

Llangunnor School

Annual Governing Body Report to Parents 2019/20

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Mr Iwan Davies

A word from the Chairman.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have great pleasure in introducing the Governing Body's Report for the academic year 2019/20.

Firstly, we'd like to thank all staff members for their hard work and dedication in ensuring a productive and successful year in addressing the targets incorporated into the 'School Development Plan', and in their response to the global Covid 19 pandemic.

As a school we are very fortunate to have such a hard working Parents and Teachers Association. The committee and a number of parents and friends work tirelessly in arranging a

variety of activities for our pupils, parents and the wider community in order to raise much-needed funds for the school.

Our close working relationships with our partner secondary schools, Bro Myrddin and Queen Elizabeth High, continue thus ensuring that the transition period for our pupils is as smooth as possible as they begin the next stage of their education

Finally, we'd like to thank you as parents and guardians for your continued support of the school in 2019/20. Despite the considerable disruption to educational arrangements necessitated to protect pupils

and our community due to Covid 19, we can be proud of the opportunities, achievements and successes of our pupils in a wide variety of curricular and non-curricular activities during the last (albeit shortened) academic year. The partnership between pupils, parents/ guardians and staff has greatly assisted to meet some of the challenges presented in 2020 and will undoubtedly continue to be of utmost importance in the coming year. We very much hope that with the arrangements that we have in place, pupils can have a safe, happy and successful academic year in 2020/ 2021.
Yours sincerely,
Iwan Davies.



Llangunnor Primary School

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Llangunnor School Governing Body Members (Autumn 2019- Summer 2020)

Name	Status	Term Expires
Mr Iwan Davies	Chairman Community Representative	07.02.2023
Mr Gareth Gravell	Community Representative	05.03.2022
Mr E James	LA Representative	09.10.2020
Cty Cllr E Williams	LA Representative	05.02.2021
Mr G Rees	LA Representative	11.02.2023
Mr A Davies	Headteacher	
Mrs Catrin Thomas	Teacher Representative	24.10.2023
Mrs Allison Bowen	Staff Representative	03.09.2021
Mr Dylan Williams	Parent Representative	23.10.2023
Mrs Angharad Vaughan Owen	Parental Representative	19.11.2022
Mr Robin Griffiths	Additional Community Rep	01.07.2020
Mrs Hillary Jones	Parent Representative	30.10.2020
Cllr S Howells	Community Representative	29.11.2019
Mrs Michelle Llewelyn	Parent Representative	03.07.2023

All members of the Governing Body, apart from the Headteacher, serve for a four year term.

Chairman of Governors: Mr Iwan Davies

Clerk to the Governors: Mrs A Thomas (School Admin Officer)

The members of the Governing Body reflect a cross section of the local community. The Chairperson is elected at the start of each new academic year.

The Governing Body is responsible for managing the policies of the Local Authority and national legislation pertaining to schools. It also has responsibility for following the rules and procedures of the Local Management of Schools in a similar way to a Board of Directors in the world of business. The Governing Body meets on a termly basis to discuss a detailed report presented by the Headteacher. The report contains information regarding pupil progress, curriculum developments, staffing issues etc.

The election of parent representatives to the Governing Body

Occasionally it is necessary to elect new parents on the Governing Body. At the end of a Parent Governor's term of office a letter is sent to all parents asking for nominations in respect of the vacancy / ies. In the event that the school receives more than one application, then ballot papers are distributed to all parents and votes counted.

How do I contact the Governing Body?

If you have any comments or queries which you would like to share or ask the Governing Body, please contact the Chairperson either by letter or e-mail via the school admin officer. We welcome your contribution at all times.

We no longer hold an Annual General Meeting for parents, unless requested to do so. It is permitted to hold three meetings a year if a petition is received with 10% or more of current school parents having signed it, noting on the petition the reason for requesting a meeting.

Governing Body Expenses

No expenses were claimed by members of the Governing Body.

Complaints

The school has a complaints policy. No resolutions were passed during the year.

Teaching Staff

Mr Aled Davies	Headteacher
Miss Jodie Guest	Dosbarth Dewi (Nursery)
Mrs Caron Thomas (Assistant Headteacher)/Miss Katie Evans	Dosbarth Non (Reception)
Mrs Michelle Llewelyn	Dosbarth Pwyll (Year 2)
Mr Steffan Thomas	Dosbarth Rhiannon (Year 1)
Mrs Nicola Elias	Dosbarth Myrddin (Years 1, 2 and 3)
Mrs Menna Mason/Mrs Teleri Bowen	Dosbarth Glyndwr (Years 3 and 4)
Mrs Gillian Evans	Dosbarth Sandde (Year 3 and 4)
Miss Gwenann Jones	Dosbarth Buddug (Years 3 and 4)
Mrs Eirith Morris	Dosbarth Gwenllian (Year 5)
Mrs Catrin Thomas	Assistant Headteacher Dosbarth Llywelyn (Year 6)
Mr Rhodri Evans	Dosbarth Arthur (Years 4,5 and 6)
Mrs Teleri Bowen	PPA
Mr Aled Owen	PPA
Mr Martin Griffiths	PPA

Auxiliary Staff

Mrs Allison Bowen	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Dolan Williams	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Margaret Thomas	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Claire Frazer Jones	Teaching Assistant ALN (Intervention)
Mrs Helen Roberts	Teaching Assistant ALN (1:1)
Mrs Maria Williams	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Shan Lewis	Teaching Assistant ALN (Intervention)
Mrs Tina Eldridge	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Sandra Rowlands	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Amanda Spagoni	Teaching Assistant
Miss Sarah Thomas	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Alys Williams	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Alison Jones	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Angela Thomas	Administrative Officer
Mrs Christine Higgins	School Meals Officer
Mr Peter Hopkins	Caretaker
Mrs Enid Lewis	Kitchen Staff
Mrs Llinos Evans	Kitchen Staff
Mrs Eileen Thomas	Kitchen Staff
Mrs Ruth Firth	Dinner Supervisor
Mrs Ann West	Dinner Supervisor
Mrs Donna Hancock	Dinner Supervisor

School's Language Policy

Llangunnor Primary School provides education through the medium of Welsh and English across two streams. Nursery and reception classes are solely Welsh, and from the 1st of September 2020, the nature of Foundation Phase provision changed within the school, to solely Welsh medium to Year 2, with dual stream provision provided from Year 3 onwards.

In our Welsh medium classes at Llangunnor School, Welsh is the main medium of life and work. English is introduced as pupils transfer to Key Stage 2 so that pupils have the opportunity to develop an equal competence in both languages by the time they leave.

In our English medium classes bilingualism is highlighted as an area of study. This secures a sound foundation for the continued development of the learning of the Welsh language into KS2 to ensure an equal opportunity for both English and Welsh in the life and work of the school. It is the aim of the school to develop linguistic competence in both languages by the age of 11.

Additional Learning Needs

As in previous years, all pupils have been afforded full access to the national curriculum, unless otherwise advised by the Local Authority. Curricular support strategies from professional officers e.g speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, health visitors, behavioural support officers etc, are always integrated into a pupil's curriculum where appropriate. This is achieved by providing additional support to pupils within the classroom or withdrawing pupils to work as individuals or within small group settings with additional learning needs teaching assistants.

Mrs Caron Thomas is the school's designated Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator.



Curriculum and Assessment

All teachers and teaching assistants at Llangunnor School give of their best and work conscientiously to ensure that all pupils have every opportunity.

Our aim is provide each pupil with a happy and caring environment where every child, regardless of ability, is encouraged to develop as an individual and in so doing acquires understanding, knowledge and skills relevant to adult life.

Our curriculum is based on the requirements of the National Curriculum as described in the Education Reform Act (1988) and subsequent amendments. The school provides a full range of Primary School subjects and the curriculum is designed to ensure that progression is closely monitored. The school uses Teacher Centre and Incerts to track and monitor pupil progress. Class teachers plan work carefully in order to set achievable goals for themselves and their pupils. Careful planning throughout the school also ensures that work is matched to pupils' abilities, experience and interest, whilst at the same time ensuring that there is progression, continuity and balanced skills coverage throughout the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2.

The curriculum ensures that all pupils study a broad and balanced range of subjects which promote the mental, physical, spiritual, moral and cultural development of pupils at the school. At both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2, a cross curricular, thematic approach is adopted .

We are currently in the process of adopting the new Curriculum for Wales 2022, which aims to prepare children and young people to thrive in the future where digital skills, adaptability and creativity are crucial. Both Key Stages are on a journey towards providing a curriculum which composes the six areas of learning and the three cross-curricular priorities of literacy, numeracy and digital competence. These six areas of learning are:

Language, Literacy and Communication.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Humanities

Expressive Arts

Health and Well-being

Science and Technology.

These are used to support learners' realization of the 4 purposes of the curriculum. These 4 purposes aim to develop children as:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives.
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world.
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

In accordance with the philosophy of the National Curriculum, all pupils have their work assessed continuously throughout their school years. Pupils are also assessed at the beginning of Reception and at the end of both Key Stages. All pupils from Years 2 to 6 complete National Statutory Tests.

Action Plan

The school development plan is an on-going working document which addresses the priorities resulting from the action plan drawn up by Estyn during their last inspection in 2017 and the school's self-evaluation report. It also considers local and national priorities as well as analysis of the end of Key Stage results. All targets are continuously monitored and evaluated.

Main priorities 2019/20

- Analysis of Dewi Data and National Numeracy and Literacy Test Results in order to gain a full understanding of the performance of our pupils.
- Develop the new Curriculum - main focus this year: to provide enough opportunities for pupils to make choices in relation to their learning and to act more independently.
- To improve oral Welsh skills in the English stream and pupils' ability in both streams to use the Welsh language when working independently and in informal situations.
- To continue to develop outdoor learning areas and the school grounds.

School Times

Under 5's

9.00 - 11.45

11.45 - 1.00 Dinner

1.00 - 3.00

Foundation Phase

9.00 - 12.00

12.00 - 1.00 Dinner

1.00 - 3.05

Key Stage 2

9.00 - 12.20

12.20 - 1.15 Dinner

1.15 - 3.15

Child Protection Policy

The school has a child protection policy which is based on national guidelines. The designated members of staff who have responsibility for child protection are Mr Aled Davies, Mrs Caron Thomas and Mrs Catrin Thomas.

Parents and Teachers Association

We are hugely indebted once again this year to our school's P.T.A for their unflagging efforts in organising fund raising social events for school.

All funds are put towards purchasing educational equipment requested by the headteacher.

As a school we very much appreciate all their hard work.

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021

Term	Term Begins	Term Ends	Half Term Holidays Begin	Half Term Holidays End	Term Begins	Term Ends	Total Days per Term
Autumn 2020	Wednesday 2nd September	Friday 23th October	Monday 26th October	Friday 30th October	Monday 2nd November	Tuesday 22nd December	75
Spring 2021	Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12th February	Monday 15th February	Friday 19th February	Monday 22nd February	Friday 26th March	54
Summer 2021	Monday 12th April	Friday 28th May	Monday 31st May	Friday 4th June	Monday 7th June	Friday 16th July	64
Designated INSET Days- Tuesday 1st September 2020 Monday, 21st December 2020 Tuesday 22nd December 2020 Monday 4th January 2021							4
N.B. Good Friday - 2nd April 2021 May Day - 3rd May 2021					TOTAL		197

School Prospectus

The school prospectus is updated regularly and both the English and Welsh version are available in school and on our website.

School Leavers

At the end of the academic year 2019/20, 37 pupils transferred to local secondary schools -

- 31 transferred to Bro Myrddin
- 5 transferred to Q E High
- 1 transferred to Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth

Healthy School Initiatives

The school continues to promote healthy eating via school dinners, selling fruit, supplying cool drinking water to all pupils and providing free milk up to the age of 7.

Toilets

The school has suitable toilets for all pupils and staff which are washed and cleaned daily. Any maintenance issues are dealt with promptly.

Formula Funding

Net expenditure 2019/20 - £1, 012, 786

Formula Funding allocation 2019/20 - £988,838

Surplus carried forward from 2018/19 -£49, 469

Surplus carried forward to 2020/21 - £35, 521



Visitors to School

- Educational Psychologist
- Designed to Smile
- School Nurse
- Nurses during nasal flu vaccine.
- Tomos Gwynedd - Yr Urdd
- Elin Harries ChATT
- Agor y Llyfr
- Catrin Griffiths - SALT
- Community Council members
- Delyth Richards - vicar
- Alma Roberts - Clwb Clocio
- Catrin Rees - Healthy Schools
- Geraint Rees - Eisteddfod Llandyfaelog
- Health Visitors
- SALT visits
- Cleft Team
- Student Nurse
- Trinity Students
- Bible Explorer
- Viv Thomas - language specialist
- Cogurdd judges
- Ian James - ICT
- Dental team for Dental check
- Mr Iwan Davies, Chairman of Governors.
- PC Kath
- Cymraeg i'r Teulu
- Claire Jones - School Advisor
- PCSO's
- Team - AGGaD
- Mr L Davies and Mrs B Richards - School Eisteddfod Judges
- Family Intervention Team
- Trinity College tutors
- Cath Williams
- NSPCC
- Jade Vowles - QEHigh
- Leighton Davies
- Physiotherapists
- Marci G - Disco
- Mad Science
- Carl Holding - cricket
- Sian Merlys - Menter Iaith Sir Gar
- Val Newton
- Social Services
- Comcen
- School Catering Team
- PAT testing
- Colorfoto
- Kerbcraft
- Iaith a Chwarae

Participation in Sports

The main aim of Physical Education in Llangunnor School is to encourage and help every pupil to live a healthy and active lifestyle, whilst encouraging the development of desirable characteristics such as effort, fair play, sportsmanship, perseverance and confidence. Members of staff attempt to achieve these characteristics by offering a wide range of activities for every age group, as part of the curriculum and as extra curricular activities, by challenging them to improve their personal performance. These activities include athletics, rugby, football, hockey, netball and a variety of other indoor and outdoor activities.

Unfortunately, many events were cancelled this year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, but these were the activities we attended before March 2020.

- Carmarthenshire Schools Cross Country Championships
- Urdd football competition
- Swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4.
- Bronze Ambassador Training.

- St David's Day Cross Country Run
- District Rugby Trials
- Urdd Rugby Competition
- Cricket sessions with Carl Holding
- Netball Competition - Ysgol Dyffryn Taf and Llanelli Leisure Centre (Final)
- Boys Urdd Football Competition
- Girls Football Competition
- Urdd Rugby Competition for girls
- Urdd Netball Competition (Carmarthenshire)
- Urdd Swimming Gala



The Governing Body and Headteacher wish to thank all members of the school staff for their conscientious work throughout the year and also thank all parents for their continued support.

