Governors' Annual Report to

Parents



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Dear Parent / Guardian

It is an honour to be given the opportunity to record some comments as the Governing Body's Chairman following another busy year in the school's life. Without a doubt, every governor is proud to be part of Ysgol Bro Myrddin's family and pride in all its successes.

Firstly, I would like to thank every member of the school's staff for their commitment to the school. Without your dedicated work, our pupils' academic and extracurricular life with regards to all types of opportunities.

Secondly, I must praise the pupils on their acheivements in all fields. Reading the Headteacher's report in our meetings fill us with pride. We are amazed and pleased, everytime, with the range of activities on offer.

Thirdly, I must thank you, parents and guardians, for your support to the young people and the school. We realize and appreciate that you have to sacrifice in many ways in order to ensure the best possible education for your children.

Fourthly, on behalf of the governors, I would like to sincerely thank the Parents and Teachers Association who hold activities to socialize and raise money for the children's education.

Fifth, thank you to my fellow governors for their invaluable contribution to the school. It is a key role in the present education field.

Lastly, thank you to the School's Headteacher and Senior Management Team for their secure and purposeful guidance.

You are welcome to contact me, as Chairman of the Governing Body, if you would like to discuss something in particular or receive more information on any aspect of this report.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Gareth Jones
Chairman of the Governing Body

Headteacher's Report

This is another successful academic year this year. The excellent exam results have seen us reaching the top for schools in the County, the family and Wales. It has been a particularly challenging year with all the changes to the GCSE exams. I would particularly like to thank pupils, parents and staff for their hard work and commitment. Teachers and students have continued to work hard in order to maintain the high standards set at Ysgol Bro Myrddin over the past decade. We are one of the new 'pioneer schools' in Wales under the Welsh Assembly Government scheme and we are also about to start our second year as a creative innovation school in collaboration with the Arts Council of Wales. We are part of the exciting Polli:Nation scheme to improve the school environment, a leading school in the Global Learning Programme and are currently applying for the Fairtrade flag. In addition, the school continues to be a centre for the Olevi Outstanding Teacher Programme and the Improvement Teacher Programme and is about to go to partnership with the Institute and six local Welsh-medium schools to develop an innovative new student training scheme.

There have also been many other achievements recorded on the school website and in our local newspapers and via Twitter and Facebook. You will also see a list of other achievements as part of this report. We are proud to be able to report on a wide range of achievements achieved by our talented pupils and staff.

Our annual aim is to maintain and raise the high standards of the school offering a wide range of curriculum and extracurricular extra-curricular experiences. To achieve this, it is important that we continue to be open and honest about every aspect of school improvement and, in our opinion, the views of pupils and parents are an integral part of that. We develop the Voice of the Pupil in every aspect of school life and act on the results. We are planning to strengthen the voice of the School Council and Sports Council as we are keen to ensure that we are aware of the views of all those involved in the school. We ask you, therefore, to use the questionnaire distributed during parents' evenings so that we can get your views on our performance.

Communication is key to us and we are updating our website on a daily basis to ensure usability. Our new website is certainly more manageable and gives all the school's recent details. We also have an app that can be used on any smartphone. Our digital journey is developing and we look forward to working with digital leaders among the pupils in the next academic year.

To conclude the report, we would like to thank the Governors who give their time to attend various committees regularly to discuss the school's policies and activities. Thanks also to all the staff and to you as parents.

Dr Llinos Jones Headteacher

Progress on the recommendations in the Estyn Inspection Report 2015

A1. Raising Standards of achievement in boys

Rising the standard of achievement in boys has been one of the priorities in our School Development Plan since 2015. Progress in the achievement of boys, through and through, has been very good in the two key stages in 2016, including L2+ and the CSI in KS4. However, the gap between the performance of boys and girls is still significant in some indicators. The school recognizes that there is a need to continue to focus on the performance of boys to eliminate the gap in each indicator and to ensure that all pupils reach their potential. The school has long assumed that the gap in 2017 in KS4 will be significant. This was brought to the attention of ESTYN and ERW. That is not an 'overcrowding' aspect but to accept a unique situation that exists for academic and social reasons beyond the control of the school. However, from 2018 onwards the development line will rectify itself.

A2. Strengthening and harmonizing the quality of teaching across the school and share best practices

The School's Development Plan since 2015 prioritises this recommendation and already detailed plans are underway. A Teaching and Learning Working Group was established. In addition, 'learning triads' have been established to share and disseminate good practice across the school. The school was developed as a centre for the Olevi Outstanding Teacher Programme and the Improving Teacher Programme, and two teachers were trained as facilitators for the scheme. As a result, a 'development' plan was provided for specific teachers within the school, and a specific team of teachers was established to share good practice. As a result, when observing lessons and scrutinizing books consistently over the year, there was a clear increase in the quality of teaching.

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

The recommendation was one of the 2016-17 Development Plan priorities and definite targets were set. A series of purposeful data documents were created to improve the awareness of teachers, middle managers and governors regarding school 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 analysis include comparing the school's performance (over a four year period) against schools with the lower FSM percentages. They also highlight the school's position in a range of indicators and in a wide variety of ways, including the ERW Regression Line and the Welsh Government. Internal training was provided for teachers, middle managers and governors and as a result, the awareness of school managers and governors of school performance data in general, and the school's situation in particular, has improved significantly. Since 2016 this includes the heads of departments' awareness of the importance of AS / A Level results and thereby, therefore, our use of ALPS data information.

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

The recommendation was one of the priorities of the 2016-17 Development Plan and a new Post-Inspection School Development Plan and a Departmental Development Plan was formed. The SDP now sets firm foundations for its targets and activities by summarizing the situation in relation to areas for development. Alongside targets and success criteria for each priority, this sets a baseline for the school to measure its progress effectively. At the end of each priority within the SDP, the school has set a series of very purposeful questions – milestones – to ensure that the school is making good progress against the success criteria. There is clear evidence in the records of each full governing body that standards have been discussed.

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin Members of the Governing Body 2016-17

Chairman: Mr Gareth Jones Vice-chairman: Mr Alun Charles

Clerk: Miss Siân Thomas, Clerk to the Governors, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin,

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There are 20 members on the Governing Body;

Headteacher

6 Parent Governor

5 LA Representatives

2 Teacher Representatives

1 Staff Representative

5 Co-opted Representatives who are community members

Parent Governors (term ending)

Mr Nigel Cooke (04.10.19) Mr Mydrian Harries (09.11.20) Mrs Sian Davies (09.11.20) Mr Terry Abnett (09.11.20) Mrs Iola Wyn (04.12.20) Ms Catrin James (03.09.2021)

Community Governors (term ending)

Mr Alun Charles (Vice-chairman) (16.03.19)

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) **Teacher Representatives** (term ending)

Dr Huw Griffiths (25.09.20) Mr Aled Williams (31.08.21)

Staff Representatives (term ending)

Mrs Meinir McLellan (24.5.19)

LA Governors (term ending)

Reverend Tom T Defis (27.01.19)

Mr Gareth O Jones (Chairman) (04.09.19)

Councillor Potor Hughes Criffiths (25.00.3)

Councillor Peter Hughes-Griffiths (25.09.20)

Councillor Mair Stephens (25.09.20)

Mr Arwel Lloyd (09.04.21)

YBM Strategic Priority	Action steps in the School Development Plan
Raising standards (with special focus on the achievement in boys)	 Developing the capacity of the SLT creating a temporary Extended SLT to focus on the underachievement of boys ERW 2 visit to focus on boys underachievement with regards to book scrutinising Divisional reviews from September 2017 to focus specifically on the experiences of KS3 boys Ensure a suitable curriculum for the pupils by adding various courses
	Develop the work of the boys' underachievement working group Develop the work of the boys' underachievement working group Develop the work of the boys' underachievement working group
Strengthen and synchronize the standard of teaching	 Develop the role of parents in raising boys' standards The Teaching and Learning working group to continue to develop pedagogy within the school Improve the quality of questioning within the classroom Ensure high expectations of pupils across lessons and provide opportunities to extend the most able pupils Develop discrimination strategies across mixed ability lessons Develop cross-topical triads Create a whole-school Teaching and Learning model Sharing good practice in pedagogy to the rest of the school's staff in specific PPD sessions Continue to develop the school as a centre for the Olevi Outstanding Teacher Programme and the Improving Teacher Programme
Responding to national priorities	 Develop the school as an innovative curriculum area by working with WAG and ERW on modernization plans Develop the second year plan of the creative lead school Ensure effective PPD for all staff within the school Continue on the digital journey by providing appropriate training, tutor digital leaders and provide safeguarding training Develop leadership capacity Develop literacy and numeracy across the curriculum Develop the baccalaureate Develop a Language on Tour project Respond to the Furlong report Developing the Welshness of the school
Develop the school's supporting environment	 Develop a plan for a 3G Pitch on school grounds Develop the work of the Eco Committee and apply for the Fairtrade Flag Respond to the increasing problems of emotional health and wellbeing

Order of the day in Bro Myrddin

The timetable is arranged on a pattern of 5 lessons per day over a period of 10 days. The session times are noted below.

8.55 – 9.05	Registration	10.20 - 10.35	Break	12.35 – 1.35	Lunch
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	Lesson 5

Dates of the School Holiday for 2017-18

Tours	Chaut	Half	End	
Term	Start	Start	End	Ella
October 2017	5 September	30 October	3 November	22 December
Spring 2018	8 January	19 February	23 February	29 March
Summer 2018	17 April	28 May	1 June	20 July

Specific INSET Days – Monday 4 September, Monday 16 April

INSET Days ar the school's disgression – Friday 17 November; Monday 23 July; Tuesday 24 July.

Total

New staff appointments for September 2017

Mr Dyfed James – Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator.

Miss Lisa Jones – Welsh Department Teacher.

Miss Ceris James – Welsh Department Teacher (maternity cover).

Mr Carwyn Bebb – Assistant.

Links with the community

The school is regularly used by external clubs and societies. We have worked closely with the Urdd and the 5x60 officer to provide Welsh medium provision Programmes outside of school hours or during the school holidays.

We also have close ties with our School Liaison Police Officer, PC Cath Williams, who has supported us in our PSE programme and has worked very closely with our Heads of Year and the SLT. PC Williams' advice and work has been invaluable to us. A host of guest speakers come to the school annually to offer assistance, including representatives from local banks, businesses and colleges.

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

Annual Report - Finance

The Governors hold a Finance and Building sub-committee which meets once a term to discuss these specific subjects. In the year 2016-2017 the school succeeded again to finish the fiscal year within budget yet again. For the year 2017-2018 we hope that we will be able to succeed to do so.

The school's Financial Report 2016/17

		Budget	Actual
	Salaries	3,303,997	3,258,845
Expenditure	Buildings	358,726	359,964
	Supplies and Services	456,106	431,846
		4,118,829	4,050,655
		Budget	Actual
	Customer Invoices	203,516	220,764
Income	Government Grants	3,885,640	3,927,405
	Other Grants	34,596	85,730
		4,123,752	4,233,899
Surplus / Deficit		4,923	183,244

Pupil PerformanceGood results were witnessed this year again.

KS3 Performance Level 5+										
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Family 2017	LA 2017	Wales 2017			
Welsh	91.0%	95.3%	95.4%	97.8%	95.8%	92,1%	93.5%			
English	93.0%	92.2%	93.4%	97.1%	95.2%	90%	90.5%			
Mathematics	94%	95.3%	96.7%	98.6%	95.4%	92.4%	90.8%			
Science	96.0%	96.9%	96.7%	96.4%	97.9%	94.1%	93.5%			
CSI	91.8%	89.8%	94.1%	96.4%	93.2%	88.4%	87.4%			

KS4							
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Family 2017	LA 2017	Wales 2017
L2 Welsh	75%	83.3%	83%	84.1%	80.3%	72.7%	73.2%
L2 English	79%	81.7%	83%	76.6%	74.7%	68.7%	63.6%
L2 Mathematics	79%	88.5%	86%	80.5%	75.3%	64.2%	62.5%
L2 Science	73%	84.7%	82%	93.8%	88.1%	78.8%	73.2%
L1	100%	100%	99%	99.2%	99.5%	98%	94%
L2	90.0%	95%	88%	79.7%	80%	72%	67%
L2+	72.0%	82%	82%	72.7%	69%	57%	55%
CSI	70%	79%	80%	73.4%	69%	56%	53%
Points (capped)	368.2	383	377	359	358	335	323.5
Points (cap 9)	New	measure in	2017	390	391	360	350
Points (cap 8)	New	measure in	2017	360	359	336	325

Summary of Secondary School Performance

Summary of Secondary School Acheivements					School / L Number	A	669/4056	
	Percentage of 15 year old pupils who:							
	Entered for at least 1 qualifiactaion	Achieved Level 1 Threshold	Achieved Level 2 T hreshold	Achieved Level 2 Inclusive Threshold	Core Subjects Indicator	Capped Average Points Score	Extensive Average Points Score	
	Number	of 15 year	old pupils	on the re	gister in Jar	nuary 2016:	: 128	
School 2016/17	100	99	80	73	390	360	514	
LA Area 2016/17	100	98	72	57	360	336	466	
Cymru 2016/17	99	94	67	55	350	325	456	

	Number	Number of 15 year old boys on the register in January 2017: 60							
School 2016/17	100	98	68	60	361	334	438		
LA Area 2016/17	100	97	67	53	348	324	439		

	Number	Number of 15 year old girls on the register in January 2017: 68							
School 2016/17	100	100	90	84	416	383	580		
LA Area 2016/17	100	98	78	61	373	348	495		
Wales 2016/17	100	96	72	59	364	338	482		

- 1. For details on approved qualifications, point scores and contribution to thresholds, please see the Database of Approved Qualifications in Wales (DAQW) in http://www.daqw.org.uk
- 2. For information about which syllabuses are included in each subject area see the Guidance Notes.
- 3. Average capped wider point scores are calculated using the 8 best result.
- 4. Entry Level Qualification.
- 5. For the final SSSP this definition will be replaced with the percentage of pupils' aged 15 leaving education with no qualifications as defined under the National Performance Indicator EDU / 002.
- 6. Used for all Free Meals Benchmarking tables.

Pupil Destinations

Pupils	Yr 11		Yr 12		Yr 13	
	Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
In full time education – in this school	84	63.6	75	89.2	1	1.1
In full time education – in another school	$C^{(1)}$	8.3	0		0	
In full time education – college	26	19.6	7	8.3	12	13.6
In full time education – Higher Education Course	0		0		60	68.1
Gap Year	0	1	0		6	6.8
In part time education	0		0		0	
Youth training including apprentiship	6	4.5	0		3	3.4
Unemployed and registered with Careers Wales	0	J.	0	,	0	
Unemployed and not registered with Careers Wales	0		0		0	
Failed to start Employment/Higher Education due to illness	0		0		0	
Let the area	0		0		0	
Not responding to follow-up steps therefore unknown	0		0	_	0	
Job	5	3.7	2	2.3	6	6.8

Attendance

The attendance percentage for Ysgol Bro Myrddin is very high on an annual basis.

Pupil attendance	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Authorised absences %	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Unauthorised absences %	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Attendance %	95.5%	95.6%	95.5%

Governing Body's targets for attendance	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018

Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities are regularly audited and are part of the cleaning contract with the Authority. The pupils, by completing a questionnaire and through the School Council, contribute to the monitoring of the quality of these facilities. We have acted on the results of a questionnaire by employing an onsite cleaner during the day to focus on cleaning the toilets.

Notes on Healthy Schools

We are committed to Healthy Eating and Drinking in Schools that incorporate the guidance for 'Appetite for Life'. This came into force in September 2013. It sets out the strategic direction and actions required to improve nutritional standards of food and drink sold in our school. We have implemented this action with support from the Catering service to ensure that all food and drink at our school complies with the measure. Healthy eating is promoted through Food Technology, Biology and PSE lessons. Consistent messages are provided by the staff in terms of food and drink in school and off-site. We now aim to reach Stage 5 of the Healthy Schools award.

Discipline

School rules must be in place in order to safeguard routine and standards within the school. They are based on the central ideas of self-respect, respect for others, and common sense. Rules are discussed in tutorial lessons and all pupils are expected to comply with them. High standards of discipline are maintained by implementing a clear system of disciplining if pupils do not comply. The subject teacher deals with pupil first and if this does not resolve the situation, the issue is then discussed within the Department. If there is a need to deal further, the pupil will be referred to the Head of Year to hold further discussions before discussing lunchtime detention. If a pupil misbehaves constantly and is set on lunchtime detention for more than three times, we will then notify the pupil's parents and the pupils will be kept in after school detention. We may suspend a pupil from school in accordance with Welsh Government guidance. The school implements a positive behaviour policy and because of that, misbehaving within and outside the school walls are very rare.

The school operates a clear policy in dealing with issues of bullying and respond immediately if a problem arises.

Health and Safety

The school's Health and Safety policy reflects the Governing Body's desire to ensure a secure site for pupils and staff alike. All staff employment categories are represented within the staff Health and Safety Committee. This committee reports back to the Governors' Health and Safety Committee. It is emphasized to the staff that they should immediately report to the Health and Safety Officer if any defects / hazards arises.

Special arrangements in terms of accessibility for pupils, staff and parents with disabilities

The Governing Body has adopted the School's Strategic Equality Plan. This plan will ensure that pupils (or other stakeholders of the school) with disabilities will not be treated favourably than others.

School Prospectus

School Prospectus is modified annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government and other relevant bodies. Copies are provided to the parents of children entering the school for the first time or transferring from another schools. Copies are available on the school website or by e-mail or if there are problems with that, a hard copy is available from the school office by request.

Medium of Teaching and Language Policy

At Bro Myrddin the National Curriculum subjects are taught through the medium of Welsh and to the great majority of pupils choosing Bro Myrddin as high school, the norm of teaching is namely Welsh. With regards to Science a choice of language has existed since founding the Language Policy. In September 2015 the pupils starting in Year 7 studied Science in Welsh if they studied this subject in Welsh in their primary school. A minority of pupils have chosen to study Science in English, and this has been true for several years. In September 2015 a chosen language was set for Mathematics. In each of these classes, it is emphasized that the understanding of mathematics is what's important in order to ensure high standards in the subject rather than the attention paid to the medium of teaching and learning. Every pupil studying Maths in KS3 and KS4 do so through the medium of Welsh. Lists of terms and subject vocabulary, in both English and Welsh are provided for the Welsh language Science and Mathematics classes in KS3. In addition, English ICT books and resources will be regularly used alongside Welsh in order to enhance the language, scientific, and mathematical development of pupils. This ensures that all pupils can discuss the subjects in Welsh and English, and it eliminates any concern that may exist among those who believe that scientific and mathematical education through the medium of Welsh only, makes it difficult for pupils to adapt to the context of science and mathematics through the medium of English after leaving school. The departments are currently preparing online resources to assist non-Welsh speaking parents to help their children.

The Welsh Language

Welsh is the official language of school for extracurricular activities and the vast majority of academic lessons. The school is proud of its Welsh ethos and acts to ensure that this is maintained for each new cohort of pupils. Pupils who attend the school are encouraged to speak Welsh around the school, in extracurricular activities and in lessons that are taught in Welsh. Parents are asked to support the school in this regard by encouraging their children to speak Welsh, to respect the school's Welshness and encourage them to do their best to promote this at all time. The school operates on Language Strategic Plan targets Carmarthenshire to take us along the linguistic continuum. The result of that is that the school since September 2016 have changed the language of category 2A to BC. That means, that all subjects except English are taught in Welsh.

Policies

Five new policy were adopted by the Governing Body during the year being 'capability procedure for teachers and headteachers', 'mental health policy,' 'controlled assessments policy', 'no-exam assessment policy', 'internal appeals policy – external qualifiacations', and 'Contingency Plan - exams.'

Special Educational Needs Report 2016-17

Our aim at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin is to teach pupils with special educational needs alongside their peers in the mainstream as far as is practicable. In order for children to receive a differentiated curriculum, there will be times when pupils are withdrawn from classes temporarily, in order to focus on certain key aspects of the work such as basic literacy and numeracy skills. This is done on the basis of standardized tests and reports received from the education authority officials and heads of primary schools and after discussions with the parents.

Mrs Caroline Walton, the school's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating the provision for pupils with special educational needs and organize the work of the support staff. The statements are reviewed annually, at a meeting organized with individual parents and the county support service. Mrs Caroline Walton retired at the end of the academic year after 20 years of praiseworthy service. Mr Dyfed James will be our new co-ordinator.

Mrs Anne Loughran has been named as a contact governor to the department.

There are 130 pupils on the SEN register and are classified as follows;

Year	Statements	School Action Plus	School Action
7	1	3	10
8	2	9	11
9	3	6	13
10	2	6	12
11	1	2	15
12	2	0	0
13	1	0	10
Total	12	26	71

A profile was created on all pupils on the SEN register which is the PCP (Person Centred Planning). The PCP shows the view of an individual pupil, the factors that affect their learning in lessons, the results of any standardized tests and teachers' targets.

A large number of pupils on the SEN register have access arrangements in their external and internal examinations. The computer reader was introduced to the pupils who are entitled to a reader. This enables the pupils sitting Welsh or English language to hear the text being read aloud. Thus, the pupils with weak reading skills but good comprehension skills can access Welsh and English language papers for the first time.

A reading workshop was developed for less confident readers during the year, 'Literacy Toolbox.' The scheme uses computers and special teaching methods to promote reading, handwriting and spelling. This showed a significant improvement in the reading age of the pupils involved in the scheme. A number of specialized workshops, including a workshop by the Department include handwriting; Fresh Start workshop; Literacy Toolbox workshop and Letters and Sounds workshop.

Pupil Welfare

We have a team of people working for the benefit of pupils. Four members of staff are trained as child protection officers - Dr Llinos Jones, Headteacher: Mr Euryn Madoc Jones, Deputy Headteacher; Miss Zelda Williams and Mr Jonathan Thomas, Assistant Headteachers. The heads of year are playing a vital role, as does the youth officer, attendance officer, health and welfare, school health nurse and counsellor. Mrs Netta Thomas and Miss Alex Davies, the school counsellors, saw 46 pupils this year. The Peer Mentoring scheme, a scheme to train pupils in the sixth form to work with vulnerable children continues to go from strength to strength.

Sports

The Governors believe that the school's main sports goals have been realised:

- Provide a safe environment that stimulates the pupils where they can work towards general maturity
- Develop physical skills
- Promote awareness of the importance of exercise for health.

Many 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 training, weight training, climbing, mountain biking and mountaineering. In addition, many of the pupils complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award annually.

The success of our pupils on the playing fields at school and especially for extracurricular activities with several individuals reach the national standard. Last year a Sports Council was formed will lead the role and advise the US on any issues related to the field.

Successes

The school is also delighted with the academic and extra curricular achievements of our pupils, not only on the playing fields but on the stages and in the world of acting and the national media.

Extracurricular Activities

Annually offers numerous extracurricular experiences for our pupils to coincide with their academic studies. Tours run numerous, various workshops, competitions and interesting guest speakers, annual conferences and opportunities of all kinds.

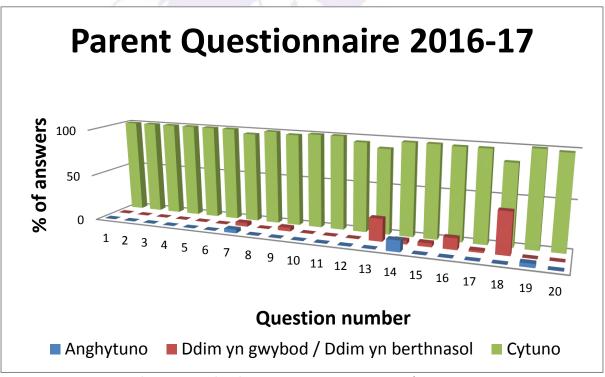
Humanitarian Committee

We have an active humanitarian committee of 70 sixth form pupils. This year we collected over £6,000 for various good causes.

Annual Parents Meeting

Since May 2013 new arrangements are in force in respect of the full annual meeting of governors / parents. Rather than being a government body shall hold an annual meeting with parents, parents have the right to request a meeting with the governing body on issues of concern. Parents can exercise this right up to three times during the school year, provided that the purpose of the meetings is to discuss matters relating to the school, pupils' progress and achievement of individual or complaints regarding staff member or member of the governing body. A meeting will be arranged with the Governor, therefore, if 10% or 30 of the parent requests in writing for a meeting using section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Regulations 2013.

Questionnaire for ParentsPlease use the new questionnaire distributed during parent evenings so we can find out what you think of our performance and, if appropriate, to suggest ideas



that could be adopted for the benefit of the school. During the 2016/17 academic year, this was your response to the questionnaire.

- 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.

2016-17 List of Events

September - November 2016

Trips

4th September – "Choir On Tour" – At the beginning of a new academic year, 44 members of the senior girl choir from the school travelled to Ypres, Belgium, to sing at the Last Post Ceremony in Menin Gate.

September 14 to 16 – Year 7 pupils attended a transition event in the Urdd Campus in Llangrannog for three days at the beginning of academic year. The weather was extremely kind and Cardigan Bay was seen at its best! It was nice to have the opportunity to make new friends as well as testing various activities of the camp. It is also nice to see Wales 7s players practicing and developing their skills.

School events:

Marriage in year 9 — Friday 8th July two buses full year 9 pupils travelled to the Priory Chapel, Carmarthen for a very special occasion, a mock wedding of Mary Freeman and Dylan Richards, two of year 9. The wedding was arranged as part of the RS course. All the pupils had prepared thoroughly for the big day and all dressed very smart.

Correspondence club – During the year, there has been an enthusiastic Correspondence Club in Bro Myrddin and they have sent letters to Bryntawe Secondary School. At the end of the season the two school had the opportunity to meet each other for the first time by hosting a video-conference conversation!

Diwrnod Joio Boio – On Friday July 8 we held a Project4Cymraeg, Diwrnod Joio Boio. It was a wonderful day with the whole school out on the field enjoying the sun, kicking the ball from the spot, eating sweets, and fresh fruit and mocktails and dancing to live music.

Head Prefects 2016-2017 – congratulations to Carwyn Bebb and Sioned Bebb Beynon on being elected as head boy and girl. Greta Llŷr, Elen Davies, Osian McAvoy and Cai Evans will help them. Good luck to them in their new role.

School Council members 2016-2017 – Congratulations to the following members of the school council for 2016 to 2017. Year 7 – Gwenno Ellis Jones and Ifan Knott; Year 8 – Lucy Davies and Oliver Percey; Year 9 – Anwen Thomas and Scott Davies; year 10 – Bethan McFayden and John Tillman; Year 11 – Alice Morris and Rhys Jones; Year 12 – Caryl Jones, Ceris James Garmon Dyfri and Rhys O Evans; Year 13 – Greta Llyr, Bethan Lewis, Rhodri Williams and Carwyn Bebb

Best wishes to them for the year.

"Jeans for Genes" and Macmillan coffee morning charity fundraising – On Friday 23 September, the school held a "Jeans for Genes" day in order to raise awareness for the charity which helps children with a genetic disorder. On another occasion the staff and sixth form pupils came together on Friday 30th September 2016 to participate in a Coffee morning for Macmillan.

We raised £550 for a charity that is close to the hearts of many of us.

Biology week

On October 10^{th} , the start of the Biology Week we invited Dr. Natasha de Vere, Head of Science at the Botanic Gardens to the school to talk about her work. On Tuesday it was the pupils' turn get their hands dirty. The text in question was "DNA – Wonders of life"; the pupils had the opportunity to study this particular molecule by extracting DNA from strawberries. "The unseen world" was the subject of Thursday's activities where pupils had the chance to look at different unicellular organisms and cell specimens under a microscope. Once again, Friday morning proved to be a colourful finale with the "The Biological Bake-off." An amazing collection of cakes came to hand, with fondant icing used to form various biological specimens. The standard was exceptionally high with the judges Mrs. Non Knott and Mr. Tim Hayes having to discuss and the winners were declared as Megan Jones and Josh Elvy in years 7-9, Anya Fearn in years 10-11 and Marci from Panedini won the competition for the sixth and Staff.

Thanksgiving service – To conclude the October half term we held our annual Thanksgiving Service. The service opened with Carwyn Bebb who welcome Reverend Beti Wyn James to share her message of thanks. We were fascinated at the start of service with a musical item by the School band led by Mrs Scaife. There were readings by the principal officers Carwyn Bebb, Sioned Beynon, Elen Davies, Cai Evans, Greta Llyr and Osian McAvoy. There was a musical item by the Junior Choir – "Miwsig yn ein Calon" led by Mrs Nia Evans and Mrs Meinir Richards accompanying. Thank you to everyone for their contribution and particularly the Reverend Beti Wyn James for her interesting and purposeful message.

Food Bank Trust – Following our Thanksgiving service, the school received a number of contributions to the food bank in Carmarthen. On the morning of Wednesday, 19 October a group of sixth form delivered the goods to the food bank.

Sporting Successes

Welsh women's rugby team squad under 18 – Congratulations to Bethan Lewis year 13 on being selected for the Welsh women's rugby team squad.

Ski champions – Congratulations to Bro Myrddin School's ski team who have become champions again in the Welsh School, Aiden Jones, Owen Llewelyn Jones, Huw Rhys Owen and Butterworth.

Scarlets rugby team champions region Girls – Congratulations to women's team under 18 for coming champions Rugby Scarlets region on Tuesday October 18th.

Shooting contest – Welsh women's rugby team squad under 18 – Congratulations to Bethan Lewis 13th year on being selected for the Welsh women's rugby team squad.

Ski champions – Congratulations to Bro Myrddin School ski team who have become the Welsh Schools champions again; Aiden Jones, Aled Llewelyn Jones, Huw Butterworth and rhys Owen.

Scarlets region girls' rugby team champions – Congratulations to women's team under 18 for coming Scarlets Region champions on Tuesday October 18th.

Shooting contest – Congratulations to the school shooting team who took part in the National competition recently. Megan Jones and Steffan Herdman were able to reach the finals and Megan, Jack and Holly were rewarded with a silver medal in their group. They will compete in the National Finals in Cardiff in January.

September and October Games – it has been a very busy period at the school with 48 different games being played. So far the school has won 18 rugby match and lost one. Won 9 games netball games and lost 8. Won 1 hockey game and lost 5. Won 4 football games and lost 2.

Football team to play Carmarthenshire – Congratulations to the following on being selected to the Carmarthen schools' football team under 12. Callum Thomas, Griff James, Ifan Knott, James Edwards, Rhys Evans, Stephen Lewis, Stephen O'Leary and Cian Thomas. Out of a squad of 15, 8 pupils are from Ysgol Bro Myrddin.

British sailing squad – congratulations to Aled Llewelyn Jones year 9 an being selected for the Great Britain's sailing squad for 2016-17 season.

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Trips

October 20 – Elin Wyn James, a year 13 pupil had a wonderful experience when travelling to Patagonia as an Urdd ambassador.

October 20 – A group of pupils from year 11 went on the annual trip to America with the Department of History over the half term.

3rd November – Year 7 pupils went to visit the Synagogue and Gurdwara in Cardiff.

December 13 – 45 pupils from year 11, 12 and 13 travelled to Cardiff for a lecture by Maths Inspiration. The trip was organized to inspire young people to discover how Mathematics is intertwined with other subjects. The main focus of the lecture was to discuss the role of mathematics in the world of sport and since we are in the Welsh capital city, rugby was the focus of the lecture.

December 15 – Year 7 pupils went with the Department of Religious Education to see a play of The Christmas Story in the Baptist Chapel, Lammas Street.

Visit Parc y Scarlets – A group of Year 11 pupils were given the chance to go to Parc y Scarlets as part of a partnership between Ysgol Bro Myrddin and The Principality. It was an opportunity for pupils to develop a range of skills; communication, teamwork and fitness under the care of the charity 'School of Hard Knocks.'

School activities:

Paul Pugh visit with the sixth form – In a recent Tutorial lesson Paul Pugh came to the school as a guest speaker. He spoke about the horrific attack on him in Ammanford, ten years ago by drunken strangers. In conjunction with Dyfed Powys Police, Paul's campaign Pledge Paul shares his experiences with young people by showing a documentary about the event. He spoke with sixth form on the effect of alcohol and drugs on individuals.

New kit the first hockey team — our brand new hockey kit was given by our sponsors, The Princiaplity. Two representatives of the Principality came to the school, James Harper, manager of corporate social responsibility and the Principality local branch manager Virginia Linnell to present the kit to the girls. They were presented with shirts, skorts, socks and sweaters for the first team and the Principality wished them every success in the future.

Haircuts to raise money – Congratulations to Fiona Shields year 8 as she has raised over £ 1,000 for cancer charity McMillan. She cut her long hair for a good cause on the Heno Programme on S4C on Wednesday.

Young Composer 2016/17 – The composer Andrew Wilson Dickson visited the Music Department on Monday, December 12 to present a session on techniques constituting the twentieth century to the senior girls.

Elderly Home visiting, Caeglas, Ffairfach, Llandeilo – on Tuesday morning, December 13 a group of pupils in years 12 and 13 visited the home of the Elderly in Caeglas, Ffairfach, Llandeilo to present a festive Programme.

Chwarae Cuddio – on Friday morning, December 16 Year 7 and 8 had the chance to enjoy a selection of the school's show "Chwarae Cuddio", but in the school hall this time instead of the Lyric Theatre. It was another opportunity for the cast to enjoy performing together while presenting timely and contemporary themes of this special show.

Christmas service Bro Myrddin Comprehensive School – on Friday, December 16 at the end the term, a lovely afternoon was held for a school Christmas service. It was given by the prefects: Sioned Beynon, Carwyn Bebb, Elen Fflur Davies, Cai Evans, Greta Llyr and Osian McAvoy. It was a pleasure to hear the Rev. Leigh Richardson delivering the message of Christmas.

Bro Myrddin School celebrates St. David's Day – a very successful night was held on Saturday March 4th when the school choirs and Huw Chiswell came together to celebrate St David's Day. The evening was expertly lead by Heledd Cynwal and the president for the night was Mr Eric Jones our former headteacher.

Sports successes

British cycling team 2017 – Congratulations to Guto Dafydd from year 10 on being selected to the British cycling team in 2017 under the age of 16.

Champions Carmarthenshire – Congratulations to the football team for year 7, 8, 9, and the older girls football team for becoming champions at year 7/8 in Carmarthenshire. Congratulations also to the rugby team for year 7, 8, 9, 11 and the senior team on being crowned winners in the County.

British gymnastics squad – Sioned Thomas is now a member of 9 British squad. Having recently returned from America where she became first and second in her competitions, she is preparing to travel to Liverpool for a British championship.

Ann Smart tournament champions Carmarthenshire – Congratulations to the under 16 netball team for winning the Ann Smart school tournament.

British Cross Country – Congratulations to Daisy Thompson of year 8 for coming 3rd in the competition.

British sailing competition – Congratulations to Aled Llywelyn Jones from year 9 for coming 4th in his age.

Scarlets squad – Congratulations to Harri Jones and Jack Green of year 11 on being selected to the Scarlets squad.

The success of the women's soccer team – Congratulations to the team who are now champions of futsal in the region and will travel to the finals to Stanford Bridge playground of Chelsea in May.

The success of hockey teams – year 8 hockey team are Brianne champions this year.

The success of netball teams – year 7 netball team is the school's Brianne champions this year.

The success of the football teams – year 7 and 8 teams have reached the semi-finals cup of the Welsh schools. Unfortunately, they lost to penalties in the semi-final.

The school shooting team – Megan Jones, Jack Lewis, Owen Howell, Taryn Williams, Tom Butterworth, Celyn Yate and Steffan Herdman were successful in the British school shooting championships.

The success of the girls's football team — Congratulations to the team who are now champions of futsal in the region and will travel to the finals to Stanford Bridge, the playground of the Chelsea team in May.

Urdd National Swimming Gala – There has been considerable success in the Urdd swimming gala this year. Gold medal was awarded to Meurig Francis of year 13 in the 100m free and the second prize in the 100m back stroke. Steffan Herdman of year 13 came 3rd in the 100m breaststroke and Deian Sion Morgan of year 9 came 3rd in the 100m free. Caio Jones, Liam Edwards, Aled Conlon and Tomos Morgan came 3rd in the 200m free exchange.

Brianne cross country – we have experienced significant success in the competition this year with Frank Morgan of year 7 coming 1st, Morgan Lloyd second and Josh Elvy 3rd. In year 8 and 9 Daisy Thompson and Liam Edwards came in first, Iwan Glynn second and Dafydd Jones 3rd. In the year 10 & 11 competition Eva Edwards came first and Cerys Davies and Archi Morgan came second. Thomas Jones of year 12 came first in the senior race.

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Trips

Visit to the Tabernacle Chapel and the Priordy – Friday morning the 19th of May year 7 went on a Religious Education trip to Tabernacle Chapel and the Priordy where they were welcomed by Reverend Peter Cutts and Reverend Beti Wyn James.

Sound and lighting crew – a group of pupils who help with the sound and lighting aspects in the school had the opportunity to attend a course in the Principality Stadium by Aspire2Be with Sean Holley. They learned broadcasting and technology skills.

Pupils' experience in the Music Department —a cohort of senior pupils visited Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth on Tuesday, April 4th to listen to the performance of compositions by five pupils from Ysgol Bro Myrddin; Steffan Jones, Alaw Evans, Daniel O'Callaghan, Ffion Richardson and Elin Wyn James. The morning was the result of a competition organized by the Young Composer project, pupils and compositions are performed there by a professional duo — Steve Bingham and Chris Brannick; a

delightful experience for the pupils. Alaw and Elin had the additional experience of being pieces are performed at a public concert at Mansion Rhosygilwen in Boncath on Sunday, April 9th.

Pianist on visit – There was an excellent session at the Music department with the professional pianist, Iwan Llewelyn Jones. The focus of the morning was the installation work for A Level namely the Concerto in G Major by Maurice Ravel. This French composer was Iwan Llewelyn Jones' doctorate text, and his thorough knowledge had certainly enhanced the education of pupils in Year 13. It was nice to be in the company of Sixth form pupils from Maes y Gwendraeth and Stradey School in the session.

Quartet on tour – On Thursday, April 6th, a quartet from the Sixth Form – Sioned Beynon, Elin Wyn James, Elin Jones and Hannah Richards presented the entertainment at the conference dinner in the Education Research Institute; Languages, Literature and Communication at Trinity College.

School events and achievements

School Presentation Evening – On Thursday April 6th the annual presentation evening was held with the guest speaker Mr Gareth Morgans, the Director of Education. Special prizes were won by Sophie McLaughlin, Gwenllian Phillips, William Pritchard, Teleri Jones, Ela James, Rachel Morgan, Mared Owen, Nia Locker, Mared Owen Gruffydd Evans, Carys Jones, Will Evans, Jessicca Thomas, Meurig Francis, Edward Rocke, Osian McAvoy and Thomas Jones.

Urdd Eisteddfod – Although we did not compete in the major choral competitions and parties this year because Mrs Meinir Richards was judging, there have been considerable success in various competitions. Three first prizes – senior cerdd dant choir, senior cerdd dant duet and team public speaking. Garmon Dyfri won the best speaker and will travel to Brussels soon as part of the prize. Three second prizes – senior cerdd dant group, vocal ensemble and Cogurdd and three third prizes – woodwind solo, harp solo and art under 19.

Books' Quiz – third prize in the books quiz competition recently.

Art exhibition in the Atom – the art exhibition opening night was held in the Atom on the 8th of June. **Theatre in Education** – On May 25th, a group of Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils went to Nantgaredig Primary School to introduce a piece from Theatre in Education. The five short plays dealt with themes such as, bullying, low self image and coping with the fears of changing from fears Primary School to Secondary School. The actors' performances had a considerable impact on the younger pupils. There was a question and answer session at the end of the performance with all benefiting from the curiosity of Year 5 and 6 pupils and the older pupils' school experiences.

Royal Biological Society – Congratulations to Beca and Rosa from year 13 on their success in the Royal Biological Society quiz recently. Beca won the bronze medal, while Rosa was awarded high merit in the interactive quiz. Congratulations to Evan Burke from year 10 for the silver award in the National Biological Challenge.

Royal Welsh Show – the school managed to collect £500.00 towards the royal show recently.

Divine Competition – congratulations to four girls from the school on winning the national creative writing 'Divine' Fairtrade competition – the winners were announced on the Heno Programme on S4C; Megan Bryer and Leusa Bowen were awarded the second prize and Betsan Campbell and Carina Sidhu have won the third prize.

Pioneering award – congratulations to Carwyn Bebb and Will Garrard from the 6th form on being nominated for a WJEC pioneer award in design and technology.

Profiles morning – On May 8th the annual profiles morning for year 11 was held. Following a short welcome by Dr Jones, Emma Benger, Careers Wales and James Harper of the Principality were welcomed to the morning. One pupil from each registration class was nominated for their effort during the year and received a voucher from the Principality. Congratulations to Catrin Lewis, Elin Jones, Carian Jones, Angharad Beach, Sioned Tattersall and Owain Phillips.

University Entrance Scholarship – Students from Ysgol Bro Bro Myrddin have been successful in the University Entrance Scholarships yet again. This year, 65 scholarships were awarded and many merit awards by the University. Among the successful candidates were: Eve Johnson – Sir Alfred Jones Scholarship – £1,000 per year; Beca Lleucu Phillips – Merit Award – £1,000; Eleanor Alicia Phillips – Merit Award and Marged Ann Smith £1,000 – Merit Award – £1,000.

Sports successes

Senior rugby team – Congratulations to senior rugby team on their great success – they have not lost a game all season and now they are the regional champions and Wales champions.

Year 9 rugby team – Congratulations to Year 9 rugby team on reaching the Welsh schools semi-final cup after a difficult game against Llanishen. Unfortunately, we lost the game against Ysgol Glantaf. We also won the boys Bishopston 7's recently.

Urdd 7 a side Rugby – Congratulations to the year 7 boys' rugby team on coming 2nd in the Urdd competition recently.

Year 7/8 girls' football – congratulations to them on their recent success in the Premier League Tournament held at Stamford Bridge. They came second in their group.

Year 7 Football – Congratulations to Year 7 football team on reaching the cup semi-finals after beating Nantlle Valley school 4-2. Unfortunately, the senior team lost in the penalties in the guarter final.

Bro Myrddin sports – The school had a very nice and dry day for the sports this year. There was intense competition between individuals and between the houses with several dazzling individual performances. Llwydiarth won with a score of 757, with 668 for Hergest, 3rd was Peniarth with 668 points and Hengwrt 4th with 643. The individual winners this year were Year 7 Girls – Scarlett Mackenzie-Jones; Boys – Frank Morgan; Yr 8 Girls – Betsan Thomas; Boys – Liam Edwards; Year 9 Girls – Hanna Lewis; Boys – Ryan Thomas; Year 10 Girls – Eva Edwards; Boys – Dylan Richards.

Welsh Crosscountry — congratulations to Thomas Jones year 12 and Daisy Thompson and Liam Edwards year 8 on being selected to be part of the Welsh Crosscountry squad following their recent success.

Cardiff 10k – On Sunday morning April 2^{nd} the school staff from Cardiff 10K run to raise money for the charity Altheizeimers Strip and 3G. Collected a total of £ 982.34. The staff who ran were: Mrs Eiri Thomas, Miss Bethan Williams, Mrs Eirlys Thomas, Mrs Gwenan Morgans, Mrs Alwen Owen, Mr Gwyn Jones, Dr Huw Griffiths, Mrs Luned Davies and Eleri Macrae.

Slalom – Congratulations to Osian Williams for coming first in a slalom competition in Llandysul in March.

Celtic Twirlers – Congratulations to Cerys Davies year 9. The group had a resounding success in Bournemouth recently and won 20 awards in the national competition.

Hip-Hop Dancing – Congratulations to Amelia Dawber who came 3rd in Hip-Hop dance competition at a national level and will now move on to represent Britain at the Competition "World Hip Hop" in Arizona August.

Gymnastics – Congratulations to Elina Deacon of year 12 and Carrie Davies from year 9 were part of Dyfed gymnastics team in the Welsh championships recently.

Water Polo – Congratulations to James Williams of year 12 on being selected to the Welsh Water Polo team that competed in the Czech Republic in April.

Welsh gymnastics team – congratulations to Sioned Thomas of year 9 on competing with the Welsh gymnastics team in France recently. She is also on her way to the European Youth Olympics trials in the summer.

Success in the world of hockey – congratulations to Betsan Thomas year 8 on being selected to play hockey for the under 13 South Wales hockey team in the national festival in the summer.

School ski team – well done to the team who won the West Wales schools sking competition recently. Team A were Tom Butterworth, Sam Phillips, Rhys Owen and Team B were Harri Jones, Chris Evans and Nicholas Evans who came second. Special congratulations to Mia Harries who won the girls and Tom Butterworth and Nicholas Evans on winning their individual ages.

Brianne Rounders Tournament – congratulations to the year 8 and year 10 rounders team on winning the Brianne rounders tournament this year.