%, allowing them to achieve their full potential.

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.*

Outrun Budget 2023 - 2024

OLAS	OUTTURN BUDGET 2022/2023
EMPLOYEES	£
Teachers	598,739.00
Support Staff	272,359.00
Other Staff related costs	19,134.00
Sub Total	**890,232.00**
PREMISES RELATED	
Building Maintenance	13,288.00
Grounds Maintenance	-
Gas	17,082.00
Electricity	25,491.00
Rates	13,011.00
Water	4,286.00
Cleaning Contract	17,240.00
Cleaning Materials	27.00
Refuse Collection	3,238.00
Insurance	6,485.00
S.Units/H. Driers/C. Hygiene	-
Fire Fixtures	-
CCTV	545.00
Alarms	901.00
Rent (PHS)	1,238.00
Sub Total	**102,832.00**

SUPPLIES & SERVICES	
Computer Costs	3,551.00
Furniture	-
Postage	-
Capitation/Stationary	31,792.00
Medical	176.00
Licences	260.00
Music Support Services	1,587.00
Telephone Charges	3,059.00
Photocopying	7,119.00
Transport Hire / Swimming	5,246.00
Uniform/Protective clothing	-
Activities / Trips	-
Long Service Award	-
Exam Fees	-
Foods not resold	4,538.00
PHF	-
Data Protection costs	-
In Year Clawback SEN	-
Sub Total	
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	
All Services	
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANS	**866.00**

Outrun Budget 2023 - 2024

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**1,081,349.00**
INCOME	
Reimbursement School Meals	15,494.00
Supply Compensation	3,120.00
LA Income	-
Devolved funding	27,499.00
Miscellaneous income	10,300.00
Rent	-
Donations	566.00
Grant Funding - EAS	74,843.00
EIG/PDG Income	141,237.00
GTC & other training grants	2,856.00
Insurance	-
LEA Fees	-
Cashiers Over / Under	-
Early Years Funding Retrospective Funding Other	9,474.00
TOTAL INCOME	
NET EXPENDITURE	
TOTAL SUR-PLUS/CONTINGENCY	**114,413.58**
TOTAL	
-	
-	

TOTAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL	
-	
FUNDING	
Formula Allocation (net of retro. adj)	797,857.69
Retrospective Adjustment from prev yr.	- 7,754.57
Total Formula Allocation	*790,103.12*
Total Carried Forward from prev. yr.	*120,270.46*
TOTAL FUNDING	
BUDGET SHORTFALL	



Eisteddfod Cylch 2024







Gwyl Pasg 2024

















Eisteddfod Dawns 2024





Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024

- Term starts Monday 2 September 2024
- Half term starts Monday 28 October 2024
- Half term ends Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 6 January 2025
- Half term starts Monday 24 February 2025
- Half term ends Friday 28 February 2025

Term ends Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 28 April 2025
- Half term starts Monday 26 May 2025
- Half term ends Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends Friday 21 July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term starts Monday 27 October 2025
- Half term ends Friday 3 October 2025

Term ends Friday 19 December 2025

