



Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2022-2023

Message From The Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body, it is my pleasure to present our annual report to parents. There has been a wealth of national success for the school this year, with pupils winning the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative for their work on the theme 'Ar Stepen ein Drws', 'On our Doorstep'. Year 6 pupils were highly commended for their work in conjunction with the National Museum of Wales on their Spring Bulbs project and it was fantastic to see YGG Tonyrefail being represented, once again, on stage at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llanymddyfri.

It has also been wonderful to see the school opening its doors for coffee mornings and fetes, not only raising money for worthy causes but providing that key integration between the school and our community. Thank you very much to Miss Downes and the whole team of staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail. 2024 is a particularly exciting year with the National Eisteddfod being held in RCT we encourage everyone to look out for the opportunities to get involved.

I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Luke Owen





Clerk to the Governing Body

The Clerk to the Governing Body is Mrs Gaynor Davies, Director of Education and Inclusion, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

Chairperson of the Governing Body

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Name	Category of Governor	Appointed By	Retirement Date
Mrs H Prosser	LEA	Council Members	19/11/2028
Mrs B Fletcher Mrs A Phillips Mrs B Cameron Mrs A Spooner	Parent	Parents	10/02/2024 03/11/2024 20/03/2026 31/10/2026
Mr L Owen Mrs D Walters	Community Governors	Governors	23/11/2025 13/10/2024
Cllr J Abbott	Minor Authority Governor	Town/Community Council	31/08/2027
Miss C Hughes	Teacher	Teaching Staff	09/10/2025
Mrs S Jones	Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	23/09/2024
Miss N Downes	Headteacher		

When fully constituted this governing body is made up as follows:

- 3 L.A. Representatives
- 4 Parent Governors
- 3 Community Governors
- 1 Minor Authority Representative
- 1 Teacher Representative
- 1 Support Staff Representative
- 1 Head Teacher



2022-2023 School Development Plan

PRIORITY 1	<u>Raising standards in reasoning and written problems in mathematics</u> Welsh National Reasoning Test Data scrutinised – target groups identified Reasoning and problem solving work being undertaken on a regular basis New mathematical scheme of work that matches the requirements of Curriculum for Wales CPD workshop on the new scheme of work and progression steps
PRIORITY 2	<u>Curriculum for Wales</u> Develop the use of the outdoor classroom Use of the external area as a resource for teaching and learning reviewed. Professional development of school staff – training day Outdoor environment /provision developed in conjunction with the Eco council: new gardening and sitting area created. Audit of equipment – new play equipment bought Pupils' emotional well-being Professional development of school staff - including: Trauma Informed training for whole staff Use of classroom strategies to develop children's resilience
PRIORITY 3	<u>Empowering the School's Self-Evaluation Processes</u> Self-assessment processes reviewed and updated. All school stakeholders are part of the school's self-assessment process.
PRIORITY 4	<u>Language, Literacy & Communications</u> Oral Training received from Cardiff South Consortium Good practice of Llwyfan Llafar and Voice 21 (from year 3-6) firmly embedded throughout the school. Reading Trick and Click provision from the Nursery class to Year 2 revisited. Staff undertaken relevant training. National Reading test results and school test data reviewed - target groups created. Darllen.Co reading resource purchased - children have a reading resource they can use at home and at school

School News

Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative Award

Congratulations to the children and staff of Progression Step 2 and 3 for winning the Trefor Rees and Eric Griffiths Memorial Award given by the Llantrisant and District History Association in the recent Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative Competition. Representatives from the school attended the award ceremony at the Maritime Museum in Swansea to receive an award for their work on the theme 'On our Doorstep'. Members of the Llantrisant and District History Society were invited to come to the school to learn more about the work.



National Museum of Wales & The Edina Trust Spring Bulb Project

Year 5 & 6 pupils were highly commended for their Spring Bulb Project in conjunction with the National Museum of Wales and the Edina Trust, recording the effect of global warming on the growth of bulbs.

Llwyfan Llafar

The school was asked to share good practice with teachers on Welsh language courses for the Central South Consortium. This was following our Llwyfan Llafar work across the school on developing the children's oral skills.

RCT Sport Grant

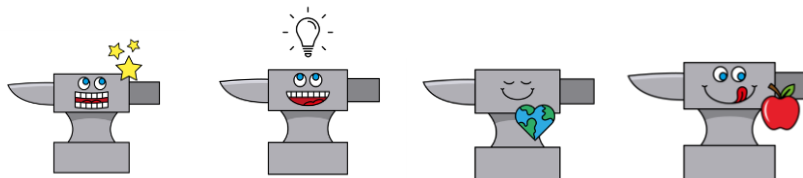
A successful grant application by the school was chosen as a case study by Sport RCT. The grant money was used to buy equipment to promote the use of the Welsh language in the yard through playing games.

Curriculum

We have continued to work both as a school and as a cluster in developing Curriculum for Wales . The curriculum is based on the 4 purposes and 6 Areas of Learning and Experience. The curriculum is mainly taught thematically – where this is appropriate for the subject matter and skills being taught. We use a variety of teaching and learning methods depending on the nature of the task.

Four Purposes

- Ambitious and capable learners: who are ready to learn throughout their lives
- Enterprising, creative contributors: who are ready to play a full part in life and work
- Ethical, informed citizens: who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals: who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society



Six Areas of Learning

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Languages, Literacy and communications
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology

Additional Learning Needs

The School's policy for the identification, assessment and provision for pupils with Additional Learning Needs is consistent with the requirements of the Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales (approved by the Senedd on 23rd March 2021) under section 4 of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018. The School's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) works closely with all other members of staff to ensure that individual educational plans are developed and implemented to meet the needs of pupils, appropriate to those who require them.

The ALNCo 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.

During the academic year 2022/2023 - 2 pupil were in receipt of an Individual Development Plan (IDP) and 1 pupil in receipt of a statement.

During the 2022-2023 financial year £38,116.25 was allocated to meet the requirements of pupils with Additional Learning Needs. In addition, the Local Authority provided additional support for 9 pupils at the School Action Plus stage.

There were no changes to the policy during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Access for Disabled Pupils

The governing body is mindful of the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 and The Special Needs and Disability Act (SENDA) 2005 in drawing up the School Development Plan/Post Inspection Action Plan, and the day-to-day operation of the whole site.

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to participate in the school curriculum and (where they desire) in activities such as after school clubs, leisure/sporting events and educational visits. All aspects of accessibility, including access to written information are included in the planning process.

The Authority has in place an Accessibility Strategy and in line with this strategy has had an audit of the school site undertaken, as part of an Authority wide brief, to identify any potential barriers and (ultimately) improve the access to the school.

Fabric of the Building & Provision of Toilet Facilities

The building is generally in a good state of repair. Over the past year the following refurbishment/repairs have been carried out:

- New wooden benches and planting containers fitted
- Leaks in the ceilings have been repaired
- Hall painted
- Worked carried out to the drainage system

Our school provides sufficient toilets for the number of pupils on roll. The toilets are cleaned on a daily basis.

Use of the Welsh Language – Communication

Welsh is the official language of schoolwork, and the children are taught in a completely Welsh environment. Our aim at Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail is to ensure that all pupils, whatever their nationality, ability, religion or cultural background, receive a wide and balanced curriculum that is differential and purposeful. English is taught formally to pupils from Year 3 onwards. All pupils receive equal opportunities and the chance to be actively involved in the school's social and cultural life.

We are working towards our Gwobr Aur (Gold Award) Siarter Iaith

Welsh Language Charter:

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Community Focused Schools

A community-focused school is one that: 'provides a range of services and activities', often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community.

The development of community-focused schools is not just a short-term project or initiative, but a real opportunity for schools and communities to work together in new ways for the future benefit of children, young people and adults.

At our school we have:

- Breakfast Club
- Wraparound and after school care service provided by Flourish Cymru
- Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elai on site which is a Flying Start and a Registered Education Provider

The school offers a range of afterschool clubs for pupils

- Clwb Celf / Art Club – Tuesday (Yrs 3 -6)
- Urdd clubs – Wednesday (Yrs 1 -6)
- Choir practice – Thursday (Yrs 3 -6)

The school has close links with the following groups in the community:

Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elai & Ysgol Llanhari, The Savoy Theatre, St David's Church, U3A, Gilfach Goch Community Centre, Focal Point, School & Community Police, School Nurse, Design to Smile, Fire Brigade, Leisure Centre, Tesco, Spar, Tonyrefail Skate Park.

Supporting Charities

The school supported the following charities during the 2022-23 academic year:

- Food collected during the Harvest Festival was donated to local Food Bank
- Children in Need £216
- Red Nose Day - £67.40
- Down Syndrome Awareness Day - £67.40

School Performance Data

The New Curriculum for Wales provides progression information for the pupils. National tests for years 2 to 6 are still undertaken.

Financial Statement

Enclosed, as appendix A is a copy of the school's financial statement for the Financial Year 2022/23.

Attendance Information

Attendance was **91.13%** for the 2022 -23 Academic year, which is **1.87%** lower than our target of 93%

Review of School Policies

The school has a large number of Policy documents covering both curriculum and non-subject areas. These documents are constantly reviewed/revised by staff/governors to incorporate changing trends and legislation. Further information is available by contacting the Headteacher during school time.

Following Policies were reviewed during the last academic year:

Safeguarding, Curriculum, Behaviour & Anti Bullying, Equal Opportunities, Equality & Diversity, Complaints Procedure.

Term Dates and Session Times 2022-2023

The school day is arranged as follows:

	Start Time	Lunch Time	Finish Time
Years 3 - 6	9:00am	12:15 – 1:15pm	3:30pm
Years 1 & 2	9:00am	12:00 – 1:00pm	3:30pm
Derbyn	9:00am	11:45 – 1:00pm	3:10pm
Meithrin	9:00am	Full time pupils 11:45 – 1:00pm	12:00pm & 3:00pm

A copy of the terms and Holiday dates for the 2023-2024 academic year is listed below. The Welsh Government may decide to allocate additional INSET days - schools will be informed of these at the appropriate time. Any closure(s) for election purposes are to be balanced during the academic year.

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2023	Monday 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 Oct 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2023	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
Spring 2024	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 Mar 2024	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 24 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	Monday 22 July 2024	70
					Total 195

Inset Days
Monday 4 th September 2023
Friday 27 th November 2023
Monday 6 th November 2023
Friday 9 th January 2024
Monday 5 th February 2024
Monday 22 nd July 2024

Admission/Transition Arrangements

The County Borough Council is the Admissions Authority for all schools (other than Church schools where the schools governing body is the admissions authority) within the Authority's boundary. The school's admission arrangements are, therefore, operated in line with the Authority's policy on school admissions which is contained in the publication Starting School book. The book is made available to parents at the point of their application for their child's admission to school. The contents of this book can also be accessed online on the Authority's website.

Pupils will usually remain in the school until they complete year six and then transfer to secondary school. This school is a feeder school for Ysgol Llanhari, however, pupils may apply to attend any secondary school they choose subject to compliance with the Authority's admissions policy.

School Leavers

16 pupils moved on to Secondary Education at the end of the Summer Term 2022.

The pupils at the school visit Ysgol Llanhari regularly throughout Year 6 as part of their transition programme and once in year 5. Year 6 were visited Ysgol Llanhari on 4 occasion taking part in different themed activities and workshops. Past pupils from the school – came to share their experience and answer questions about starting at Ysgol Llanhari in Year 7.

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Sporting Aims and Achievements

Pupils took part in numerous sporting activities throughout the year including: swimming and basket-ball lessons for all Year 3 - 6 pupils. The football, and basketball teams competed in numerous tournaments. Sporting activities also take place in afterschool clubs, training workshops, outdoor learning, School Sports Day, Team Building Skills.

We have two RCT Sport Ambassadors who help arrange sporting activities within the school.



Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating within the school and we encourage children to bring fruit / vegetables and a still drink or water to have during playtimes. The school's policies and schemes of work promote healthy eating and drinking.

We have achieved the 5th step in the Healthy Schools accreditation.



Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail

PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022/2023

<u>EMPLOYEE COSTS</u>	<u>Total Spent</u>
STAFFING COSTS INCLUDING SUPPLY	840,899
<u>PREMISES RELATED COSTS</u>	
INCLUDES ENERGY, REPAIRS, CLEANING, BUILDING RELATED SLA's	87,217
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	
INCLUDES INSURANCE, PETROL, TRAVEL CLAIMS	
<u>SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</u>	
INCLUDES CAPITATION, ICT, COURSES, PHOTOCOPYING, STAFF INSURANCE, SERVICE SLA's	77,009
<u>GRANTS</u>	
EIG, PDG, EYPDG, PDGCLA	176,730
<u>ADDITIONAL INCOME</u>	
INCLUDES WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANTS, MISCELLANEOUS, STAFF INSURANCE CLAIMS,	34,067
EIG, PDG, EYPDG, PDGCLA	176,730