

Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant



Annual Governors Report to Parents 2023/24

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Governors' Annual Report to Parents

A message from our Chair of Governors



Neges gan ein Cadeirydd

I am pleased to write this annual report as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.

In keeping with all primary schools, Gwaun y Nant is still recovering from the lockdown periods of Covid. This is at the time of the tightening of the school budget, which effects all schools across Wales, putting extra pressures on all parts of the school.

With the full cooperation of teachers, lead by the Headteacher, Mr Lloyd, our school has managed to maintain the high quality of teaching by reviewing priorities to ensure the continuing care and support of every child, which is the hallmark of Gwaun y Nant. This has taken place with the significant extra time teachers have given to developing and teaching the New Curriculum for Wales.

All visitors to the school, without exception, remark on the pupils' politeness and confidence.

This was so when the Welsh Government Education Minister made a school visit last academic year. The Minister remarked on the creative way the school continues to review its priorities, the evident care given to every child and the high level of enthusiasm of all teachers. We were delighted that the Education Minister visited our school so early in her ministerial role.

Over many years respective School Advisors of the Education Department of the Vale of Glamorgan confirm the teaching excellence in all classes visited, and, for instance, the new and interesting forms of learning used by teachers. The success of innovative teaching methods are continually shared by our current School Advisor with other schools in the Vale.

An example of how the school is extremely well managed, with the full confidence of the Education Department, the Vale nominated Gwaun y Nant to become the Autism Resource Base for all Welsh Language schools in the County.

To ensure that all teachers are at the forefront of Welsh Government policies regular sessions are organised by Mr Lloyd. Some sessions will be lead by outside experts on relevant topics. There are occasions where teachers of our school will share directly successful teaching methods to teachers in other schools.

The school's PTFA (Parent Teacher Association) continues to be very active in raising funds through organising many events attended by parents. The extra funds helps with the continuation of day visits to local attractions. Further, language emersion and confidence building residential courses are arranged for older pupils.

A supportive partnership between parents and teachers adds so much to the pupils' happiness; striving to the happiness of pupils leads continually to the wellbeing and achievement of all involved. None of this would happen without the excellent services provided by cleaners, catering and administrative staff, who all care for pupils in the same way as teachers.

Each and every Governor, forming the Board of Governors, take their role extremely seriously. Above all, is their commitment for the wellbeing of pupils and teachers, and the satisfaction each parent has of their child's development.

We all hope that this annual report confirms the school's reputation of excellence and most of all reassure all of the care and educational progress every child receives while with us.

Chairman of Board of Governors

Brenig Davies



Ein nod fel ysgol yw creu awyrgylch hapus a diogel i'n disgyblion fel eu bont yn awyddus i ddysgu ac yn mwynhau dod i'r ysgol.

Ymfalchiwn yn y ffaith ein bod ni yn ysgol gyfeillgar, hapus ac agored. Rydyn yn awyddus iawn i weithio mewn partneriaeth â'n rhieni er mwyn i'n disgyblion gyrraedd eu llawn botensial.

Anogwn ein disgyblion i barchu eraill a dangos cariad tuag at eu gwlad, iaith, diwylliant a threftadaeth.

Cymerwn ein cyfrifoldeb o baratoi ein disgyblion i fod yn ddinasyddion cyfrifol a gofalgar o ddifrif, a gweithiwn yn galed i feithrin gwerthoedd yn ein disgyblion a fydd yn eu paratoi at fod yn unigolion balch, hyderus a chyflawn.

Crynhwir Nod yr Ysgol I 3 gair– Ymdrech, Parch, Cymreictod

Our aim as a school is to create a happy and safe environment for our pupils so that they are eager to learn and enjoy coming to school.

We take pride in the fact that we are a friendly, open and happy school. We are very keen to work in partnership with parents so that our pupils achieve their full potential.

We encourage children to respect others and demonstrate a love towards their country, language, culture and heritage.

We fully realise our responsibility in developing our pupils to be responsible and caring citizens and work hard to instil values in them that will make them proud, confident and well rounded individuals. Our aim is summarised to 3 words– Effort, Respect, Welshness

Amcanion yr Ysgol

Our Aims

1. Creu awyrgylch hapus gyda gofal a sylw dyladwy i bob plentyn ac aelod o staff.
2. Cynnig profiadau addysgol eang trwy gyfrwng cwricwlwm ystwyth, ystyrlon a pherthnasol a fydd yn hyrwyddo ansawdd bywyd, yn annog cyrhaeddiad uchel ac yn datblygu agweddau moesol cadarn
3. Rhoi'r arfau angenrheidiol i'r disgyblion i sicrhau llwyddiant ym mob agwedd o'u haddysg.
4. Symbylu diddordeb, chwilfrydedd a hunan hyder.
5. Argymhell y cysyniad o hunan barch a pharch at eraill.
6. Annog parch a chydymdeimlad at rai sydd a thraddodiadau, arferion ac ieithoedd gwahanol.
7. Sicrhau mai Cymraeg yw'r cyfrwng cyfathrebu ym mhob agwedd o waith yr ysgol.
8. Datblygu ymwybyddiaeth o hanes a daearyddiaeth Cymru a'i thraddodiad o gerdd, chwedl a chân o fewn cyd-destun cenedlaethol a rhyng-genedlaethol.
9. Sicrhau bod pob plentyn, yn fachgen neu'n ferch, â hawl cyfartali gwricwlwm eang, cytbwys a pherthnasol.
10. Bod yn ymwybodol o blant ag anghenion arbennig a'r angen i ddarparu ar eu cyfer fel bod cyfle i bob plentyn ddatblygu ei allu i'r eithaf.

1. To create a happy atmosphere with due care and attention to every child and member of staff
2. To offer wide educational experiences through the medium of a flexible meaningful and appropriate curriculum which will promote the quality of life, encourage high attainment and develop strong moral attitudes.
3. To provide pupils with the necessary tools with which to ensure success in all aspects of their education.
4. To stimulate interest, curiosity and self-confidence.
5. To promote ideas of self respect and respect for others.
6. To encourage respect and sympathy for people who possess different traditions, customs and languages.
7. To ensure that Welsh is the language of communication in every aspect of the school's work.
8. To develop awareness of the history and geography of Wales and its tradition of music, legend and song in a national and international context.
9. To ensure that all children, boys and girls alike, have an equal right to a wide, balanced and relevant curriculum.
10. To be aware of children with special needs and provide for them so that each child will have the opportunity to develop his/her ability to the fullest extent.

Our Governing Body 2019/20



The responsibilities of all school governing bodies is as follows:

- ◆ The general conduct of the school.
- ◆ To ensure delivery of the curriculum for the school, in the light of the National Curriculum and Local Authority's general policies.
- ◆ To determine the school's policy regarding provision of sex education at the school.
- ◆ To determine general principles for the head teacher to follow in determination and implementation of a policy on discipline.
- ◆ To have control over the school's budget provided by the Local Authority.
- ◆ To participate in the selection procedure for school staff.
- ◆ To ensure the provision of appropriate information regarding the school to parents.
- ◆ To ensure that the school curriculum is broad and balanced and meets the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- ◆ To ensure that information about the curriculum and pupils' achievements are available to parents and others.
- ◆ To ensure that the statutory requirements regarding religious education and collective worship are complied with.
- ◆ To prepare the Annual Report to Parents,

Type of Governor	Name
Headteacher	Mr Rh Lloyd
Parent Representatives	Mrs Rh Bordie–
	Mrs J Bertera
	Mrs K Williams
	Mrs L Parsons
Teacher Rep	Mrs S Thomas
Non– Teaching Rep	Mrs C Anastasi
Community Rep	Mrs H Dop
	Mrs C Roberts (VC)
	Ms G Leese
Local Authority Rep	Mr B Davies (Chair)
	Mr G Griffiths
	Mrs G Griffiths
Minor Authorities Rep	Mr M Bowen
Clark	Mrs S Dotchon

Sub Committees

Staff Disciplinary	Staff Appeals	Pupil Discipline	Finance	Personnel + Pay	Premises/Health and Safety	Standards
C Roberts	G Griffiths	H Dop	B Davies	Mr B Davies	M Bowen	Rh B Davies
K Williams	M Bowen	C Roberts	G Griffith	Mrs Griffith	G Leese	G Griffith
H Dop	G Griffith	J Leese	K Williams	Mrs H Dop	G Griffiths	M Bowen

Staffing Structure

2022/23



Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mr R Lloyd
Deputy + ALENCo	Mrs S Tomos
Leader of Learning FP	Mrs Rh Yeo
Leader of Learning KS2	Mrs A Lloyd



Infants		Juniors	
Nursery	Mrs C Anastasi	Year 3	Mr T Stedman
Reception	Mrs Yeo	Year 4	Mrs Rh Brown
Year 1	Miss C Hughes	Year 4/5	Miss F Rees
Year 2	Mrs Rh Lewis	Year 6	Mrs A Lloyd / Mrs C Phillips
Year 2	Mrs L Delve		

Teachers Covering PPA

Mr R Williams

Teaching Assistants

Mrs J Reynolds, Miss M Parsons, Miss N Page, Mrs S Hazelwood, Mrs J De La Neuregade, Miss S Jenkins, Miss O Insole, Mrs L Mapstone, Miss G Gardner

Higher Learning Teacher Assistant

Miss H Case, Mrs C Anastasi

Admin

Mrs S Dotchon

Caretaker

Mrs T Browne

Catering Team

Mrs N North (Cook in Charge)

Ms Ruth Hicks



School Priorities



The school's priority over the past few years is to try to negate the influence of COVID on pupils' educational and emotional development together with preparing the school for the Curriculum for Wales which is now statutory.

We have ensured that procedures and resources are in place in order to offer emotional support to pupils and staff and a Whole School Strategy was created to improve the Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing of pupils and staff.

Developing the Welsh language is a permanent priority at the school which is reflected in the School's Development Plan

We believe that our ability to improve is very good and we have been able to implement and maintain improvements while implementing the new Curriculum and adapting to the ALN Bill.

The Vale of Glamorgan's Autism Resource Base Center is open and accepting pupils from Welsh Medium schools across the authority.

This year the main priorities have been:-

Priority	Details
Literacy– Reading	Further developing reading skills
Literacy– Writing	Further developing independent writing
Teaching and Learning	Ensuring consistency in assessment for learning across the school
Numeracy across the curriculum	Developing the use of numeracy across the curriculum ensuring the use of previously taught skills
Establishing a specialised Resource Base	Collaborating with the Local Authority in opening a resource base at school

Attendance



Attendance 2023/24

Unauthorised	1.9%
Authorised	5.4%
Attendance	92.6%

Term Dates 2023/24

Term	Begin	Half Term		End	No of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 23	Monday 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2023	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
Spring 24	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 March 2024	50
Summer 24	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	Monday* 22 July 2024	70
				Total	195

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important to us at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant.



Regular attendance at school is essential for children to reach their potential. We do not encourage parents to take their children out of school during term time. All families are expected to take holidays during official school holidays. In some instances, where there is irregular patterns of attendance, such periods of absence will not be authorised.

We also wish for parents to realise the importance of their pupils arriving punctually at school. Regular lateness has a detrimental effect on achievement as well as placing children in embarrassing situations

Use of Welsh Language

Since we are a designated Welsh Medium school, Welsh is the official language of the school and it is used for every aspect of the curriculum. Welsh will be the main medium of education and life in the Nursery and Infant sections so that the children acquire a sound grounding in the language. Welsh will be the main medium of education and school life in the Junior section, and English is initially introduced between the end of the Foundation Phase (Infants) and Key Stage 2 (Juniors) so that there is an opportunity for the pupils to become completely bilingual by the time they leave the school at the age of 11.

Healthy School

The school is part of the Healthy School Network and has achieved Phase 6 of the Healthy School Scheme. We places great emphasis on healthy eating and living. Pupils are encouraged to bring fruit as a snack for break time.

Foundation Phase pupils receive milk (free of charge) and fruit daily.

Children are encouraged to drink water during the day and are able to keep the bottle topped up from 2 chilled water dispensers.

Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not permitted as snacks.

Curriculum and Assessment



Children at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant are taught through the medium of Welsh and Principles of Curriculum for Wales alongside the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework and The Digital Competence Framework are adhered to across the school. At Gwaun y Nant we recognise the importance of learning that is both meaningful and memorable. As a result, we have introduced themes across the whole school as a vehicle for making connections and linking learning. This way of working encourages ownership and develops children's independence, it also means that everything we do has a purpose and so we can celebrate children's work in meaningful ways.

Assessment - The school operates a structured assessment and record keeping system enabling teachers to be aware of attainment of all children. The school uses the Traciwr program which tracks pupils' attainment across numeracy and literacy. All of the children from Year 2 to Year 6 sit the national tests in literacy and numerical reasoning and numeracy procedural tests.

Additional Learning Needs

The school has been supported by the Local Authority to adopt the new Welsh Government ALN Act as part of the wider Additional Learning Needs Transformation Programme . It replaces the special education learning needs system (SEN)

Mrs Sara Thomas is the school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator. The School's ALNCo works closely with all other members of staff to ensure individual education plans are developed and implemented to meet the needs of pupils, appropriate to those who require them. She also liaises with all members of staff, to ensure that the progress of all pupils is regularly monitored and assessed and to ensure that each pupil reaches his or her potential.

Sport



Our aim is to offer the pupils a wide variety of sporting opportunities. The foundations are laid in the earlier years. These are built upon in the older phases by further development of skills.

We have links with many local clubs who are able to provide coaching sessions

Pupils are able to take part in various football, rugby, netball and swimming tournaments.

Year 6 pupils have swimming lessons.

A Sports Club is held for children in Key Stage 2 and an annual Sports Day is held at Jenner Park.

Toilet Facilities

The school has 6 toilet areas for Nursery, Infant and Junior children.

Most of the Infant and all Junior areas have segregated toilets for boys and girls and they are both cleaned daily.

Links with the Community



We have strong links with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg (YGBM) and the cluster of Welsh Primary Schools. Year 6 pupils visit YGBM on more than one occasion during the year ensuring that the transition from primary to secondary education is a smooth one. Former pupils as well as the Year 7 tutor from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg also visit our school to share information with our pupils. During these meetings our teachers pass on any relevant information which assists in making the transition a smooth one.

We work very closely with the other 6 Welsh Medium Cluster Schools in a number of areas including Literacy, Numeracy and IT.

The school has an active and supportive Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) who have again been very busy this year! The annual Summer Fayre was once again well attended and supported. The PTFA help the school with funding experiences and resources

The school has a well developed link with the Police who visit regularly to deliver lessons to the children on a range of agreed topics including internet safety, smoking, substance misuse and keeping safe. We have also strengthened our links with local PCSOs this year who have supported the school in many ways including problems with parking outside the school. We also have good links with the Fire Service.

We have also been working in conjunction with Oak Field Primary School in developing the 'Wild Area' at the far end of the school field. This facility will allow our pupils to develop further skills working in an exciting and interesting outdoor environment. The area will also be made available for community groups e.g.– Beavers and Scouts.

There is also a food bank on-site– The Big Bocs Bwyd– which is available for parents and also the local community

Glamorgan Music school make use of the school hall to host their Orchestra and Choir lessons. The school is also made available during weekends and holidays for music examinations.

Menter Bro Morgannwg's 'Bwrlwm' also use the hall during holidays as part of their Holiday play provision.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant Outturn Report 2023-24 Revenue Summary

COST CENTRE CODE	COST CENTRE DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	ANNUAL BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CONT. TO FUNDS	17,742.00	3,604.52
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CONT TO CAPITAL OUTTURN	14,439.00	300.66
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CONT TO GENERAL RESERVE	3,303.00	3,303.86
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	EMPLOYEES	1,093,976.00	1,103,046.71
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	TEACHING EMPLOYEES	660,679.00	661,448.36
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	NON TEACHING EMPLOYEES	163,516.00	159,544.85
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	GRANT EMPLOYEES	259,281.00	271,472.44
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	INDIRECT EMPLOYEES EXPS	10,500.00	10,581.06
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	84,993.00	92,336.57
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	84,993.00	92,336.57
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	PREMISES	106,559.00	116,035.11
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CLEANING AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIES	42,124.00	45,788.20
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	ENERGY	21,000.00	32,569.83
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	RATES	16,318.00	16,318.00
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	REPAIRS & MAINT OF BUILDING	22,950.00	16,237.47
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	WATER SERVICES	4,167.00	5,121.61
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	72,981.00	67,526.80
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	COMMS AND COMPUTING	914.00	1,105.32
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	EQUIP, FURNITURE & MATERIALS	40,154.00	60,611.13
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	EXPENSES	0.00	1,003.70
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	MISC EXPENSES	27,039.00	266.37
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	PRINTING STATIONERY & OFFICE EXPS	4,474.00	4,095.88
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	SERVICES	400.00	444.40
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	TRANSPORT	204.00	0.00
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CAR ALLOWANCES	204.00	0.00
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	-4,944.00	-38,479.99
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	CHARGE FOR SERVICE	0.00	-12,794.75
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	DONATIONS	0.00	-18,059.66
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	RENTAL INCOME	-4,944.00	-4,690.00
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	SALE OF PRODUCTS	0.00	-2,935.58
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	GOVERNMENT GRANT	-196,223.00	-214,927.09
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-4,223.00	-4,223.00
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	WG GRANTS	-192,000.00	-210,704.09
101308	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-35,783.00	-59,814.94
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		Total 101308	1,139,505.00	1,069,327.69