



# Voice of the Governors 2023-24



## Annual report to parents

This report encompasses the 2023-24 school year.

### Word from the Chairperson

The start of the school year included preparations for the Estyn inspection which took place in November 2023. If you have not yet read the special report published in January 2024, then it is worth doing so. The report is available on the Estyn website or via a link on the school website found under the heading 'Notice board'. It is a report that the whole school community can be proud of and emphasizes the high standards in care and education that exist in the school.

The school's three priorities for 2023 – 2024, identified from a review of the previous year's performance, were:

- Develop a solid foundation in number skills throughout the whole school and develop Year 2 and 3 Class provision and plans to offer effective opportunities to apply the skills in cross-curricular activities across the six learning areas.
- Targeting learners from non-Welsh speaking homes by effectively immersing nursery, reception and year 1 classes in the Welsh language.
- Developing Creativity from nursery to year 3 learners by using a range of resources, materials, techniques and processes across all types of art, craft and design.

We managed to meet these three priorities by the end of the year through careful planning to teach the skills and their implementation in exciting cross-curricular activities which are at the heart of the New Curriculum for Wales. Among the activities was a visit to Fu's Restaurant in Caernarfon, as part of the Chinese New Year theme, a printing workshop with the artist Zoe Lewthwaite, to learn a new art technique and use numeracy skills during gardening sessions and in Menter Morfa initiatives. Pictures of these activities and many more that the pupils took part in during the year can be seen on Ysgol Morfa Nefyn's Facebook page.

In July the pupils said goodbye to two valuable members of the school's staff, Sioned Elen Jones and Megan Haf. They will both be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best as they begin new chapters in their lives. To prepare for Miss Nia Ferris's maternity period, which will start in September 2024, Mrs Cara Jones was appointed to look after her KS1 class. We also wish Miss Ferris the best and look forward to news of the new arrival. In the meantime, responsibility for running the school has been left in the capable and experienced hands of Mrs Sioned Jones. I am confident that this will lead to an uninterrupted continuation of the exceptionally high standards of care and education that exist in the school.

Sincerely,

Nerys Wyn Jones

## Who's who on the Governing board (2023-24)

**Head teacher:**  
Miss Nia Ferris

**Chairperson:**  
Miss Nerys Wyn Jones

**Parent Governors:**  
Mr Gareth Wright  
Miss Ceri-Ann Evans

**Teacher Governors:**  
Miss Nia Ferris  
Mrs Sioned Jones

**LEA Governors:**  
Miss Nerys Wyn Jones  
Mr Huw Griffith

**Community Council:**  
Miss Mareid Llywelyn Williams

**Community Co-op**  
Miss Karen Vaughan Jones  
Mrs Anna Butterworth

**Governors Clerk:**  
Mrs Nia Wyn Williams  
Swyddfa Addysg Ardal Dwyfor,  
Swyddfeydd y Cyngor,  
Ffordd y Cob,  
Pwllheli,  
Gwynedd.  
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## Governing body meetings

The Body meets at least twice a term to receive a detailed report from the Headteacher. The Head teacher reported every term on numbers and attendance, curricular matters and results, SEN and welfare, Management, staffing and finance as well as information on activities, events and school success.

Sub-committees (e.g. buildings, finance and child protection) meet in order to discuss and take decisions on matters arising. Full minutes of the meetings are available at the school.

### Policies

Several school policies were reviewed during the year. Copies of all the policies are available at the school and many are on the school's website.

### Meeting dates

The Full Body met on 23/10/23, 4/12/23, 11/3/24, 13/5/24, 8/7/24

In addition, meetings of various panels were held.

### Report on any action arising from report released October 2023

No meeting between governors and parents was requested.

## Term dates and holidays 2023-24

Autumn 2023 1 September 2023 - 22 December 2023

Spring 2024 8 January 2024 - 22 March 2024

Summer 2024 8 April 2024 - 19 July 2024

### HOLIDAYS

30 October - 3 November 2023 (Half Term)

25 December 2023 - 5 January 2024 (Christmas Holidays)

12 - 16 February 2024 (Half Term)

25 March - 5 April 2024 (Easter Holidays)

6 May 2024 (May Day)

27 - 31 May 2024 (Half Term)

22 July - 30 August 2024 (Summer Holidays)

## School handbook

A school handbook is introduced to parents annually, with information about the school's arrangements. The handbook is shared with new parents and a copy is available at school or on the school website.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A meeting of the Finance Panel is held every term and the governors review finance policies in accordance with requirements.

**Relevant expenditure from the school's final accounts for 2023-24:** See appendix 1

### School funds

This is the funds of everyday expenditure. The fund is annually audited by an external accountant, in accordance with requirements and details are available at the school should you wish to see these.

### Donations to the school

The parents association have been very busy raising money for the school.

The school makes the most of these contributions by buying resources and paying for educational trips for the children. We appreciate their efforts and contributions greatly.

**Governors' travel and subsistence costs:** £0

## Community links

The school has a very close link with the community. Emphasis is placed the school on preparing pupils for adult life in their community by fostering a spirit of cooperation and respect for each other and the people around them. The Thanksgiving concert and the Christmas Concert were held at St Mary's Church.

We are extremely lucky to have talented members of the community here in Morfa Nefyn. Mared Llywelyn, Anna Butterworth, Gwawr Maelor and Niki Pilkinton were invited to judge at our school Eisteddfod on St David's Day.



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### Merched y Wawr

Merched y Wawr members will join us regularly at the school to listen to the children read.

### Plas Madryn

Following the Thanksgiving concert, the school donate vegetables used to decorate the Church to Plas Madryn.

We visit Plas Madryn regularly during the year to sing for the residents following the school concerts, and sing them Christmas carols before the end of the Autumn term.



## Visits and visitors

Various visits were organized during the year to support and stimulate the learning:

- A Christmas trip to see Santa in Abersoch farm shop.
- End of year trip to Pili Palas.
- A visit to Fu's, Caernarfon as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations.
- A visit from Zoe Lewthwaite, a local artist to learn printmaking skills.
- Regular visits from Nia Williams to hold services.
- Drama workshops by Rhodri Trefor.
- A visit from PC Rhiannon Wright to learn how to keep safe.
- Say, Don't touch show to learn important messages about keeping safe.
- Bangor Technocamps to learn coding skills.
- We had many trips around Morfa Nefyn while learning more about our local area.



## Supporting charities

The school supports local charities, associations and businesses annually. In 2023-24 they supported:

- Children in Need
- Christmas Jumper day
- Air Ambulance



## Welsh language charter

Many activities were organised to support the Gwynedd Language Charter and to encourage the Welsh language in school and at home.

- Owain Glyndwr day
- Shwmai Su'mae?
- Welsh language music day
- Santes Dwynwen
- St David's day

## Sport activities

The children had PE lessons at the Leisure Centre in Pwllheli. The schedule includes swimming lessons, gymnastics, dance and games. A fitness club was held after school during the Summer term for children from Reception year to year 3. The children also took part in the running club, where they run a mile weekly around the school field.



## Pupil voice

The children of the school contribute their ideas to the life and organization of the school in various ways: through discussions, questionnaires, School Council, eco-committee, Menter Morfa. The children also contribute to planning class work by proposing ideas about what they would like to learn.

In 2023-24 they organized activities to raise funds for good causes and thought of ideas for celebration days. The 'school council' page on the school website shows all the activities.

The School Council reports back to the Governors about their annual work at the Summer term meeting.

## Health and Safety

The school's Governors accept their responsibility for the health and safety of the children, staff and all who visit the school. The security alarm works effectively. The school's doors are fitted with security locks. A fire drill is held once a term for the school's staff and pupils.



## Child protection

Our Child Protection Policy is reviewed every year. The school's teaching staff and ancillary staff attend annual meetings with the Headteacher. Every member of staff and a designated governor have completed the on-line Educare course. The School Governors 'Child Protection' panel meets regularly during the year.

The Governing Body and staff wish to express their sincere thanks to the parents for being prepared to support all school arrangements during the year. We appreciate the healthy relationship that exists between the school, the parents and the community.

Thank you.

## School term and holiday dates 2024-25

### Terms:

Autumn 2024 2 September 2024 - 20 December 2024

Spring 2025 6 January 2025 - 11 April 2025

Summer 2025 28 April 2025 - 21 July 2025

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday, 3 September, 2024.

### Holidays:

28 October - 1 November 2024 (Half Term)

23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025 (Christmas Holidays)

24 - 28 February 2025 (Half Term)

14 - 25 April 2025 (Easter Holidays)

5 May 2025 (May Day)

26 - 30 May 2025 (Half Term)

22 July - 29 August 2025 (Summer Holidays)

Schools will re-open for teachers on Monday, 1 September, 2025 and for pupils on Tuesday, 2 September (to be confirmed).

There will be additional inset days for teachers during the year.