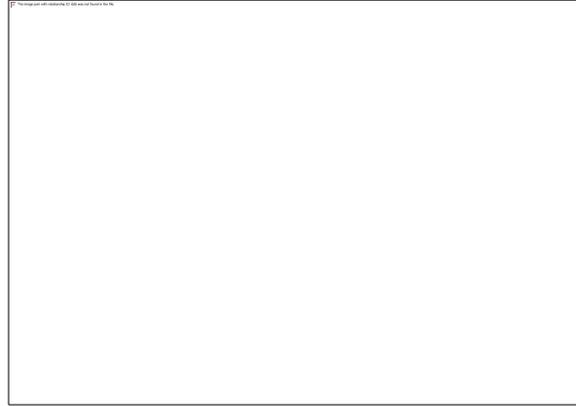


YSGOL CYNFRAN



**ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS
2020-2021**

Under normal circumstances I would be pleased to share this report with you on behalf of the Governing Body of Ysgol Cynfran, detailing the academic year 2020 - 2021. It would look at the successes of the school during that period, those to whom we have said goodbye and those we have welcomed, as well as the future targets and forward planning of the school.

However, this year, as well as last year has been anything but normal for all of us. The advent of COVID and the subsequent school closures in March have led to a very different year. As such there are aspects of this report that are not available, such as the usual data, attendance figures and so on.

As a governing body we have a strategic role in formulating the aims and policies of the school, and then working with the head teacher and staff to deliver them. We act as a critical friend who asks challenging questions, but who also provides the support and means to achieve any objectives. This year has sent us in a very different direction to normal, with a greater emphasis on health and safety than ever before, in an effort to prepare the school, the staff and our children for a different start to the year, at least. The usual school improvement planning was suspended, for the most part, with the cessation of statutory education.

The pandemic continues to present many challenges to us all, alongside the usual standards, funding and upkeep of the school, and a new curriculum. Ongoing austerity and budget cuts will not improve any time soon. We will continue to work hard to ensure the school is a happy, caring environment that nurtures its pupils, and equips them for the next stage in their education. We hope the challenges of the next year are a little more normal!

On behalf of the Governing Body, I extend our sincere thanks to the whole staff at Ysgol Cynfran, and to you as parents and carers of the children in our school.

Mr G Davies,

Chair of Governors, Ysgol Cynfran

ANNUAL MEETING WITH PARENTS

Until 2012, the governing body held or offered to hold an annual meeting for parents with governors. There is no longer a requirement for us to do this, and due to the very small number of parents who have attended these meetings in the past, we do not intend to hold one this year.

However, parents are entitled to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body via petition, as summarised here:

The governing body must hold a meeting within 25 days of receiving the petition, providing that:

1. The petition contains the signatures of the required minimum number of parents of registered pupils at the school, which is the lower of the following:
 - i. the parents of 10% of registered pupils, or
 - ii. the parents of 30 registered pupils;
2. The meeting requested by parents must be to discuss a matter relating to the school;
3. There will be no more than three meetings held during the year in which the first petition is received;
4. There are sufficient school days left in the school year for the meeting to be held.

(School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013)

The timing of this report has returned to normality, but as stated, we are far from operating a service under 'normal' conditions

Owing to the above, Welsh Government stated again there would be no expectations for the following:

- Individual school performance
- Absence of pupils
- Target setting

Financial position at April 2021:

Total resources -	£886,907.82
Total expenditure -	£964,867.63
Income received -	£122,241.52
Carryover -	£44,281.71
% as carryover -	4.99%

PROSPECTUS CHANGES

The prospectus is changed every year if necessary to reflect any alterations in staff. It also reflects any other significant changes to the school that may affect pupils. A supplement is published with the prospectus, giving details of important dates and other information as needed.

PUPIL INFORMATION for 2020-21

Number of pupils on role = 175 full-time & 23 part-time = 198

Number of pupils eligible for free school meals = 70

Number of pupils with Statements = 2

Number of pupils with special educational needs but no statement = 55

Number of permanent exclusions in the 2020-2021 school year = 0

Number of fixed term exclusions in the 2020-2021 school year = 18 sessions (9 days)

SCHOOL POLICIES

School policies are constantly being reviewed and updated in line with Welsh Government, the local authority and the Consortium. All policies are reviewed and ratified annually or every three years depending on the nature of the policy.

All year groups are based in bright and functional classrooms within the main school building. Outdoor learning areas continue to be developed in line with our desire to provide all children with exciting, interesting and innovative opportunities to learn outside as well as indoors. The school has two additional classrooms now, housing Year 6 and the Pre School.

Children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) are fully catered for. This takes place in withdrawal sessions with Teaching Assistants, and in mainstream lessons where work is differentiated according to ability. The school is accredited for its approach to meeting the needs of children with Autism. There is also a focus on more able and talented children who are undertaking activities during the week to match their abilities, in lessons, undertaking specific activities.

The school makes use of specialist external providers to support children with ALN, including education psychologist, school nurse, CAMHS, school based counselling, Speech & Language, Learning Support (dyslexia support), Sensory Support, Autistic Support, Outreach Support, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Childhood Development Support. In consultation with these agencies, resources, appropriate strategies and intervention are provided to children who qualify.

The curriculum is delivered making use of a full range of pedagogical principles, and making use of the indoor and outdoor space wherever it is determined to be most beneficial to children and their ways of learning. It includes making use of the outdoor space in school, in the local area, and at settings such as Llechwedd, Dangerpoint, Bodnant Gardens. These trips have been paused during Covid restrictions. Learning is pupil led where possible, taking into account the interests of the children. It is also delivered in topics and through the use of role play and drama.

The school prides itself on promoting an active lifestyle for all learners. Physical Education is provided to all children through the year. All teaching staff have been trained by a former P.E. lecturer from Bangor University to deliver Physical Literacy; a programme which aims to enhance P.E. activities with literacy included. We run a number of after school clubs through the year. Children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 visit the Leisure Centre each year for a programme of swimming lessons. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have the opportunity to attend outdoor residential centres at Pentrellyncymer and Nant Bwlch y Haearn. The school also pioneered Wheelie Wednesday which appeared on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= QVSzHfD3yE>. This has now been extended to include activities on every dinner playtime. We also operate Freeplay where children use their imagination and make use of resources provided (using recycled products stored in our blue container). With Covid restrictions, some of these activities continue to be on hold. However, we are delighted that all Junior year groups attended Pentre and Nant this summer.

All children take part in the Christmas performances. We also now provide musical instrument lessons across guitar, violin, piano and drums. We host summer and winter orchestral performances each year. All of these have paused during the pandemic.

Attendance is monitored by the headteacher. All absences are expected to be reported to school. These are recorded and where holidays are requested, authorised for the first ten days of absence. It is expected that requests for holiday absence are minimal. The school rewards 100% termly attendance with a free family swimming voucher to Colwyn Bay Leisure Centre. Again, this has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 absences.

Whilst children are taught through the medium of English, every effort is made to deliver as much possible through the medium of Welsh, including incidental use, and focussed use in lessons. This begins with colours, weather, age, name at Nursery and Reception. By the end of Key Stage 2, we expect children to speak with confidence in the present and past tense and occasional use of the future tense.

Ysgol Cynfran is a healthy school with a Gold status that was reassessed in 2013. We have a healthy fruit shop, and encourage water to be drunk throughout the school day. Breakfast and Hot dinners conform to the requirements as set out by the County catering team for a balanced, nutritious meal.

As a statutory requirement in this report, we confirm the school has various toilet facilities through the school for Playgroup, Early Years and Junior aged children. All are cleaned on a daily basis, and additionally where appropriate.

The school is very proud of its links with the community. It works with the secondary High School, and cluster primary schools across a number of initiatives. It also works with the Police and Environmental Services. We offer parents of pre Nursery aged children a Come & Play set of sessions to introduce children and families to school procedures. Additionally, all year groups aim to host a celebration open afternoon / parent evening every term. We are also keen to encourage volunteer readers to work with year groups, and have a volunteer working with many year groups. We are also very fortunate to have a retired teacher deliver cooking lessons to year 5 every year. This has been taking place, albeit on a restricted basis.

Term dates, staff training days and school holidays are attached together with a list of Governors.

COMPLAINTS

We pride ourselves on our open door policy, and aim to resolve concerns informally and amicably through parent - teacher communication. Any unresolved issues should be brought to the head teacher or the deputy head teacher in the first instance. Parents who remain dissatisfied may then contact the chair of governors via the school. The chair may then deal with the complaint, raising the matter with the full governing body as appropriate. Our complaints policy is available from the school office, or via the website.

TERM DATES 2021 / 2021

TERM DATES	Begin	Half term		End	No. of school Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn	01.09.21	22.10.21	01.11.21	22.12.21	75
Spring	06.01.22	18.02.22	28.02.22	08.04.22	60
Summer	25.04.22	27.05.22	06.06.22	20.07.22	53
					188
Staff Training Days	01.09.21	06/07.01.22	18-20.07.22		

YSGOL CYNFRAN LLYSFAEN - BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2020 - 2021			
	Address	Term of Office Ends	Tel. No.
L.E.A Appointed			
Mr. G. W. Heap	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	10/05/24	01492517326
Cllr P H Capper	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	10/05/21	01492517326
Mrs A Thomas	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	10/05/24	01492517326
Minor Authority Representative (Community Council)			
Ms. B. Jones	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	14/10/23	01492517326
Parent Governors			
Mr. N. Edwards	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	03/02/24	01492517326
Mrs. J. Hudson	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	03/02/24	01492517326
Mrs. S. Griffith	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	04/06/23	01492517326
Mrs. K. Guise	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	04/06/23	01492517326
Teacher Governor			
Mrs. B. Hughes	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	09/01/22	01492517326
Staff Governor			
Mrs. L. Heap	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	17/07/23	01492517326
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Mrs. N. Hall	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	07/07/24	01492517326
Mr. G. Davies	c/o R.L.Davies and Son Ltd., Dolwen Rd., Llysfaen, LL29 8SS	07/07/24	01492517326
Mrs. R. Gill	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen	06/03/22	01492517326
Headteacher			
Mr. O. Rogers	c/o Ysgol Llysfaen		01492517326
Clerk			
Mrs. C. Peter	c/o Ysgol Cynfran Llysfaen		01492517326
Chairman 2019-20	Mr. G. Davies		
Vice Chairman:	Mr. G. Heap		
Committees			
Finance and Staffing	G. Davies, G. Heap, Mrs Gill, O. Rogers		
Buildings	G.Davies, N. Edwards, O. Rogers		
A L N Governor	Mrs. N Hall (Safeguarding Governor as well)		