

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn



'Nid da lle gellir gwell'

Governors Annual Report to Parents

2021-22



GOVERNING BODY OF YSGOL PARC Y TYWYN NO. 108

Type of Governor	Name	End date of term in office
Local Authority	Cllr John James	31-08-2024
Local Authority	Cllr Huw B Shepardson	31-08-2024
Local Authority		
Headteacher	Mr Craig Davies	31-08-2022
Community Governor	Cllrs Mrs Moira Thomas	19-06-2024
Community Governor	Mrs Nest Griffiths	23-11-2024
Community Governor	Cllr Lisa Mitchell	19-03-2022
Community Governor	Mrs A Griffin	09-07-2022
Parnet Governor	Mr Matthew Davies (Chair)	23-10-2023
Parnet Governor	Ms Jan Godfrey-Coles	29-04-2025
Parnet Governor	Mrs Sian Denman	27-02-2024
Parnet Governor	Mrs Rhiannon Young	14-10-2025
Staff Governor	Mrs Sian Elias Morris	03-11-2025
Teacher Governor	Miss Helen Roberts	10-11-2023

Clerk to the Governing Body:

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Chairperson's letter

Governing Body's Annual Report

Ysgol Gymraeg Parc y Tywyn (Autumn 2022)

It is a pleasure to present this year's Governing Body Report to Parents. The purpose of this report is to share with you necessary and statutory information. I am sure I speak on behalf of all members in expressing my thanks to all leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, staff, you as parents / guardians and of course the pupils for all the tireless work of the last few terms. The thanks are to you for the continued success of the school.

We take every opportunity to emphasise the school's vision and values of Annog Annibynniaeth, Bachu Brwdfrydedd a Chyfoethogi Creadigrwydd, which remain to impact positively on the pupils. A great example of this was the school's recent production of 'Dewin yr Oz'. What a show! It was a pleasure to see the pupils and the array of talents enjoying themselves on the stage. Just what was needed to raise spirits following the disappointment of the Welsh football team in the World Cup. Without doubt, we must acknowledge the work, time and energy that goes in to producing such a production. Big thanks to the staff, you as parents and the wider community for creating another opportunity for our pupils to shine.

The education landscape is going through a period of transformation, and it is great to hear about the school's successful journey to date, not only towards Curriculum for Wales but Curriculum for Parc y Tywyn. Yet another opportunity for purposeful experiences for each one of our young learners. It is also pleasing to hear about the school's journey towards becoming a restorative setting along with the development of the Buddy system - diolch blwyddyn pedwar. It is refreshing to hear that the school is slowly returning to its usual practice with regards to extra-curricular activities. There have been several enjoyable events during the year along with many visitors to the school. Congratulations to all who have represented the school during the year, with successes across many fields.

As we move towards the Spring, one of our priorities will be continuing to develop the school's outside provisions. You will see from this report that this is a priority for the school council, and we are waiting to hear about their exciting plans. We have already heard that there are strong desires for rugby and football posts for the field, along with an outdoor stage for performing. The outside areas are full of potential and as a Governing Body we are eager to take advantage of this to develop and extend the opportunities available to the pupils.

You will see from this report that the school's average attendance is good, especially considering the circumstances we have faced over the past few terms. However, we are aware that many pupils arrive late to school which negatively impacts on their progress and disrupts others. We encourage you to make every effort in getting your child/children to school on time. Diolch.

Recently, as we settled back into a little normality following the pandemic, we as a school faced a period of transformation. We had to say goodbye to Mr Davies, our previous head teacher, and welcome Mrs Davies and Mrs Zych as our acting head and deputy head teachers. This is an opportunity to express pride in the way the school has managed to face this transition in a professional and effective manner.

As you know, we have been successful in appointing Mrs Angharad Williams as our new permanent headteacher. We are looking forward to Mrs Williams officially beginning with us in January and thank you to Mrs Davies, staff and pupils for welcoming Mrs Williams to the school on several occasions already to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I would like to thank all who were involved in the recruitment process. Finally, thanks to Mrs Davies and her management team for their readiness to lead the school successfully and effortlessly over the last term. Diolch!

Chairperson's letter

I hope you find this report valuable and thank you once again as parents for your continued cooperation for the benefit of our young learners. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents

Section 94 of the School Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013 makes important changes to the previous legislative arrangements relating to Annual Parents / Governors Meetings. It provides new arrangements where parents can request a meeting with a governing body. However, parents will need to meet four (4) statutory requirements when calling a meeting namely: -

- (i) parents of 10% of registered pupils, or parents of 30 registered pupils (whichever is lower) must sign a petition requesting a meeting;
- (ii) (ii) the purpose of the meeting must be to discuss school issues;
- (iii) (iii) the maximum number of meetings parents may request within any school year is three (3);
- (iv) (iv) there must be enough school days left in the school year to allow a meeting.

In addition: -

- (a) the meetings must take place before the end of a period of 25 days;
- (b) the 25-day period begins the day after the receipt of the petition, but does not include any day which is not a school day;
- (c) if a different petition requires a further meeting, the 25-day period shall not begin until the day after the other meeting;
- (d) there must be enough days left in the school year to hold a meeting before the end of the 25-day period;
- (d) meetings shall be open to all parents of registered pupils at the school, the Headteacher and any other person invited by the governing body;
- (f) the notice of the meetings to the parents must include the date, time and place of the meeting together with the matter or matters to be discussed.

See more information here - <https://gov.wales/parent-meetings-guidance-governing-bodies>
Arrangements for the next election of the Governing Body

The Education Authority and the school will inform parents / guardians of the arrangements for any opportunities to be part of the Governing Body and election arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Mathew Davies
Chair of Governing Body

Chairperson's letter

A copy of this report is available in the Governors section of the school website - <https://www.ysgolparcytywyn.co.uk/>

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Governing Body Chair – Mr Mathew Davies, Cadeirydd y Bwrdd Llywodraethol), Ysgol Gymraeg Parc y Tywyn, Heol y Bardd, Porth Tywyn, Sir Gaerfyrddin, SA16 0NL.

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Progress on the School Action Plan

Parc y Tywyn Community School is a Welsh-medium school. Children are immersed in the Welsh language when entering the Nursery. The main language of instruction throughout the school periods is Welsh. However, English is taught in lessons from year 3 onwards and an emphasis on bilingualism ensures that pupils achieve high standards in both languages by the end of POD 3 (Year 6)

The Headteacher meets prospective parents before their children start and explains the benefits of bilingualism. This message is repeated by all the teaching staff at parent meetings etc.

Parents are assisted and supported by teachers when helping with homework tasks. All classes have homework. Homework is sorted seasonally and follows a menu format. Children are encouraged to complete one task weekly from the menu and read, spell and learn tables in addition to this.

Ysgol y Strade is Ysgol Parc y Tywyn secondary school. Ysgol y Strade is a Welsh-medium school. Joint activities are organized throughout Years 5 and 6 and parents' evenings are held so that the transition is as smooth as possible.

The pupils follow a thematic curriculum. Themes are carefully arranged and planned for each age range ensuring a complete coverage of the curriculum.

Intervention groups are formed based on the tests administered and Teacher Assessments. Pupils who need additional support in specific areas are taught in groups. Intervention strategies such as 'Reading with Sam' and 'CHATT' are used. Each learner's progress is tracked regularly and carefully using Incerts and the school's tracking systems.



The school continues its effort to reinforce the importance of environmental issues. The School Council and the Eco Council meet regularly and look for ways in which environmentally friendly practices can become part of school life. The pupil's voice is important and they have been gathering information and acting on their ideas in order to develop the outdoor space we are lucky to have at Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.



Fruit is eaten during break time and brought from home. Healthy eating is part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Welsh Government has removed the requirement for the school to report performance and attendance data. Efforts are made to increase attendance and persistent absences are targeted and encouraged to be punctual.

Our effort to promote the Welsh language in the school continues to encourage pupils to use Welsh outside the classroom as well as inside. POD 1 and 2 use the role play village in order to promote the Welsh language and learn language patterns in a structured play manner. 'Cynllun Clonc' is implemented throughout the school in order to improve the use of the Welsh language.

The Design to Smile team has provided toothbrushes and toothpaste to the pupils in the Foundation Phase and daily tooth brushing has resumed at the school.

We continue on our journey to be a Restorative School and have trained members of Year 4 to be Peer Mediators or 'BYDIS' in the yard. All members of staff have received Restorative Method training and use restorative investigation when discussing incidents with each child.

We use circle time sessions and the SpeakR system to discuss our pupils' emotions and well-being.



Community Links

The governing body encourages parents/carers and the local community to contact the school. Local businesses support the school with fundraising and support pupils' learning by allowing pupils to visit.

The school's Community Police Officer holds a wide range of workshops for pupils on 'internet safety', 'keeping safe' and 'drug and alcohol misuse' and comes to the school if a case arises.

This academic year has been challenging in terms of inviting the community into the school building and taking pupils out into the community. The Smile Plan visits the Foundation Phase and daily tooth brushing has resumed.

Year 6 pupils took part in 'Quiz Dim Clwm' against local schools organised by Menter Cwm Gwendraeth.



The pupils raised money for Children in Need.

Reception to Year 4 pupils received a flu spray.

The whole school celebrated 100 years of the Urdd with a Party and Jamboree helping to break a World Record over the internet.

The Eco and School Council went to help plant trees in Burns, Kidwelly. And Burns came to plant trees on the School grounds.

POD 3 took part in the 'Big Winter Wander' and raised money for WWF by walking from Porth Tywyn to the Country Park in Pembre.

The company 'In Character' came to do drama sessions "Yr Lord Rhys."

The school won the International School award.

We had a blue and yellow day to raise money for Ukraine.

Staff members went on an Erasmus project trip to Ireland and Greece.

POD 2 went on a trip to Penclacwydd to learn about the animal there.

Year 5 took part in a Scratch project on computation.

Years 3 – 6 had cricket sessions.

POD 3 went on a trip to the Aquarium in Bristol as part of its theme The Blue Depths.

Darcy Thomas from Scarlets came to hold weekly rugby sessions.

POD 1 had a visit from Siani Sionc after winning a singing competition.

Year 5/6 received lessons on the Old and New Testaments from Janet Hawkings from 'Bible Explorers'.

The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 attended the Jamboree show in the school hall.

Year 6 went to Wimbledon, London and to the ski centre.

'Forces Fitness', a Zumba teacher and an ice cream van came to our Day of Colour day to celebrate Health and Wellbeing



Additional Learning Needs

Two pupils have a statement of Additional Learning Needs. Teaching assistants are employed to support approximately 26 pupils who are currently on School Action and School Action Plus. Individual Development Planning meetings have been held to discuss a number of pupils with additional learning needs. Related agencies regularly share information and plan together for strategies for improvement.

A number of intervention programs have restarted this year. Speech and Language, Phonological Awareness, ChATT, Positive Play, Lego Therapy, Talkabout, Read Write Inc, Letters and Sounds (Phonic Awareness in FPh / KS2), Reading with Sam (FPh), Welsh Group Reading - Gwybodyn Series (KS2) and Mathematics pre-teaching. Intervention groups are held to help pupils with numeracy and literacy from Years Nursery - 6.

'Tric a Clic' is introduced in the Nursery and is used across POD 1 and 2 for all pupils. Over the past year, reading intervention has taken place within the classroom.

Support is provided by Miss E. Williams, Mrs S Hughes, Miss J Griffiths, Mrs R Young, Miss M Samuel, Mrs S Jones, Miss L. Moore and Mrs R Rees.

Children can receive their support either in the classroom or by being taken out to special teaching areas. Pupils have full access to the school's resources and the school adheres to the Additional Learning Needs Policy.

Sports and Other Activities



Four pupils from Year 6 attended a training course for Bronze Young Ambassadors organized by Carmarthenshire County Council. The course inspires them to be role models and leaders through sport so that they can influence others to take part in sport and physical activities.

Year 5/6 took part in the football competition at Ysgol Penrhos, Llanelli.

Year 5/6 took part in a rugby tournament in Kidwelly.

The Year 5/6 girls' rugby team competed in a tournament in Llanelli.



Year 5/6 competed in the Urdd rugby tournament for boys at Ysgol y Strade.

The pupils had the opportunity to see a 'BMX Stunt' show at the school.

Year 5/6 competed in the Urdd rugby tournament at Ysgol y Strade.



Year 6 had skiing lessons in Pembrey Country Park.

The Year 5/6 netball team were victorious competing in the Urdd competition at Coleg y Drindod, Carmarthen.



Provision of toilet facilities

There are toilets in all six Foundation Phase classes on the ground floor and Year 3 and 4 on the first floor.

On the first floor, Key Stage 2 toilets are centrally located. Due to the pandemic each year group in Key Stage 2 has had 2 toilets each and pupils follow the one way system.

Hot water, liquid soap and hand sanitiser are provided in all toilets. Toilet rolls and hand towels are changed daily and cleaned to a high standard every day. Hand dryers are installed throughout.

Authorized and Unauthorized Attendance Statistics

Attendance for the 2021-22 academic year was 90.74% *

Any child who falls below 80% will be referred to the County Welfare Officer.

If your child is absent would you be so kind as to contact the school by phone or letter or your child's absence will be considered unauthorized.

The following statistics show the number of authorized and unauthorized absences as a percentage of the possible total in the term.

Parc y Tywyn

From: 01/09/2021 To: 19/07/2022

School Summary

	Attended	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Total
Sessions	81084	7193	1086	89363
Percentage	90.74%	8.05%	1.22%	100.00%

TERM	AUTHORISED	UNAUTHORISED
AUTUMN 2021	8.8%	1.29%
SPRING 2022	8.7%	1.9%
SUMMER 2022	6.45%	1.27%

****Attendance has been seriously affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.***

Request: A significant number of children now arrive late for the start of school. This not only puts them at a disadvantage but also disrupts the learning of others. Please, make every effort to ensure that your children arrive on time as this helps them develop habits that will benefit them, not only now, but in the future.

Regular attendance at school is essential and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over the course of a year as shown below:

Attendance 95-100%	The best chance of success	Your child takes full advantage of every learning opportunity.
Attendance 90-95%	Missed at least 2 weeks of learning	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
Attendance 85-90%	Missed at least 4 weeks of learning	Your child could be at risk of underachieving and needs extra support from you to catch up with work.
Attendance 80-85%	Missed at least 5½ weeks of learning	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning.
Attendance under 80%	Missed at least 7½ weeks of learning	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You risk being sued.

Term Dates and School Holidays 2022-2024

Term	Term begins	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	Monday 5th September	Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November	Friday 23rd December
Spring 2023	Monday 9th January	Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February	Friday 31st March
Summer 2023	Monday 17th April	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Friday 21st July
Autumn 2023	Monday 4th September	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	Friday 22nd December
Spring 2024	Monday 8th January	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Friday 22nd March
Summer 2024	Monday 8th April	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Friday 19th July
Autumn 2024	Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025	Monday 6th January	Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February	Friday 11th April
Summer 2025	Monday 28th April	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Monday 21st July

Designated INSET Days

- ✓ Friday 1st September 2023
- ✓ Monday, 2nd September 2024

For school specific INSET days, please contact the relevant school. Usually, schools have 5 INSET days during the academic year (including the designated days).

Good Friday

- ✓ 7th April 2023
- ✓ 29th March 2024
- ✓ 18th April 2025

May Day

- ✓ 1st May 2023
- ✓ 6th May 2024
- ✓ 5th May 2025

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes that may arise as a result of government policy decisions. We do not accept liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following such changes.

POD 1 Timetable (Nursery and Reception)

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Part Time Nursery 09:00-11:30		
Nursery & Reception 08:50-11:30	11:30-12:30	12:30-15:20

POD 2 Timetable (Years 1 – 3)

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Year 1, 2 a 3 08:50-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-15:20

POD 3 Timetable (Years 4 – 6)

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Year 4, 5 a 6 08:50-12:30	12:30-13:30	13:30-15:25

Statement of Expenditure

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2021/22

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn



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Parc y Tywyn

Annwyl Bennaeth

Dear Headteacher

Gwelir isod crynodeb sefyllfa ariannol terfynol eich ysgol ar gyfer 2021/22.

Please see below a summary of your school's final outturn position for 2021/22.

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Gwariant Net 2021/22

883,946 Net Expenditure 2021/22

Dyraniad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2021/22

-912,406 Formula Funding Allocation 2021/22

Arian Wrth Gefn a Ddygwyd Ymlaen o 2020/21

-100,287 Surplus Brought Forward from 2020/21

Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd i 2022/23

-128,747 Surplus Carried Forward to 2022/23

Atodaf hefyd crynodeb o'r grantiau a dderbyniwyd gan eich ysgol yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol 2021/22. Buaswn yn ddiolchgar petaech yn medru trefnu rhannu holl gynnwys y llythyr yma gyda Chorrff Llywodraethol yr ysgol

I also attach a summary of grants received by your school during the 2021/22 financial year. I would be grateful if you could arrange for all the contents of this letter to be shared with the school's Governing Body.

Pe bai gennych unrhyw ynhollad ynglŷn â'r uchod, yna cysylltwch â'r Adran RHYLL ar naill ai (01267) 246709, 246710 neu 246711.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the LMS Section on either (01267) 246709, 246710 or 246711.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

Gareth Morgans

Cyfarwyddwr Addysg a Phlant / Director of Education and Children

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