



Voice of the Governors 2022-23



Annual report to parents

This report encompasses the 2022-23 school year.

Word from the Chairperson

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school's priorities for 2022-2023 were identified as:

- (i) Ensuring that the school's curriculum planning was robust and effective for the New Curriculum
- (ii) Development of oral skills of nursery, reception, and Year 1 pupils
- (iii) Development of cross-curricular music provision in the school to ensure that learners have the opportunity to be creative and adventurous.

By the end of the school year priorities one and three were achieved but work on the oracy priority needed to be continued. As with all years the pupils were also given a range of exciting experiences that enriched the themes they had chosen to work on. The school also continued to develop their interaction with parents and the community.

The end of the school year coincided with the end of an era with the retirement of Mrs Medwen Pari. An integral part of the school over many years Mrs Pari has been a positive influence on the lives of all her students both in her role as teacher and acting Headteacher. The school and its pupils have been extremely fortunate to have her. The governors wish Mrs Pari every happiness in the next chapter of her life. Replacing such a dedicated and talented educator was a challenge but we were very lucky to be able to appoint Mrs Sioned Jones as teacher for Years 2 and 3. Her range of experiences and impressive achievements in previous roles together with her warm personality made her a natural choice.

Although outside the time period for this report I felt that it would be remiss of me not to refer to the Estyn inspection which took place in November 2023. The inspection report can be accessed through the school's website and is worth reading. It refers to the school as "a happy community that provides education and care of a high standard". The inspectors were impressed with the pupils' behaviour and refer to the headteacher's vision as one "based passionately on ensuring a stimulating and inclusive education for pupils" and one that "aims for excellence." They praise the teachers' skilful and systematic planning of activities which "ensures progress in the development of pupils' skills" as well as "excellent use of various teaching methods". Also noted is the staff's "close and supportive relationship with parents". This is a report that the whole school community can be extremely proud of and shows parents the high standards in care and education that exist at the school.

Yours sincerely

Nerys Wyn Jones

Who's who on the Governing board (2022-23)

Head teacher:

Miss Nia Ferris

Community Council:

Miss Mared Llywelyn Williams

Chairperson:

Miss Nerys Wyn Jones

Community Co-op

Miss Karen Vaughan Jones

Mrs Sian Fon Williams

Parent Governors:

Mr Gareth Wright

Mrs Elin Williams

Mrs Nia Lloyd Jones

Governors Clerk:

Mrs Nia Wyn Williams

Swyddfa Addysg Ardal Dwyfor,

Swyddfeydd y Cyngor,

Ffordd y Cob,

Pwllheli,

Gwynedd.

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Teacher Governors:

Miss Nia Ferris

Mrs Medwen Pari

LEA Governors:

Miss Nerys Wyn Jones

Mr Gareth Jones

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 26/09/22, 28/11/22, 6/2/23, 27/3/23, 15/5/23, 10/7/23

In addition, meetings of various panels were held.

Report on any action arising from report released October 2020

No meeting between governors and parents was requested.

Term dates and holidays 2022-23

Autumn 2022 1 September 2022 - 23 December 2022

Spring 2023 9 January 2023 - 31 March 2023

Summer 2023 17 April 2023 - 20 July 2023

HOLIDAYS:

31 October - 4 November 2022 (Half Term)

26 December 2022 - 6 January 2023 (Christmas Holidays)

20 - 24 February 2023 (Half Term)

3 - 14 April 2023 (Easter Holidays)

1 May 2023 (May Day)

29 May – 2 June 2023 (Half Term)

21 July - 31 August 2023 (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 2022-23: 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 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 was held at St Mary's Church and the Christmas show at the Golf Club.

Members of Merched y Wawr were invited to join us on St David's Day to listen to us sing a variety of Welsh songs.



Plas Madryn

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

The pupils go to Plas Madryn regularly during the year to sing for the residents following the school concerts, and sing Christmas carols before the end of the Autumn term.

Visits

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

Christmas trip to Llechwedd

End of year trip to the beach and to Portdinllaen cafe for pizza.

A visit from Mr T, Welsh Whisperer, Dafydd Eurgain, Malan Fon and Ed Holden to learn music skills.

Caryl was invited from the archive to teach the children about the history of Morfa Nefyn.

A visit to Tyddyn Sachau to choose flowers and plants for the gardening club.

Mei Mac joined us to teach the children about Gwynedd's local map work.

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 2022-23 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 Dwyhwen
- 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.

During the Summer term, Hayley from Dwyfor Leisure Centre came over weekly to the school to give hockey, netball, football and rugby lessons to the children.



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 2021-22 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. This year it was done in a video format.

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 2023-24

Terms:

Autumn Term	1 September 2023 - 22 December 2023
Spring Term	8 January 2024 - 22 March 2024
Summer Term	8 April 2024 - 19 July 2024

Pupils will return to school on Monday, 4th of September, 2023.

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 May - 31 June 2024	Half Term
22 July - 30 August 2023	Summer Holidays

The schools will re-open on Monday, September 2, 2024 for teachers, and Tuesday, September 3 for pupils (to be confirmed).

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