

Governors Annual Report to Parents



2019 ~ 2020

Governors Report

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is a privilege and a pleasure to greet you as Chair of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin in kindly presenting this report of the school's activities for the past year. The first six months have been full of activity, but in March 2020 there was a dramatic change to school life which resulted in an extremely challenging time for staff and pupils as a result of the effects of the Covid-19.

I would like to sincerely thank all members of staff for their total dedication to all aspects of school life in very difficult circumstances this year. It has been a time of considerable adjustment and moving into unfamiliar new land. Without their tireless work the academic and extra-curricular life of the pupils would be much poorer. I am sure that you will agree that the pupils receive the best possible education in difficult circumstances, and also very careful pastoral care. I know that the constant correspondence between the school and the families over the lockdown period is greatly appreciated. A number of staff also assisted with the Hubs during the lockdown period as well as providing lessons and pastoralizing Bro Myrddin pupils. The whole school played its part fully and contributed extensively to all aspects of the County's educational life during these difficult and confusing times.

Special thanks to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team for guiding the school through a unique year of education, sometimes in difficult and frustrating circumstances. All of this meant long hours of extra work, often during school holidays. We should be very proud of them. Thanks also to the school's administrative staff for their thorough work and to everyone who helped to prepare the school for re-opening so that you, the parents are assured that the best possible care is being provided in the form of hygiene tools and systems that will ensure the maintenance of social distance, to keep your child / children safe.

As well as praising the staff, the pupils must also be commended for their varied achievements, and for responding so positively to all the opportunities offered to them. The year has not been easy for them especially after being separated from their friends over the lockdown period. Special thanks to them for their response to what was provided for them. Thank you also for their sensible behavior on returning to school and obeying the new regulations. Our pupils are constantly filling us with wonder and pride.

It is also my duty to thank you, parents and guardians for your support to the young people and the school. The past year hasn't been easy for you either. I know that many Bro Myrddin families have experienced great distress as a result of the lockdown period. Raising young people in this age is not an easy task as the expectations are so high, and the pressure on their shoulders from a variety of directions can be very heavy at times, but we know as a school, when working with your parents and guardians, that together we can guide and encourage the pupils to grow into young, polite and mature adults, laying the best possible educational basis for them.

We are very fortunate in the support of the PTA. Their work is key to the school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them sincerely for their work. Unfortunately, many of the activities arranged have to be postponed due to the lockdown period, but our gratitude is just as sincere, and we look forward to working together again in the near future enjoying opportunities for socializing, and getting up funding for pupils' education.

Thanks also to my fellow governors for their invaluable contribution to the life of the school. Thank you for their loyalty to the face to face and virtual meetings. Every governor considers it a privilege to be part of the family of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin and take pride in all its successes and the way it has faced the challenge over the past few months.

We look forward to continuing and building again into the future on the firm foundations laid continuously by Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin.

We wish the staff and pupils well as they move into the confusion of the next phase. We pledge to always support them.

Thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully

Reverend Beti Wyn James BD (Chair of the Governing Body)

Headteacher's Report

This is certainly a year that has never been seen before. Things continued as usual until the end of March and then it all stopped. Our lives were subsequently ruled by the pandemic and we are still in its clutches eight months later. Many new skills were learned during the period and a great resilience was developed in our staff, pupils and parents.

In terms of exam results it has been a particularly challenging year. Although pupils were diligently prepared for their external examinations, these examinations were not observed. The results period was a very turbulent time but a light was seen beyond the tunnel and everyone eventually received their deserved grades.

A week before lockdown I was fortunate enough to host a successful St David's Day concert with the Three Welsh Tenors and school choirs. The Lyric was packed with parents and friends and there was a vast array of music. There have also been many successes recorded on the school website and in our local papers and through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. You will also see a list of successes and events as part of this report. We are proud to be able to report on a wide range of achievements obtained by our talented pupils and staff.

The co-operation over the lockdown period has been tremendous with daily communication between the school and parents and staff. Even during that time there were successes with the Eisteddfod T, the virtual staff choir and also the work of the humanitarian committee. The Coast Challenge for Heroes will certainly be remembered by everyone when staff and pupils worked together to raise a substantial amount of money of nearly £2,500 for Glangwili hospital.

Our aim annually is to maintain and raise the school's high standards by offering a choice of a broad curriculum and extensive extra-curricular experiences. To achieve this, it is important that we remain open and honest about all aspects of school improvement and in our view, the views of pupils and parents are integral to that. We develop the Pupil Voice in all aspects of school life and act on the outcomes. We are planning to strengthen the voice of the School Council by improving our year councils as we are keen to ensure that we are aware of the views of everyone associated with the school. We therefore ask you to use the questionnaire that is distributed during parents' evenings so that we can discover what you think of our performance.

Communication is key to us and we update our website and social media platforms daily to ensure usability. Our new website is certainly more user-friendly and provides all the latest school details. Our digital journey is developing and we look forward to working with pupil digital leaders in the next academic year.

In conclusion, we would like to especially thank the Governors who give freely of their time to regularly attend various committees to discuss school policies and activities. We would also like to thank, on their retirement, two members of staff who between them gave 62 years of service to the school – Miss Zelda Williams our Assistant Headteacher and Mr Gwyn Jones, Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

Special thanks also to all the staff and to you parents.

Dr Llinos Jones
Headteacher

Progress on Estyn recommendations in the 2015 Inspection Report

A1. Raising boys' standards of achievement

Raising boys' standards of achievement has been one of the priorities of our School Development Plan since 2015. Overall, the increase in boys' performance has been very good in both key stages, including all of the performance indicators at KS4. The gap between boys' and girls' performance has narrowed significantly in the majority of indicators.

A2. Strengthen and align the quality of teaching across the school and share best practice

The school's Development Plan since 2015 prioritises this recommendation and detailed plans are already in progress. The work of the Teaching and Learning Working Group has developed enormously and as a result there has been a clear increase in the quality of teaching.

A3. Develop the use and understanding of data among managers and governors

The recommendation has been a priority of the Development Plan 2016-17 and targets have been set. A series of bespoke data documents have been created to improve the awareness of teachers, middle managers and governors in relation to the school's performance data. In addition to the usual comparisons – the government data family, the free school meals benchmarking group (FSM) and the LA and Wales average – the analyses include comparing the school's performance (over a four-year period) against schools with the lowest FSM percentages. They also highlight the school's position in a range of indicators and in a wide range of ways, including the ERW Line of Regression and the Welsh Government. Permanent in-house training has been provided for teachers, middle managers and governors and as a result, the school's management and governors' awareness of school performance data in general, and the school's position, has improved significantly. Since 2016 that includes Heads of Department's awareness of the importance of AS/A level results and thereby, therefore, our use of ALPS data information.

A4. Sharpen the link between self-evaluation processes and planning for improvement

The recommendation has been a priority of the Development Plan 2016-17 and a new School Development Plan and Department Development Plan has been formed which lays firm foundations for its targets. These targets are also highlighted in the school's self-evaluation and there is a very definite link between the SDP and the self-evaluation that is also in its new guise.

Members of the Governing Body 2019-2020

Chairperson: Reverend Beti Wyn James

Vice Chair-chairperson: Mrs Anne Loughran

Clerk: Miss Siân Thomas, Clerk to the Governors, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin, swyddfa@bromyrddin.org

The Governing Body has 20 members:

Headteacher

6 Parent Governors

5 Local Authority Representatives

2 Teacher Representatives

1 Staff Representative

5 Co-opted Representatives who are community members

Parent Governors (term ending)

Mr Mydrian Harries (09.11.20)
 Mrs Sian Davies (09.11.20)
 Ms Catrin James (20.11.21)
 Mrs Nerys Defis (07.10.22)
 Mr Nigel Cooke (04.10.23)
 Mr Heulyn Roderick (17.05.24)

Community Governors (term ending)

Mr Elfed Davies (18.01.21)
 Mrs Anne Loughran (18.01.21)
 Mrs Luned Thomas (29.03.21)
 Reverend Beti Wyn James (29.03.21)
 Mrs Angharad Jones-Leefe (25.03.22)

Teacher Representatives (term ending)

Mr Aled Williams (31.08.21)
 Mr Steffan Davies (01.09.23)

Staff Representative (term ending)

Mrs Lonwen Bowen (26.05.23)

Local Authority Governors (term ending)

Reverend Tom Defis (28.01.23)
 Councillor Cefin Campbell (28.01.23)
 Councillor Peter Hughes-Griffiths (25.09.20)
 Councillor Mair Stephens (25.09.20)
 Mr Arwel Lloyd (09.04.21)

Report on 2019-2020 priorities

YBM strategic priority	Actions in the School Development Plan
Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising standards in specific subjects and areas Improving pupils' literacy skills (boys in particular) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise the standards of individual departments identified in the departmental self-evaluations and the ERW Support visit 1. Improve advice for pupils when choosing subjects and strengthen the Hwb Seren link Pilot a new progress tracking system by adopting a common targets system Literacy intervention lessons to continue Continue with departmental literacy plans in revising the new curriculum in terms of key area 3. Ensure that KS5 departments develop pupils' oracy skills
Well-being and attitudes to learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmonisation of high standards of conduct Developing Pupil Voice opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training year 7 staff with a new remedial practice plan Training staff and heads of year to make better use of behaviour recording and monitoring methods Address some cohorts of pupils to improve behaviour Operational research on the use of SIMS as a problem identification tool Teaching and Learning Working Group to create a model to align the standards of positive behaviour following a period of active research Adapt a response protocol to the low attendance of individuals to meet the County's new requirements.
Teaching and learning experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing for a Curriculum for Wales Developing Welshness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS3 learning journey to ensure the quality of the pedagogy AofLE meetings earmarked on school calendar and to be co-ordinated by members of the SLT Pilot new schemes for yr.7 – Financial Education, first aid and healthy eating. Create focus groups to receive feedback on the plans Reform of Humanities, Expressive Arts and DT provision Hold a Primary / Secondary conference on curriculum 2022 Maintenance of Secondary INSET on the AofLE Provide opportunities for teachers to observe lessons within their AofLE Ensure appropriate training on the new curriculum for all Develop a cross-curricular plan for the school's show Provide appropriate opportunities for individuals and groups to undertake active research on the 4 purposes and the AofLE To hold Welshness promotion activities Hold a Welsh Education conference for all cluster school staff To analyse and respond to the report received by ESTYN following a review of the Welsh language in January 2020 Review the school's Language Charter action plan.
Care, Support and Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALN Bill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALN learning journey to monitor existing provision Review the use of TA's and the timing of intervention programmes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote understanding of the challenges of mental health and the develop healthy minds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and upskilling whole-school staff to identify pupils Present the one-page profile to all pupils in yr.7/8 Use of PCP equipment as part of school meetings Monitoring health and well-being provision yr.7/8 through staff and pupil focus group visits and interviews Develop the input of the staff wellbeing working group to air ideas on developing thoughtfulness and reducing stress Create an action plan to respond to the National Health and Wellbeing questionnaire Analysis of SHRN whole-school questionnaire data to ensure targeted intervention.
Leadership and Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to financial challenges Developing the school as a Learning Organisation Develop whole-school self-evaluation processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a business plan to respond to the shortfall in collaboration with the governors Ensure appropriate training for all staff Developing leadership within the school Mapping governors' responsibilities across the term Adapt the school and department self-evaluation and create a new SDP and DPP Create action plans for each section that demonstrate the need for improvement in standards.

Order of the day in Bro Myrddin

The timetable is organised on a pattern of 5 lessons a day over a ten-day period. Below are the session times.

8:55-9:05	Registration		10:20-10:35	Breaktime		12:35-1:35	Lunchtime
9:05-9:20	Assembly		10:35-11:35	Lesson 2		1:35-2:35	Lesson 4
9:20-10:20	Lesson 1		11:35-12:35	Lesson 3		2:35-3:35	Lessons 5

School Holiday Dates 2020-21

Term	Starts	Half Term		Ends
		Starts	Ends	
Autumn 2020	1 September	26 October	30 October	18 December
Spring 2021	5 January	15 February	19 February	26 March
Summer 2021	12 April	31 May	4 June	16 July
INSET Days – Monday December 21; Tuesday December 22; Monday, January 4; Friday, February 12; Friday March 26; Monday, July 5.				

New staff appointments for September 2019:

Miss Ceri Griffiths – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Judith Harris – Teaching Assistant

Miss Anona Williams – Teaching Assistant

Mr Christopher Lacey – ICT Subject Leader and Digital Framework Co-ordinator

Mrs Ann-Marie Lewis – Welsh Teacher/Drama

Mrs Lois Slaymaker-Jones – Welsh Teacher

Mrs Paula Davies – Biology/Science Teacher

Links with the community

The school is used regularly by external clubs and associations. We have worked closely with the Urdd, our 5x60 officer and our youth officer in order to provide Welsh-medium programmes of provision outside school hours or during school holidays. Our pupils contribute a great deal in the community by holding special evenings and assisting here and there.

We also have close links with our School Liaison Police Officer, PC Cath Williams. She has supported us very well in our PSE programme and has worked very closely with our Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team. Her ready advice and work has been very valuable to us. Annually a host of guest speakers come to the school to offer support including representatives from the local banks, local businesses and colleges.

Our humanitarian committee works on an annual basis to raise significant amounts of money for local and national humanitarian causes.

Unfortunately, since the end of March, it has not been possible to continue with the normal arrangements.

Annual report – Finance

The Governors have a Finance and Buildings Sub-Committee which meets once a term to discuss these specific topics. In the year 2019-20, following the forecasts in last year's report the school was in deficit. The outlook for 2020-21 is much more supportive.

School Financial Statement 2019/20

Expenditure		Budget	Actual
	Salaries	3,561,133	3,513,149
	Buildings	372,696	349,792
	Stock and Services	350,702	443,735
		4,284,531	4,306,676
Income		Budget	Actual
	Customer Receipts	89,929	98,715
	Government Grants	4,184,959	4,195,251
	Other Grants	29,058	91,812
		4,303,946	4,385,778
Surplus / Deficit		19,414	81,024

Pupil performance

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Summary of Secondary School Performance

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Pupil destinations

Pupils	Yr.11		Yr.12		Yr.13	
	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
	135		90		93	
Continuing in full-time education – at this school	100	74.6	89	98.9		
Continuing in full-time education – in another school	2	1.5				
Continuing in full-time education – college	23	17.2			7	7.5
Continuing in full-time education – higher education course					66	71
Gap year					10	10.8
Continuing in part-time education						
Youth training including apprenticeship	5	3.7				

Unemployed and registered with Careers Wales						
Unemployed and not registered with Careers Wales						
Failure to start Employment, Higher Education due to illness						
Left the area						
Not responding to follow-up action and therefore don't know						
Job	3	2.2	1	1.1	10	10.8

Attendance

This year, because of Covid-19, no governing body is required to report attendance.

Discipline

School rules are essential to protect order and standards within the school. They are based on the central notes of self-esteem, respect for others, and common sense. The rules are discussed in the tutorial lessons and all pupils are expected to comply. High standards of discipline are maintained by implementing a clear system of disciplining pupils who do not comply. The subject teacher deals with the pupil first and if this does not restore the situation the matter is discussed within the Department. If further dealing with the pupil is required, it will be referred to the Head of Year for further discussions before discussing a lunch hour suspension. If a pupil persistently misbehaves and is placed in a lunchtime suspension more than three times, then the parents are informed that a pupil is kept in an after-school suspension. A pupil may be prevented from coming to school in accordance with Welsh Government guidance. A positive behaviour promotion policy is implemented in the school and as a result, there is very little misbehavior within and outside the school walls.

The school operates a clear policy when dealing with bullying issues and responds immediately if such a problem arises.

Health and Safety

The school's Health and Safety policy reflects the Governing Body's aspiration to ensure a safe site for pupils and staff alike. All categories of staff employment are represented on the staff Health and Safety Committee. This committee reports back to the Governors' Health and Safety Committee. It is emphasised to staff that any shortcomings / hazards should be reported immediately to the Health and Safety Officer. There has been new protective fencing around the school since September 2018 which ensures the safety of the site and we hope to move forward to put fences around some of the school boundaries as well.

Special accessibility arrangements for pupils, staff and parents with disabilities

The Governing Body has adopted the School's Strategic Equality Plan. This scheme ensures that pupils (or someone else who is the school's stakeholders) with disabilities are less favourably discussed than others.

The School prospectus

The School Prospectus will be adjusted annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government and other relevant bodies. Copies are available on the school website or by e-mail or if there are problems with that, a hard copy is provided on request to the school office.

Medium of Teaching and Language Policy

All National Curriculum subjects are taught and assessed through the medium of Welsh in the Vale of Myrddin and the medium of instruction here, namely Welsh, is, of course, the norm for most pupils who choose Bro Myrddin as a secondary school. All pupils in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 study all subjects, except English, through the medium of Welsh. In terms of Science in years 12 and 13 language choice exists but with the establishment of the current language policy on an annual basis this will now change with the current year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 continuing with its education through the medium of Welsh. All pupils at KS3, KS4 and KS5 study Mathematics through the medium of Welsh. In Science and Mathematics at KS3 subject glossaries and vocabulary are provided in both English and Welsh. In addition, English-medium as well as Welsh-medium resources, books and ICT are regularly used to enrich pupils' linguistic, scientific and mathematical development. This ensures that all pupils will be able to discuss the subjects through the medium of Welsh and English, and removes any distress that may exist among those who believe that science and mathematical education through the medium of Welsh alone can make it difficult for pupils to adapt to the context of English-medium science and mathematics after leaving school.

The Welsh Language

Welsh is the official language of the school for extra-curricular activities and most academic lessons. The school is proud of its Welsh ethos and is taking action to ensure that this is maintained for all new cohorts of pupils. Pupils who choose to attend school are encouraged to speak Welsh around the school, in extra-curricular activities and in lessons taught through the medium of Welsh. Parents are asked to support the school in this regard by encouraging their children to speak Welsh, to respect the Welshness of the school and to encourage them to do their best to promote this on all occasions. The school has acted on the targets of Carmarthenshire's Language Strategic Plan to move the school along the linguistic continuum. As a result, the school has since September 2016 changed language category from 2A to CC. That means that all subjects except English are taught through the medium of Welsh.

Policies

All school policies were reviewed during the year.

Special Educational Needs Report 2019-20

Our aim at Bro Myrddin Welsh Comprehensive School is to educate pupils with Special Educational Needs alongside their mainstream peers as far as is practicable. Although children have received a differentiated curriculum, there will be times when pupils are temporarily taken out of classes, in order to focus on some key aspects of the work such as basic literacy and numeracy skills. This is done on the basis of standardised tests and reports received from education authority officers and primary school headteachers and after discussion with lone parents.

Mr Dyfed James, the school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator is responsible for planning and co-ordinating provision for pupils and special educational needs and organising the work of the support staff. The statements are reviewed annually, at a meeting arranged with the lone parents and county support services.

Mrs Anne Loughran has been named as an associate governor for the department. There are 83 pupils on the SEN register classified as follows.

Year	Statements	School Action Plus	School Action
7		4	22
8	1	2	13
9	3	4	5
10	1	1	5
11	1	6	5
12	2		2
13	1		1
Total	9	17	57

A profile has been created on each pupil on the SEN register which is the PCP (Person Centred Plan). The PCP shows the views of the individual pupil, the factors that affect their learning in lessons, the results of any standardised tests and teachers' targets.

Many pupils on the SEN Register now accept access arrangements in their external and internal examinations. A computer reader has been introduced to pupils who are entitled to a reader. This enables pupils sitting English or Welsh Language to hear the text read aloud. Therefore, pupils with weak reading skills but good reading and understanding skills can access Welsh and English language papers for the first time.

Several specialist workshops are held by the Department including the Literacy Toolbox workshop, Letters and Sounds, Touch Type and individual support.

Pupil welfare

We have a team of people working for the benefit of the pupils. Four members of staff have been trained as child protection officers – Dr Llinos Jones, the headteacher; Mr Eurnyn Madoc Jones, deputy head; Mr Jonathan Thomas and Mrs Rhian Carruthers, assistant heads. The heads of year play a vital role, as does the youth, attendance, health and

welfare officer, school health nurse and counsellors. The school counsellors Mrs Netta Thomas and Miss Alex Davies saw 29 pupils this year, which is significantly lower than normal due to the lock-up period. The Peer Mentoring scheme, a scheme to train sixth form pupils to work with vulnerable children, is going from strength to strength.

Sports

The Governors believe that the school's main sporting aims have been to:

- Provide a safe and stimulating environment for pupils where they could work towards overall maturity
- Developing physical skills
- Promote awareness of the importance of health in practice.

A host of activities are offered by the department and the 5x60 officer including rugby, football, athletics, cricket, tennis, gymnastics, orienteering, badminton, aerobics, cross-country, netball, creative dance, canoeing, rafting, rounders, skiing, outdoor activities, hockey, basketball, touch rugby, volleyball, circuit practice, weight exercise, climbing, mountain biking and mountaineering. In addition, many pupils complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award annually. The success of our pupils on the playing fields in the school and extra-curricular with several individuals reaches a national standard. The school now has a Sports council elected by a vote of the pupils. The role of the Sports Council will be to lead and advise the SLT on any matters relating to the field. Unfortunately, since the end of March many of our sporting development hopes to have not been realised.

Successes

The school also delights in the academic and extra-curricular achievements of our pupils, not only on the playing fields but on national platforms and in the world of acting and the media.

Extra-curricular activities

On an annual basis our pupils are offered a host of extra-curricular experiences to accompany their academic studies. Numerous tours, various workshops, interesting competitions, guest speakers, annual conferences and opportunities of all kinds are held.

Humanitarian committee

We have an active humanitarian committee of 70 sixth form pupils. Although this year was very different to previous years, the committee has been busy during the lockdown period and has raised £5,022.

Toilet Facilities

Toilet Facilities are checked regularly and form part of the cleaning contract with the Authority. Pupils, by completing a questionnaire and through the work of the School Council, contribute to monitoring the quality of these facilities. We have acted on the results of the questionnaire by employing a cleaner on site during the day to focus on cleaning the toilets.

Notes on Healthy Schools

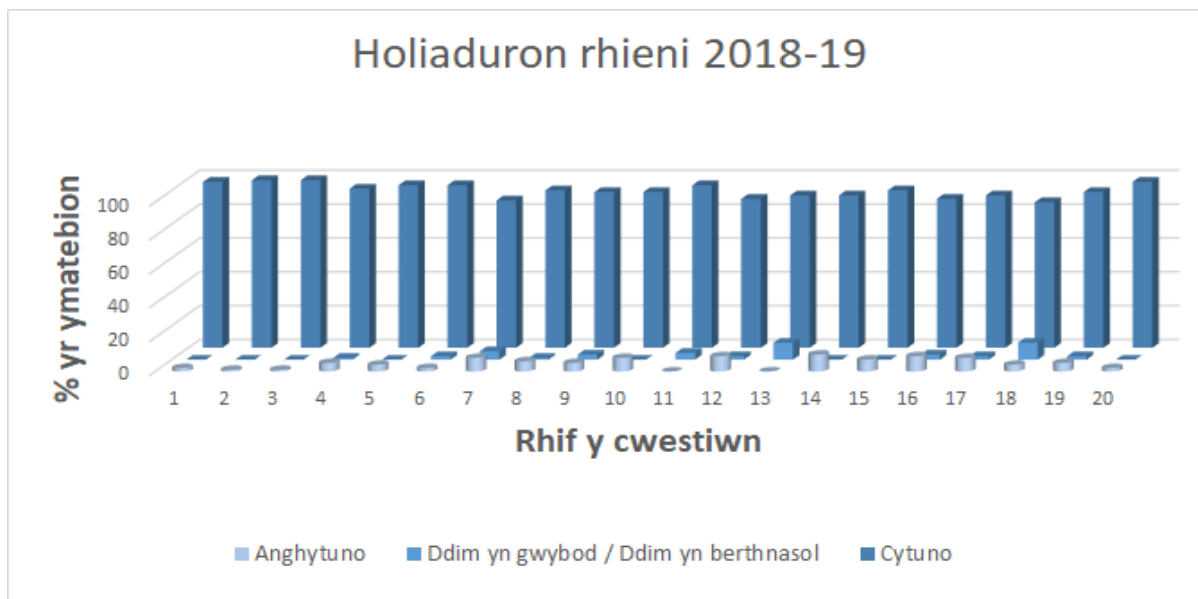
We are committed to the Healthy Eating and School Drinking Bill which incorporates the guidance for 'Appetite for Life'. This came into force in September 2013. It sets out the strategic direction and actions needed to improve the nutritional standards of food and drink sold in our school. We have taken this forward with the support of the Catering service to ensure that all food and drink in our school complies with the measure. Healthy eating is promoted through Food Technology, Biology and PSE lessons. Consistent messages are provided by staff in relation to food and drink in and off the school. We are now aiming to reach Phase 5 of Healthy Schools.

Annual Parents Meeting

Since May 2013 new arrangements are in place in respect of the governors / parents plenary meeting. Rather than a governing body having to hold an annual meeting with parents, parents have the right to request a meeting with a governing body on matters of concern. Parents can exercise this right up to three times during a school year, provided that the purpose of the meetings is to discuss matters relating to the school, not the progress and achievement of individual pupils or complaints about a member of staff or a member of the governing body. A meeting will therefore be arranged with the Governors if 10% or 30 of parents request a meeting in writing using section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

Parental Questionnaire

During our parents' evenings we ask parents to complete a questionnaire distributed on that evening. Unfortunately, this year, we did not hold several of our parents' evenings and, therefore, the results of the 2018-19 questionnaire are below.



1. Overall, I am satisfied with the school.
2. My child is happy at school.
3. My child was helped to settle in well when they started school.
4. My child is making good progress at school.
5. The standard of teaching is good.
6. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his best.
7. The homework given builds well on what my child is having in school.
8. The staff treat all children fairly and with respect.
9. Pupils behave well in school.
10. My child is encouraged to be healthy and take regular exercise.
11. My child is safe at school.
12. The school listens to the voice of my child.
13. My child receives appropriate additional support in relation to any particular individual needs.
14. I have enough information about my child's progress.
15. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or a problem.
16. I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints.
17. The school helps my child to mature and take responsibility.
18. My child is ready to move on to the next school or college or into employment.
19. A good range of activities including trips or visits.
20. The school is well run.

List of trips, events and successes 2019-20

September 2019 – November 2019

Year 7 in Llangrannog – three days were spent at the Urdd camp in Llangrannog by year 7 pupils and their teachers at the end of September. This is a special opportunity for the pupils to get to know each other and work together.

Year 8 visit and St David's Cathedral – Thursday morning, 27th September year 8 went on a Religious Studies tour to St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire. They were welcomed by Mrs Janet Ingram who had organised various activities around the Cathedral.

Design and Technology Trip bl.12 and 13 – the pupils visited the Grand Designs exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham on the 11th October.

Contributions – In June the following contributions were given by the Humanitarian Committee – £300 Carmarthen Breakthro; £300 Kidney Wales; £300 Ty Hafan; £1,013.29 MacMillan.

Head prefects 2019-2020 – Congratulations to Celyn Yate and Mabon Evans on being elected as head boy and head girl. They will be assisted by Ania Quiros, Alaw Evans, Mathew Griffiths and Harri Griffiths.

School Council Members 2019-2020 – Congratulations to the following who are members of the school council for this year. Year 7 – Betsan Jones and Tomos Axford; Year 8 – Rosie Davies and Dion James; Year 9 – Mati Morgan and Steffan Huw Davies; Year 10 – Bethan Hutcheon and Richard Phillips; Year 11 – Elen Davies and Sion Jones; Year 12 – Caitlin Mackay, Catrin Owen, Cai Phillips, Trystan Davies; Year 13 – Celyn Yate, Mabon Evans, Emily Williams, Mali Hughes, Harry Williams-Potter. Best wishes for the year.

Only Men Aloud Workshop – It was pleasing to welcome this workshop to the school on Friday afternoon, September 20th where a crew of the school's older boys had an excellent opportunity to practise their rhythmic skills.

Dyfed Young Composer 2019/20 – The crew of bl.10 – 13 Music had the opportunity to attend a workshop at the school on September 20th.

International Peace Day – Saturday, September 21st – One of the most important events in the Carmarthen Town calendar is the raising of a peace flag on World Peace Day. This year the school's vocal ensemble performed at the Guildhall Square at the time of this ceremony and it was pleasing to have the opportunity to listen to one of the school's pupils, Lois Campbell, addressing the audience.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Every year for a quarter of a century the Macmillan Charity encourages people to join in the World's Largest Coffee House by holding an event in their place of work. The Coffee Morning was arranged at the school on Thursday morning, September 26th for the staff and the sixth form. The tables were full of tasty cakes ready for the morning. There was support for the effort and the room was full of munitions through the extended break time. With an entry charge including a cup of tea or coffee and tasty cakes, plus a raffle the incredible sum of £1,013.29 was raised. I thank everyone for their support.

Thanksgiving Service – The autumn half term was concluded by the school's annual Thanksgiving Service in the company of reverend Beti Wyn James on the 23rd October.

Carmarthen FoodBank – Following our gratitude service, the school received several contributions towards the Carmarthen food bank. The contributions to the food bank were distributed by pupils at the school on the morning of the service.

Biological Week – a week of biological activities was organised during the week of October 7th with various activities that peaked with the Bake-off on Fridays.

Open Evening 2019 – Again this year, Ysgol Bro Myrddin opened its doors to the public on Thursday 17th October. There were various munitions and activities in all departments around the school.

Design and Technology innovation awards 2019 – WJEC annually awards the best, most innovative Design and Technology projects across the whole of Wales. Bro Myrddin has been fortunate to receive nominations in the past and this year the school's 8 pupils were selected. Certificates were received for the excellent standard of work of: GCSE – Bedwyr Thomas, Steffan Howells, Laurie Thomas; AS Level – Harri Griffiths, Alisha Davies; Advanced Level – Cian Woodward, Harri Jones, Iestyn McAvoy

Collecting money – Congratulations to Lowri Jones from yr.11 who managed to raise £6,104 for the Carmarthen Sensory Impairment Service by holding afternoon tea in Bronwydd hall during the summer.

Playing for Wales – Emily Thomas travelled from year 11 to represent the Under 17 Welsh Women's football team at the UEFA Euro Trialys in Denmark from 20th to 28th September. He had the opportunity to play against the Danish, Russian and Macedonia teams.

Gymnastics Champion – Congratulations to Marguerite Jones from year 7 who won the Welsh women's gymnastics championship aged 11-12 in Cardiff.

Pulling a rope for Wales – Congratulations to Sion Edwards from year 10 who recently came third in the Welsh Rope Removal competition.

Skier of the Year – Congratulations to Tom Butterworth from year 12 on being nominated skier of the Year by Snow Sport Wales.

British Championships – Morgan Lloyd of year 10 won the first prize in his age group at the British Championships of the time trials and Dafydd Jones, also of year 10 won the Bronze medal in the Steeplechase's 1500m race in the British Championship. Sailing was Aled Llewellyn-Jones's camp of year 12 who competed in the world youth sailing championships in Poland, in the British national and open championships in Pwllheli and in the European championships in Italy. He achieved the fastest boat speed at the British championships.

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Music Department tour to see Mary Poppins in London January 23rd 2020 – For several years, the Music Department has been arranging a trip for pupils to school to the West End to enjoy the theatre's dancing and singing. This year 150 pupils travelled to watch Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre.

Mr Clive Edwards Music Workshop January 9th 2020 – On Thursday, 9th January, Year 8 pupils had a workshop with "Bongo Clive".

Holocaust Remembrance – On Friday, February 28th representatives from the school attended a Holocaust Remembrance event at Gwendraeth Hall.

Guest Speaker – Plaid Cymru's Jonathan Edwards spoke to Politics pupils.

Prynhawn Da Programme – Lowri Jones yr.11 on the Prynhawn Da programme discussed sight impairment.

School Eisteddfod – The results of this year's school Eisteddfod are: Homework Shield: Hengwrt, stage competitions shield: Peniarth, Choir Cup: Peniarth, folk dancing shield: Llwydiarth, the winning house shield: Hengwrt. Congratulations to everyone. Thank you to those who taught them and to Elin Llwyd for judging. Winners of the literary awards; Welsh Chair – Alaw Evans, English Chair – Aeron England, Welsh Crown – Bryn Richards, English Crown – Bryn Peters.

Sunday Times – Congratulations to the school on reaching fourth place in the Sunday Times Wales best schools list 2019.

Humanitarian Committee – a cheque of £300 was presented to Shelter Cymru.

Success – Congratulations to Alaw Evans and Megan Evans on being selected to the National Youth Choir of Wales and to Catrin Owen on being selected to the National Youth Orchestra of Wales.

Welsh school cup quarters – Congratulations to 3 teams from the school who have reached the welsh school cup quarters – an older rugby team, a year 8 rugby team and a yr.9 and 10 football girls team.

Gymnastics – Congratulations to Amelia Dawber from yr.10 and Marged Jones from yr.7 who represented the school with Brianne's gymnastics team in the Dyfed rounds. Congratulations to Marged Jones yr.7 on winning the Dyfed school gymnastics championship.

Games – 72 games have been played since November. We won 10 rugby matches, 7 football games, 20 baseball games and 9 hockey games; 4 rugby matches were lost, 3 football games, 9 gêm netball and 3 hockey games and 1 gêm equal netball and 4 equal games of hockey.

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Congratulations to almost 90 pupils at the school on winning their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. Their certificates were presented to them at a special ceremony at QEH school.

Rugby – Congratulations to the school's year 8 rugby team on reaching the last 16 of the Welsh schools' rugby cup following their victory against Greenhill school from 60-0. Congratulations to the school's older rugby team on reaching the last 16 of the Welsh schools' rugby cup following their victory against Penweddig school from 52-0. Success for the 1st team for beating Neath College (Welsh cup) from 55-12.

Carmarthenshire Active – Congratulations to Betsan Thomas and Frank Morgan who were nominated in different categories for the Carmarthenshire Active sports awards at special ceremonies at Llanelli Furnace Theatre on Friday 31st January

Athletics – Congratulations to Sophia Reid-Thomas yr.9 on becoming Welsh Champion in the under-17 athletics 300m competition

Carmarthen Town Council – Congratulations to Emily Thomas on winning the best female in the under-16 intermediate in football and Frank Morgan on winning the best male in the under-16 intermediate in athletics with Carmarthen town council.

March 2020 – July 2020

Skiing trip – Unfortunately, the skiing trip that was supposed to go at Easter was canceled. Parents will receive a full refund.

Paris trip – Unfortunately, the Paris trip had to be cancelled because 85 of the parents had not paid in full. As a result, all parents had to lose the £60 deposit. The repayments (other than the deposit) have been paid to the parents.

Good Afternoon Programme – Two pupils from the sixth on the programme informed the work of the humanitarian committee and the challenge held over the weekend of 6th June to raise money for Glangwili hospital.

Awards evening – The awards evening is now an annual event in the school calendar but unfortunately this year it had to be cancelled. However, the awards had already been awarded:

Bro Myrddin Award for academic success in A-level examinations – *Efa Jones, Manon Dafydd Jones and Cian Woodward*

Beti Hughes Memorial Award for academic success at A-level and contribution to the cultural life of the School – *Annell Dyfri and Harri Jones*

Gareth Evans Trophy for a contribution to the cultural life of the school – *Catrin Lewis*

Gareth Evans Trophy for constant effort in year 10/11 or 12/13 – *Iestyn McAvoy and Trystan Davies*

St Peter's Players Award for contribution to drama activities – *Catrin Lewis*

Megan and Myfanwy Memorial Trophy for high quality creative work – *Cerys Bennett*

Rhian Denby Jones Memorial Trophy for best effort in GCSE History – *Lauren Mote and Lucy Jones*

Business Department Trophy – *Cadi Evans and Sioned Raymond*

Hugh Griffiths Trophy for best effort at GCSE Science – *Mia Haf Rees*

Modern Foreign Languages Award for best performance in Modern Foreign Languages in year 11 or 13 – *Megan Tyler*

Pupil Pupil Award for the pupil created the greatest impression on his classmates – *Cai Phillips*

Capel y Priordy Award for special effort in Religious Education – *Gethin Hopley*. This is a new award for this year donated by Capel y Priord and thank you to them for their generosity

Andrew Rees Trophy to the school's best musician or musicians – *Andrea Chang Jones*

Music Department Trophy for best performance at GCSE Music – *Catrin Owen*

Margaret Morris Memorial Trophy for the best performance in PE by a pupil in ml. 13 – *Kate Howell*

PE Trophy for best performance at GCSE PE – *Rachel Fice*

Elin Ruth Jenkins Trophy for best performance in netball – *Leah Thomas*

Non Jenkins' Trophy for best performance in swimming – *Nia Conlon / Deryn Cressey-Rodgers*

Peter Hughes Griffiths Trophy for service to football within the school – *Mabon Evans*

Emlyn Schiavone Trophy for service to rugby within the school – *Harri Jones*

Rheon and Eiliw James Trophy for contribution to Athletics at school – *Eva Edwards*

Humanitarian Committee – through Zoom meetings the Humanitarian Committee organised the fundraising challenge for Glangwili hospital – The Coast to Air Challenge – Chester to Newport in Welsh shirts. The idea was for the sixth form pupils and staff to walk or run or cycle 780 miles between them over the three days of June 5/6/7 and all the money went to Glangwili hospital. £2,409.27 was raised.

Staff choir – it was pleasing to see the virtual staff choir on social websites singing Eryr Pengwern.

An Inspector Calls – a few days before the restrictions the English department travelled with a year 10 crew to Cardiff to watch An Inspector Calls.

Prince's Trust – a crew of year 11 pupils from the Prince's Trust visited Heatherton a few days before the restrictions.

Bags2School Campaign – Thanks to our parents and friends who were in the process of collecting clothes and soft waste over Christmas. The collection and £280 was brought to the school. Thank you very much.

Own clothes day – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the day which saw the school raise £1,000 to be shared between the Felindre Cancer Centre and the Urdd appeal, Carmarthenshire.

Design and Technology – Two awards were received by the Technology Design department through the Formula 1 competition, capturing the Future Stars award as well as best Presenters. Well done.

Welsh school cup semi-finals – Unfortunately, although 3 teams from the school reached the semi-finals of the Welsh school cup – an older rugby team, a year 8 rugby team and a yr.9 and 10 football girls' team, those rounds were not held.

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Congratulations to 66 year 10 pupils who received their Duke of Edinburgh Award bronze certificates at a special ceremony organised by Carmarthenshire County Council on the 13th of February. I thank the Sports Department staff for their voluntary work in organising this qualification annually. Unfortunately, all Duke of Edinburgh's bronze award arrangements had to be cancelled for next year. A refund was received by all parents who had already paid for year 9 pupils.