YSGOL Y LAWNT

School Year
2018—2019

THE GOVERNORS' GAZETTE

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRLADY



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
John Hughes	Community representative.
Jill Morris	Community representative.
Katherine Hallam	Parent Rep
Amy Vaughan	Parent Rep
Dion Tuck	Parent Rep
Sara Morgan	Parent Rep
Joanne Vest	Parent Rep
Natalie Field	Staff Rep

THE ANNUAL REPORT

School Categorisation and Standards

Ysgol y Lawnt provides bespoke education for all its pupils. Standards at Ysgol y Lawnt are consistently good with all pupils reaching their personal targets.

Trends show that the school is performing as follows:

Foundation Phase Indicator

At outcome 5+, in all subjects, school significantly outperformed the LA and All Wales 2017 and 2018 data.

Key Stage 2 Core Subject Indicator

School significantly outperformed the LA and Wales data in the Core Subject Indicator at level 4+.

Ysgol y Lawnt has a robust tracking system which identifies the way forward for each pupil.. All lessons are carefully prepared and differentiated to meet the needs of all learners. At Ysgol y Lawnt we celebrate the achievements of individuals by awarding certificates daily. We also reward pupils for their use of the Welsh language.

In order to keep up to date with the ever changing curriculum, staff attend courses, these include Curriculum Reform and Wellbeing.

Welsh Assembly School Categorisation

Ysgol y Lawnt School Categorization for 2019 –2020 was in the Yellow Band.

We are extremely proud to be a Yellow school as this highlights all the hard work carried out by a dedicated team. The Governing Body would like to thank Mrs Davies and all her team of dedicated staff for their continued dedication towards promoting excellent teaching and learning opportunities, the extra curricula opportunities provided for pupils and the work done with in wider community.

Inside .....

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

Vacancies :

We currently have one parent governor vacancy and one community 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

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Ysgol y Lawnt

GOVERNING BODY STATUS AND TERM OF EXPIRY

NAME	STATUS	TERM EXPIRES
Sharon Davies	Headteacher	
Christine Chater	Chairlady	02.09.2020
William D Evans	Vice Chair	19.10.2022
Kath Scott	Deputy Headteacher	06.02.2021
John Hughes	Community representative.	24.05.2021
Jill Morris	Community representative.	15.09.2021
Katherine Hallam	Parent representative	19.01.2021
Dion Tuck	Parent representative	29.04.2023
Amy Vaughan	Parent representative	29.04.2023
Natalie Field	Staff representative	31.01.2020
Sara Morgan	Parent representative	23.03.2020
Claire Ingram	LEA	21.01.2021
Joanne Vest	Co-opted representative	

SCHOOL ADDRESS AND DETAILS

Surgery Hill,
Rhymney,
Caerphilly,
NP22 5LS

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TEACHING STAFF AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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-enforce 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.

As of September 2019 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 each pupil on the ALN Register. The register is reviewed termly. This enables the school to monitor the needs of the pupils , 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

Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the Urdd National Eisteddfod. The pupils at Ysgol y Lawnt are extremely talented and it is always a pleasure to see them perform on stage. 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 after school clubs and dinner time 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

The school provides recorder lessons for pupils in the junior department. Lessons are on a rota basis throughout the academic year.

Swimming Lessons

Year 5 pupils enjoyed swimming lessons during the summer term 2019. Pupils are very confident in the water by the end of the third week or lessons.

Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly

A special assembly was held at the school and all classes performed in front of their peers. Thank you parents for your support in providing food which we presented to Rhymney Food Bank. This as always is very much appreciated.

St David's Day

Pupils dressed in traditional Welsh costume and had an opportunity to take part in the School Eisteddfod and Welsh activities arranged by the school staff during the day. Bronwen Lewis spent the day at the school singing traditional Welsh songs and during an evening of song and dance at the local rugby club, Bronwen and some of the children performed a range of songs, whilst parents sang along and enjoyed a beautiful buffet catered by Christine Chater and friend of the school. An amazing Welsh evening, which was enjoyed by many of our parents, friends and pupils.

Easter

Amazing Easter celebrations! Pupils created fantastic Easter Bonnets. All pupils had an opportunity to parade on the cat walk and show off their Bonnets. There was a fantastic raffle and refreshments, another enjoyable experience for all.

Christmas

Santa visited Ysgol y Lawnt's Christmas Fayre. Pupils were in awe when they visited the busy man in his Grotto

Breakfast with Santa

One cold Saturday morning the staff and friends of the school prepared the school hall for breakfast with Santa. Children enjoyed a delicious breakfast, they danced, sang and listened to a traditional story told by Santa himself. All of the children received a gift and a hot chocolate and marshmallows to go home.

Celebrations

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

Pupils are invited to bring in their certificates / medals or any other awards for Monday's assembly.

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

Estyn
Rhagoriaeth i bawb – Excellence for all
Arolygiaeth Ei Mawrhydi dros Addysg a Hyfforddiant yng Nghymru
Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

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.

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 2019.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS

Key Stage 2 and the Foundation Phase.

Pupils reached realistic and ambitious targets set by the teachers. Results of the End of Key Stage achievements are attached.

Baseline Assessments

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

National Reading & Numeracy tests were carried out during May.

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 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.



School lesson times:

Morning sessions:	Afternoon sessions:
Lesson 1 > 9:00—10.10am	Lesson 3 > 12.50—2:05pm
Lesson 2 > 10.30—11.50am	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
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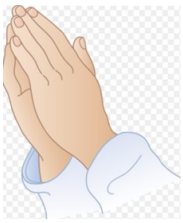
Pob bore a nos
Mae weddi yn dlos
Mi wn er na chlywaf I
Amen



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 Mudiad Mwy

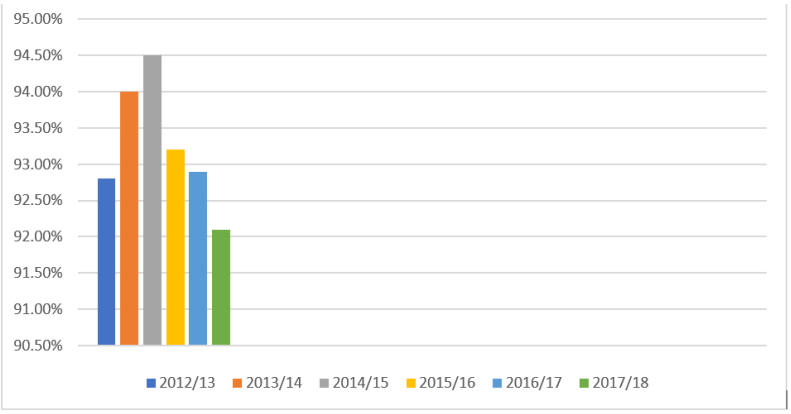
We have a morning Nursery class. Pupils are welcomed into school the term following their 3rd birthday.

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%



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 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019

- Term starts Monday 2 September 2019
- Half term starts Monday 28 October 2019
- Half term ends Friday 1 November 2019

Term ends Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term 2020

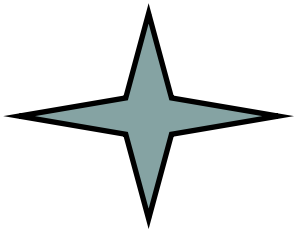
- Term starts Monday 6 January 2020
- Half term starts Monday 17 February 2020
- Half term ends Friday 21 February 2020

Term ends Friday 3 April 2020

Summer Term 2020

- Term starts Monday 20 April 2020
- Half term starts Monday 25 May 2020
- Half term ends Friday 29 May 2020

Term ends Monday 20 July 2020



Outrun budget 2018/2019

OUTTURN BUDGET 2018/2019
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6,781.84
126,274.00
6.00
10,483.41
51,472.21
282,089.41
584,066.16
59,227.36
643,293.52
629,176.63
1,512.18
627,664.45
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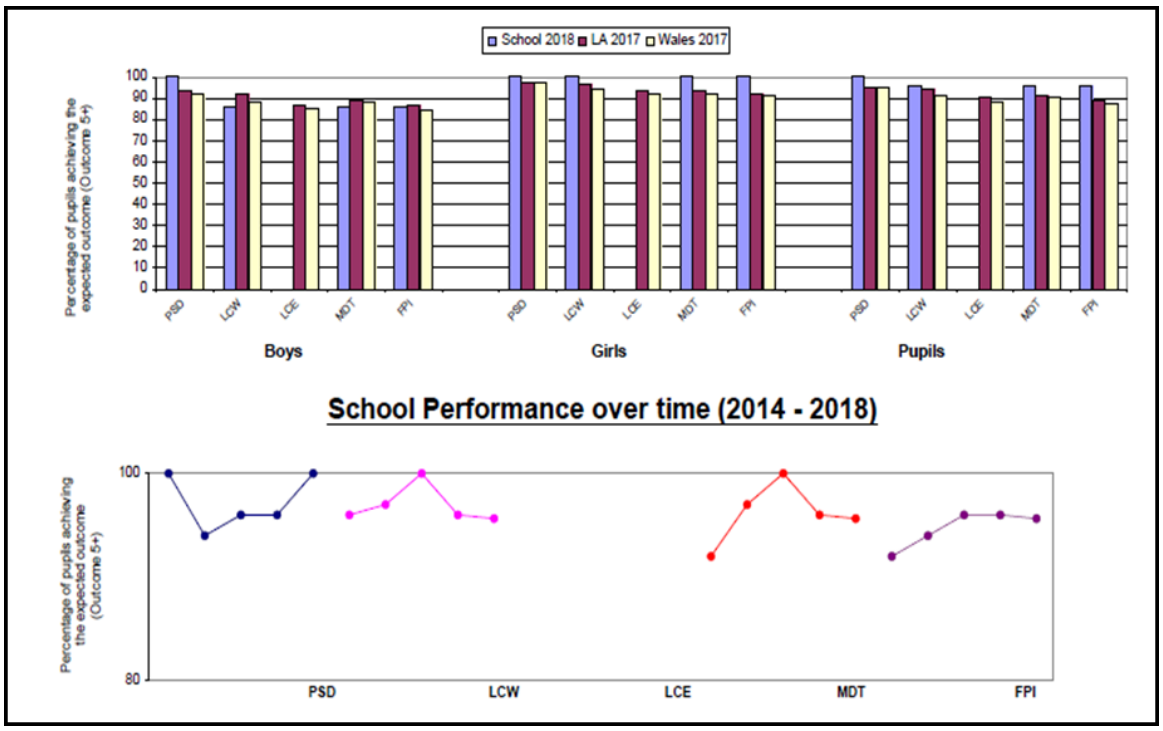
End of Foundation Phase Performance

Number in yr 2 Cohort:- **23** No. of Boys:- **7** No. of Girls:- **16**

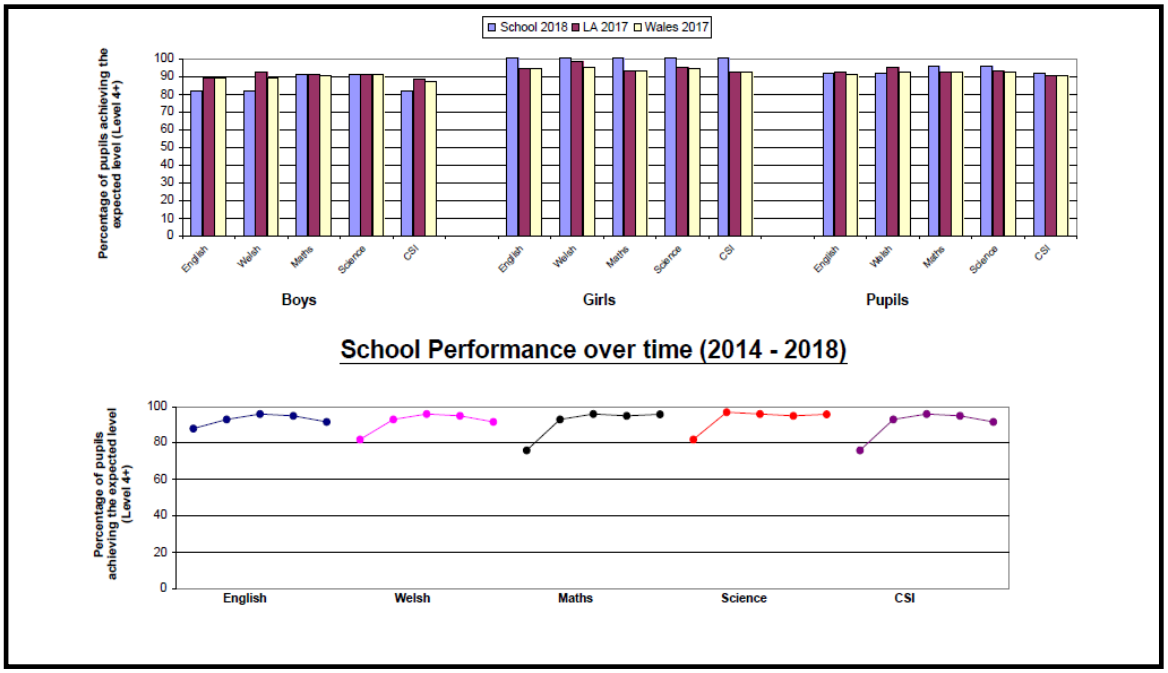
(Each child represents approximately 4.3 %)



End of Key Stage 2 Performance

Number in y6 Cohort:- **24** No. of Boys:- **11** No. of Girls:- **13**

(Each child represents approximately 4 %)



School Closure due to COVID 19

Sadly on Friday March 20th 2020, all schools were closed to pupils and staff due to a World Wide Pandemic! Hubs were created across the United Kingdom for the children of front line workers. Staff who were not in the vulnerable category were responsible for running the hubs.

Teachers at Ysgol y Lawnt very quickly turned to new skills and set up distance learning within two weeks of closing. Children were taught at home using digital technology and for those who did not have the technology, school helped by supplying laptops and paper copies of work. The majority of pupils engaged in the distance learning and the outcomes were very good.

Along with the distance learning, teachers telephoned all parents every fortnight, this was a wellbeing and catch up call to ensure all pupils and families were well and were coping during these unprecedented times. School set up a tech call helpdesk to help families navigate through the new way of learning. School also opened lines via email and Facebook to enable continuous contact with parents, not forgetting a direct email system to all teaching staff.

During the closure of schools all staff were upskilled by attending online courses.

Moving forward the Welsh Government made a decision to re-open schools to no more than 1/3 of pupils per day. School therefore re-opened on Monday June 29th and approximately 100 pupils returned to school in small groups. Distance learning continued up until July 17th 2020.

School will re-open on September 1st 2020. The first two days September 1st and 2nd will be planning and preparation days for staff and gradually as of September 3rd pupils will be welcomed back into school in small groups. The school has rearranged teaching groups to accommodate less pupils in each group, these groups are called Bubbles / Swigen. Parents will be informed via letter of when their child will attend school during the first two weeks and by September 14th all pupils are expected to return to school full time.

Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 pupils were unable to celebrate the end of their Journey at Ysgol y Lawnt as previous years have done. Nevertheless, every child was given a personal send off by members of staff at the school. Every family was allocated a time slot and invited into the school, where staff, parents and pupils shared fond memories. Please see below the letter sent to year 6 pupils from the Governing Body.

17.07.2020

Dear Year Six Pupils,

Year six, this is a message from your Governing Body at Ysgol y Lawnt. I'm so sorry we can't have our normal assembly and end of year activities, but I'd like to thank you all for being our 2020 pupils. You are so special; you will never be forgotten for the way you have had to cope with leaving your junior school and going forward into Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. It's been a terrible year with Coronavirus being here, but you as young people have coped so well, it has been a pleasure to be part of your education. I look forward to seeing you all in Cwm Rhymni in September.

The Governing body wish you all the very best for the future.

Kindest regards

Mrs Chater

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The Governing Body