



The Governors' Annual Report to Parents for the academic year September 2022 - August 2023

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Chair of Governors: Councillor Carrie Harper

Headteacher: Mrs Rhiannon James
(Acting Headteacher currently in post on a secondment until
September 2024)

AGES: 3+ - 11+ (Only Nursery and Reception Pupils during the academic year of 2022-23)

School Supporting Improvement Advisor :

Mrs Ruth Price Roberts

Dear Parents,

I am writing on behalf of the *Governing Body* of Ysgol Llan-y-pwll to introduce and report on the work of the school under the direction of the Headteacher and *Governors* during the previous academic year.

The role of the governing body is to ensure that standards in the school are maintained and improved where possible. As a *Governing Body*, we have met on a regular basis to provide the support to the Headteacher and Staff to ensure standards. The attached report provides details concerning the school, *Governing Body* and Staff, it also provides useful information about the school, financial matters and priorities.

As Wreccsam's newest Welsh medium primary school, Ysgol Llan-y-pwll opened in September 2022. It's been a busy and exciting year, opening the school, and moving into the new school building in February 2023. With the completion of the Cylch building in May 2023, all building work at the school is now complete. I would like to thank staff and parents for their support as we've taken the first steps on this exciting school journey.

If you have any questions to which you'd like us to respond, please direct your questions to me.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Carrie Harper

Chair of *Governors*

THE GOVERNING BODY

Name	Governor Role	Term End Date
Mrs Rhiannon James	Headteacher	Ex officio
Mrs Lowri Parry	Teacher	01/09/2026
Mrs Iola Emmanuel	Staff	01/09/2026
Councillor Carrie Harper	LA	04/07/2025
Councillor Becca Martin	LA	04/07/2025
Ms Helen Cadman	Parent	01/09/2026
Mrs Elin Williams	Parent	01/09/2026
Mrs Sian Jones	Parent	01/09/2026
Mrs Ceri Edwards	Community	11/7/2025
Mr Rob Nicholson	Community	11/7/2025
Councillor Andy Gallanders	Additional Community	30/6/2027

Clerk: Mrs Adrienne Jones (WCBC Clerking Services) Adrienne.jones@wrexham.gov.uk

To contact the Chair, please email the school.

Governors claimed no travelling or subsistence costs during the year. Six members of the Governing Body are Welsh speaking.

Meetings of the Governing Body

The full Governing Body took over from the Temporary Governing body in January 2023 and a meeting was held at least once per term throughout the educational year. The meetings were held in the school.

Issues discussed included:

The School Improvement Plan, Finance, school promotion and staff and pupil wellbeing.

Policy Review

The Governing Body reviews policies regularly and a programme is in place to review them over a period of time.

Meetings with Parents

Parents may request up to three meetings a year with the governing body. Please contact the school or the Chair of Governors if you require further information.

Staff

Mrs Rhiannon James Acting Headteacher

Teachers

Mrs Lowri Parry **Year**
Nursery and Reception

Teaching Assistants

Miss Annalise Wong Level 3
Miss Hallie Wynn Davies Level 2 Apprentice

Ancillary Staff

Mrs Iola Emmanuel Secretary
Mr Gwynfor Roberts Caretaker/ Cleaner

Pupil Numbers

In June 2022 there were 6 full-time pupils and 10 part time nursery pupils in Ysgol Llan-y-pwll.

Class Organisation

The school can provide places for 30 pupils in each year (which is currently in use - Nursery and Reception).

Aims and Ethos

The school's primary aim is to be a school where all pupils are equal and are challenged to reach their full potential in a friendly, caring, welcoming and creative atmosphere. Ysgol Llan-y-pwll will prepare the pupils to be capable, confident, happy and independent individuals throughout their lives. Central to this will be the use and development of the Welsh language and learning about our heritage. The learners will support each other to be confident and resilient, welcoming a challenge and continuing to achieve their goals. They will develop the essential skills for learning, life and work.

The primary aims of the School are:

- To deliver education through the medium of Welsh.
- To ensure that every child is bilingual.
- To develop lively and inquiring minds through promoting basic skills, so that every child works at the full extent of their ability.
- To ensure that each child is aware of our traditions and culture as a Nation.
- To encourage cooperation between the school, the home and the society for the child's benefit.
- To fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum.

New Curriculum

Ysgol Llan-y-pwll has used the Curriculum for Wales guidance to develop their own curriculum, enabling learners to develop towards the four purposes of the curriculum; the starting point and aspiration for every child and young person in Wales. There is information about the Welsh Curriculum and a summary on the school website.

Use of the Welsh Language

This school is a Welsh-medium primary school. A high number of children begin school on a part-time basis having made little or no use of the Welsh language.

Each pupil in the Foundation Phase experiences all areas of learning through the medium of Welsh.

Musical Opportunities

In lessons and through visits (e.g. Dewin and Dotti show), the pupils are given the opportunity to experience a wealth of musical opportunities. As the pupils grow older, we will offer instrumental lessons from instructors of the Wrexham Music Co-operative Service.

Sport

The children are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports in lessons. Prior to the completion of the school building, these were weather dependant, however now we have a hall there is a mixture of indoor and outdoor PE lessons. These include ball skills, dance and movement, yoga etc.

Healthy Eating

The pupils are encourage to eat healthily. They all receive a drink of milk and have access to water. At snack time, they get a choice of a healthy snack at break time - which consist of fruit, vegetables or salad.

Behaviour

Pupils' behaviour is good on the whole. The emphasis is on promoting positive behaviour and encouraging the pupils to treat each other with respect and kindness. Pupils are disciplined as necessary, with an emphasis on the consequences of their actions so that they understand why they need to behave in a disciplined manner. The behaviour policy also recognises good behaviour and there are several opportunities to reward and celebrate this.

School Prospectus

The school Prospectus is on the School website.

Additional Learning Needs

Each pupil follows the school curriculum unless special arrangements are in place to disapply for specific reasons such as medical issues or additional learning needs. Provision is made in the work plans for all classes to support children with additional learning needs. Pupils with additional learning needs receive support within the classroom and occasionally in small groups or one-to-one.

The Additional Learning Needs Coordinator works across the school with all age groups. Working with staff, parents and external agencies, the Coordinator ensures that pupils' needs are identified and that pupils receive all the necessary support to achieve their individual targets. Individual plans are reviewed with parents at least twice yearly. The school produce one page profiles for pupils and will hold person centred reviews for pupils with more complex needs.

Classroom Assistants play an important role in supporting pupils with specific needs in literacy and numeracy and emotional support.

Some pupils also benefit from time-limited catch-up programmes to accelerate their progress. These pupils are not on the additional learning needs register.

In 2022, there were 0 pupils on the register.

Mrs Rhiannon James is the School's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator.

Complaints

We take pride in our relationship with parents and our open door policy. We foresee that complaints/concerns will be addressed informally and in a cordial manner through discussion between the teacher and parent/carer. Parents should bring any unresolved complaints/concerns to the attention of the Headteacher and subsequently the Chair of Governors if they are dissatisfied with the manner in which their concerns were dealt with.

Facilities for Disabled People

We ensure that pupils with disabilities are not treated less favourably than other pupils. In preparing the plans for the new school, close attention was paid to the needs of pupils with disabilities. Ramps have been fitted to all exit doors which have a step. The school building is all on one level.

School Toilets

There are plenty of toilets for our pupils in the school. The facilities are appropriate for the age of their users and all toilets are cleaned daily. Additional toilets are provided for staff and visitors only.

Supporting Charities

During the year our pupils and their families have supported several charities including Children in Need, Wrexham Food Bank, Save the Children and Macmillan.

Links with the Community

During the academic year of 2022-23, we have established strong links with the community. The police, fire service and a nurse have all visited the class to share information about how they help. We have also worked with the council to develop our Forest school. A number of parents also came to help. We have also worked with Menter Iaith, Wreccsam Library and Leisa Mererid to provide the pupils with Welsh experiences. We had a successful open day in July which gave the community the opportunity to visit the school and learn more about Welsh medium education.

School and Parent Links

The Governors place great emphasis on the link between the school and parents, and view this as the most important element of the school's work. Parental cooperation in terms of the children's education is essential, not only as individuals eager to help in their children's development, but also as a team of parents which invigorates and sustains the school.

The Governing Body also ensures that the school maintains close contact with parents by:

- Corresponding regularly with parents to inform them about all the school's activities and arrangements
- An exciting website which contains important and up-to-date information about the school
- Ensuring that parents, in consultation with the Headteacher, have the chance to call into the school to discuss any issue that relates to them
- To provide written reports to parents on their children's progress, including targets for the future

Parent Governors

When vacancies arise for a Parent Governor, the school will send out communication through letter about the process which will take place.

School Improvement Plan 2022 -2023

The School Improvement Plan is updated annually and is discussed regularly in meetings of the Governing Body.

The priorities for 2022 -2023 were: -

Priority 1 - Lead operational procedures for the new school

Priority 2 - Develop, enhance and refine the School's engagement with the Reform Mission.

Priority 3 - Develop the Welsh oral skills of the Nursery and Reception pupils

The Priorities for 2023-2024 are :-

Priority 1 :Develop the cross curricular numeracy skills of the pupils within areas.

Priority 2 : Develop well-being and growth mindset (and map for the future across the school).

Priority 3 : Continue to develop the Welsh speaking skills of the learners and also develop their reading skills.

Priority 4 : Develop the learners' self-assessment strategies and skills and map these across the whole school.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2022 - 2023

Financial Year 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

The school opened in September 2022

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	92,511.00	96,368.80	-857.80
PREMISES	19,400.00	16,394.45	3,005.55
TRANSPORT	50	175.73	-125.73
TOTAL 3rd PARTY PAYMENTS	27,815.00	6,675.74	21,139.26
SUPPLIES	34,312.00	11,463.19	22,848.71
SUPPORT SERVICES	8,108.00	7,765.95	342.05
TOTAL INCOME	-8,714.00	-24,613.72	15,899.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	173,482.00	111,230.14	62,251.86

The sum of £62,251.86 carried forward is 35.88% of the budget.

The figure is higher than planned due to not being able to spend on Special Projects as a result of delays in completing the building work.

School Fund

For the year ending March 31 2022.

	Receipts		Payments
Balance brought forward	£ 0.00	Expenditure	£0.00
Receipts	£204.96	Balance	£204.96
<u>Total</u>	<u>£204.96</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>£204.96</u>

Mr Michael Harper inspected the books, tables and documents associated with the Ysgol Llan-y-pwll and attested to their accuracy.

Attendance

Sept 2022 - August 2023

Whole school - 91.8%

Reception Class 95.7%

6 Unauthorised absences

School Times

9:05 : Doors open

9:10 - 10:30 : Registration - Session 1

10:30 - 10:45 : Break Time

10:45 - 12:00 : Session 2

11:40 - Nursery Children Home Time

12:00 - 1:00 : Dinner Time

1:00 - 2:15 : Session 3

2:10 - 2:25 : Break Time

2:25 - 3:25 : Session 4

3:25 : Home Time

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term

Opens	Friday	September 1st 2023
Closes	Friday	October 27th 2023

Opens	Monday	November 6th 2023
Closes	Friday	December 22nd 2023

Spring Term

Opens	Monday	January 8th 2024
Closes	Friday	February 9th 2024

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Opens	Monday	February 19th 2024
Closes	Friday	March 22nd 2024

Summer Term

Opens	Monday	April 8th 2024
May Day	Monday	May 6th 2024
Closes	Friday	May 24th 2024

Opens	Monday	June 3rd 2024
Closes	Friday	July 20th 2024

Staff Training Days

Friday	September 1st 2023
Monday	September 4th 2023
Friday	December 22nd 2023
Monday	January 8th 2024
Friday	March 22nd 2024
Friday	July 19th 2024

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Please note, the term dates for 2024-25 have not yet been agreed.

Autumn Term

Opens	Monday	September 2nd 2024
Closes	Friday	October 25th 2024

Opens	Monday	November 7th 2024
Closes	Friday	December 20th 2024

Spring Term

Opens	Monday	January 6th 2025
Closes	Friday	February 21st 2025

Opens	Monday	March 3rd 2025
Closes	Friday	April 11th 2025

Summer Term

Opens	Monday	April 28th 2025
May Day	Monday	May 5th 2025
Closes	Friday	May 23rd 2025

Opens	Monday	June 23rd 2025
Closes	Monday	July 21st 2025

This concludes the *Governors Annual Report to Parents* for 2022-2023