



# Ceiriog Valley Federation The Governors' Gazette



## The Annual Report to Parents

**Autumn Term 2020 (for Academic Year 2019 -2020)**

### A WORD FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

This has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging years ever not just for the school but for the pupils, staff and the community as we have all battled with the pandemic which has affected our lives in ways none of us could have imagined at Christmas.

I am proud in how everyone has come together and the schools have continued to work together to provide the best for pupils in the Ceiriog Valley. As you know during the early part of the pandemic Ysgol Cynddelw stayed open throughout the lockdown as a Hub for the Valley. It provided a facility for the children of key workers in the Valley which has helped many and I would like to thank all of the Federation staff for their dedication in providing this service.

In addition I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone –our delightful children and loyal parents for their support during this difficult time supporting their children with home learning, and our dedicated staff who have had to learn to deliver teaching in ways that 12 months ago they had never imagined.

Speaking as a parent and governor I am so pleased we now back again in school and moving on – many of you will have seen the building works taking place which will lead to two new permanent classrooms at Ysgol Cynddelw. Ysgol Llanarmon D C is also awaiting building works which hopefully we shall hear more on in the coming weeks and months.

**Simon Adams**

### Ceiriog Valley Federation

#### Our Vision

**To provide a collaboration of safe, stimulating, learning environments where individuals are respected and achievements and efforts praised; where the Welsh language and culture is celebrated and forms part of daily life; where schools and the communities they serve are fully integrated, and all the opportunities afforded by learning in the Ceiriog Valley are fully realised.'**

#### *Our aims:*

To provide a caring community in which children are valued.

To aim to develop self-esteem and self-discipline.

To provide quality education through the medium of Welsh or the medium of English depending on parental choice.

#### **The federation will emphasise the following:**

- Literacy- reading, writing, speaking and listening in English & Welsh.
- Numeracy
- Good personal and social skills
- Scientific knowledge and the ability to work as a scientist.
- The use of information, communication technology.
- Good learning behaviour.
- Thinking skills.
- Links with the Community.
- Broadening of opportunity for the pupils
- A broad, balanced and exciting curriculum for all pupils
- High standards of teaching and learning

Should at least 10% of the schools parents request a meeting then we will set up a virtual meeting. Please telephone school if you would like to request a meeting with Governors to discuss this Annual Report.

**Inside ... What did we achieve? A look back: 2019 - 2020**

## Who's who on the Governing Body?

Name	Role	End of Term of office	
Mr Simon Adams	Chair of Governors (Parent)	September 2020	Resigned September 2020
Mr Emyr Owens	Vice chair of Governors (Additional community)	January 2024	
Mr Ian Barre	Parent governors	October 2021	
Mr Aled Jones		September 2020	To stand again as parent governor
Mrs Emma Humphreys		April 2020	To stand again as parent governor
Mrs Fiona Grant		May 2023	
Mr John Edwards		September 2020	Did not attend meetings/left
Miss Beth Evans	Teacher governors	March 2020	Re-elected 24/9/20
Mrs Lora Sockett		September 2024	
Miss Iona Richards	Staff governor	March 2021	
Mrs Bethan Mair Jones	LA governors	May 2020	Re-elected September 2020
Mrs Eleri Harper		January 2022	
Mrs Gaynor Roberts		April 2021	
Mrs Sally Greenwood	Community governors	November 2021	
Ms Sarah Davies		September 2022	
Mrs Edith Jones		March 2019	Resigned
Mrs Olwen Corben	Headteacher	N/A	
Mrs Karen Wilson	Clerk LA	N/A	

The instrument of government has been amended to reflect Ysgol Cynddelw and Ysgol Llanarmon D C

<b>Instrument of government for the Ceiriog Valley Federation 2020</b>	
Parent governors	4 (Minimum 1 from each school)
Local Authority	4
Teacher	2
Staff	1
Headteacher	1
Community Governors	2 (+ 1 additional community governor appointed from community council)
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

*The Governing Body has a responsibility for seeing that the school is run effectively, acting within the framework set by legislation and that the policies of the Local Authority (LA) and the Welsh Government (WG) are adhered to. The governing body of the Ceiriog Valley federation meets every half term to discuss the schools and their priorities. Their main aim is to ensure that all pupils in the Ceiriog Valley are given opportunities and challenged to reach their potential. During the meetings, staff present information about school development plan and governors ask challenging questions as to the purpose of activities and their effect. It is a voluntary role and we thank all the governors for their commitment.*

### What is a Governor?

**A governor is someone who:-**

- is a volunteer;
- cares about learning, teaching and children;
- represents people in the local community and the staff of the school;
- is part of a team which accepts responsibility for everything a school does;
- has time to commit to meetings and other occasions when needed;
- is willing to learn;
- is able to act as a friend who supports and challenges the schools by casting a critical eye upon how the school works and the standard it achieves; acts as a link between parents, the local community and the school.





## School Improvement What has been happening 2019-2020?



The schools have been very busy monitoring standards and sharing good practice. We have all been working hard to develop the curriculum and have been commended by the regional support team GwE. Many schools have been over to observe good practice. The open afternoons continue to be very successful.

The Federation schools will continue to support each other to offer the best possible for the pupils in the Ceiriog Valley.

<u>Areas identified 2019-2020</u>	<u>Identified from</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Governor</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve pupils spelling</li> </ul>	Spelling results September 2019	HP	
<b>Results were looking favourable before lockdown</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure consistency in teaching and Learning across the federation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Phase Cynddelw</li> <li>Foundation Phase Llanarmon</li> <li>Key stage 2 Llanarmon Jan –July 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New staff</li> <li>Maternity cover</li> </ul>	OC	
<b>Staff who were employed to cover did and standards and teacher input was monitored during lockdown</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To monitor the reading strategy and continue good practice in all classes</li> </ul>	Reading results	HP	
<b>Reading strategies were continued during lockdown. Some pupils completed tasks on lone some needed paper copies.</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue to develop the curriculum and DCF to suit the needs of Ceiriog Valley pupils</li> </ul>	National priority		EH
<b>DCF continued with blended learning-chrome books were loaned out to parents. Internet signal in the valley was an issue</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop the ALN reform and implement new code of practice</li> </ul>	National priority	LS/OC/LR	FG
<b>ALN making good progress as LR stepped in as co-ordinator when LS was on maternity leave. In September 2020 any new IDP's will be completed in new format</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue with Shirley Clarke Assessment for Learning strategies and to support Tier 3 schools               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise policies and practices in line with strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	School/Local Priority		
<b>Good progress made however lockdown came.</b>			
Other SDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cymraeg Campus</li> <li>Siarter Iaith</li> <li>Healthy Schools</li> <li>Eco Schools</li> </ul>		HP OC HP BE	
<b>Work on priorities was halted and a new priority was the well-being of pupils and parents during lockdown.</b>			

## Staffing Structure September 2019

Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon
<b>Head teacher</b> – Mrs Olwen Corben	
<b>Deputy Head teacher</b> – Miss Beth Evans (based at Ysgol Cynddelw)	
<b>Business manager</b> - Mrs Michelle Lewis	
<b>Teachers-</b> Miss Hannah Parkinson Mr Peter Williams Mrs Anwen Evans Miss Elizabeth Richards	<u><b>Head of Teaching and Learning</b></u> Miss Lora Sockett  <b>Teacher-</b> Miss Sian Roscoe
<b>PPA Teachers-</b> Mrs Eleri Owens	<b>PPA Teachers</b> Mrs Nia Massey
<b>Teaching Assistants</b> Mrs Della Maddocks Mrs Clare Wall Mrs Angela Turner Mrs Carol Ward Miss Iona Richards	<b>Teaching Assistants</b> Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson
<b>Caretaker</b> -Mrs Sharon Jones <b>Cleaner</b> -Mr David Jones	<b>Caretaker</b> -Mrs Michelle Morris
<b>Cook</b> - Mrs Sharon Jones	<b>Cook</b> -Miss Kate Edwards
<b>Kitchen Assistants</b> -Mrs Tina Barre	
<b>Lunchtime Supervisors</b> Mrs Clare Wall Miss Iona Richards Mrs Carol Ward	<b>Lunchtime Supervisors</b> Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson
<b>Breakfast Club open from 7.50am</b> Mrs Della Maddocks Mrs Carol Ward Mrs Claire Wall	<b>Breakfast Club open from 7.50am</b> Miss Kate Edwards
<b>After School Club</b> Mrs Michelle Lewis Mrs Suzanne Evans (Finished August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020 ) Mrs Carol Ward	Pupils who are 3 years old can access After School Club at Ysgol Cynddelw
<b>Cylch Meithrin Glyn Ceiriog</b> Lizzy Williams Shelley Ward Laura Richards Maz Lee Rosemary Whitworth	From September 2020- 2 and 3 year olds pupils from Ysgol Llanarmon can attend Cylch. Lizzy Williams picks them up from Ysgol Llanarmon



## Policy/Document Update



All of our Policy Documents for the Curriculum are in place. All of our Non-Curricular policies are in place. We update our School Prospectus and School Development Plan regularly. All of our Schemes of Work; (Foundation Phase to Key Stage 2) are written on a termly basis and we have detailed annual plans.

*Please contact school if you would like a copy of any of our Policy Documents or if you require any additional information.*

## Teaching & Learning 2019-20

We have an excellent working relationship with Federation schools. We are continuing to work on the curriculum for Wales. Pupils are taught in mixed age classes and we use a variety of teaching methods. We share good practice through the Federation and with other schools in the cluster, Wrexham and North Wales. We have a whole federation approach to assessment for learning and we had a focus on this as part of school improvement in 2019-2020. We continue to observe each other and other schools in order to develop best practice and provide the very best for pupils in the Ceiriog Valley.

## Attendance 2019 – 2020 September until Lockdown

School	Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon
Target	96%	96%
Actual Attendance	93.53%	96.76%
Authorised	4.62%	2.32%
Unauthorised	1.84%	0.91%

Absences have an adverse effect on our overall percentages. We have a whole school computerised system to monitor pupils' attendance and punctuality. Covid 19 has had an impact upon our attendance this year. We do recommend that parents do not take holiday during term time because it can have a detrimental effect on a child's education when important lessons are missed. The Welsh Assembly Government points out that holidays in term time are not a right and should be agreed by the Head teacher: "Absences authorised under this discretion should be kept to a minimum. Ten school days should not be regarded as the norm. If a school does not agree absence and the pupil goes on holiday, the absence is unauthorised." Welsh Assembly Government **Please ensure that you contact the school to give a reason for your child being absent.**

**Target for Attendance 2020/2021= 96%**

Most of the schools buildings are in fairly good repair but the main building in Ysgol Llanarmon needs renovation which is planned in Autumn 2020. Each school has good toilet facilities which are cleaned on a regular basis. Toilets are checked by during the school day.



All schools have an active School Council and Eco Committee. The groups meet on a regular basis to discuss important school issues.



## Sports

Teams from the federation have done very well during 2019-2020. The Federation football team enjoyed playing a few games and even scored a couple of goals.

The federation cross country team enjoyed the cross country run in Ysgol Dinas Bran with Tomos Humphreys and Carys Ann Duxbury finishing in the top three.



The netball team did very well coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Wrexham small schools netball League.



Pupils also enjoyed dodgeball, tennis and athletics. Weekly swimming lessons were also provided.

All pupils have physical education lessons. The key stage 2 classes from the Federation join together for PE. One group has also access to Forest schools and this rotates during the year. The junior classes also have swimming lessons during the year. Pupils usually have over two hours of PE per week. There have been several PE based after school clubs during the year including dance, football and netball.



### Additional Learning Needs

Across the Federation we have many children with varied needs. The children are at various stages of the AN process (The Graduated Response). The stages are as follows:

**School Action (SA)** - Providing interventions that are additional to or different from those provided as part of the school's usual differentiated curriculum.

**School Action Plus (SA+)** - Help from external services.

**Additional Resources at School Action Plus (ARSAP)** - Limited progress despite SA+ intervention. Long term support may be of benefit in addition to the school's own resources or that the pupil may need a different provision. (quicker response and receive help sooner)

**Statement (STMT)** - Limited progress despite SA+ intervention. Long term support may be of benefit in addition to the school's own resources or that the pupil may need a different provision (lengthy legally binding process but required help recognised as long term)

#### Ysgol Cynddelw (2019-2020)

	SA	SA+	ARSAP	STMT	TOTAL
BOYS	2	5	0	1	8
GIRLS	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	5	0	1	8

Predictions 2019-2020: 3 SA, 4 SA+ 1 STATEMENT , No ARSAP

#### Ysgol Llanarmon (2019-2020)

	SA	SA+	ARSAP	STMT	TOTAL
BOYS	1	1	0	0	2
GIRLS	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	2	0	0	3

Predictions 2020-2021: Increase on SA + SA= due to lockdown/COVID

Current Federation Universal Provision: CATCH UP, DYFAL DONC, WASPS/HORNETS, DCD, SOCIAL COMMUNICATION GROUP, TARGETED IEP , IDL, READ WRITE INC, LEGO THERAPY, ELSA, SUPPORT FOR LATECOMERS TO WELSH MEDIUM..

### The admission of pupils

We offer an inclusive school community and we aim to reduce/eliminate all barriers of access to the curriculum and work towards full participation for all pupils and prospective pupils with a disability. We will comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and will:

- Not discriminate against disabled pupils in admissions, exclusions or in the provision of education.
- Not treat disabled pupils less favourably.
- Take reasonable steps to avoid putting pupils with disabilities at a disadvantage.

Please contact school if you would like a copy of our Disability Equality Scheme.

### Links with the Community

We work closely with the local community:

- ❖ We invite the community to attend Harvest Festivals and Christmas concerts.
- ❖ We make regular use of the mobile library
- ❖ We work in partnership with Ysgol Dinas Bran and Ysgol Morgan Llwyd.
- ❖ We have excellent links with the local PCSOs.
- ❖ We continue to use our Facebook Page.
- ❖ We have completed litter picks in the locality.
- ❖ We sing in the Cheshire home every Christmas.
- ❖ We take part in Eisteddfods, Urdd, Glyn Ceiriog and Powys.
- ❖ Events are held in the village hall/church or Canolfan Ceiriog
- ❖ Many volunteers from the community help out at the schools
- ❖ Each school is very well supported by their community
- ❖ Owain Jones won a story writing competition for pupils in years 3 and 4 across Wales. Radio Cymru came to Ysgol Cynddelw to record Aled Hughes' Breakfast show. Many of the children got to speak and residents from the Valley came to chat.



### Additional Information:

We encourage pupils to use the Welsh language in class and around school.

We work closely with feeder Secondary Schools to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils and to facilitate continuity in the Welsh language. Ysgol Llanarmon is a naturally Welsh medium school offering bilingual education.

Ysgol Cynddelw is dual stream with the 65% of pupils in the Welsh medium.



**Term dates and Teacher training days:**

<b>Autumn term</b>	
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>2019 - 2020</b> <b>Mon 2 September 2019</b> <b>Tues 3 September 2019</b>
Term Opens	Wed 4th September 2019
Half Term Close	Fri 25th October 2019
<b>Half terms Open</b>	
Term closes	Mon 4 November 2019 Fri 21 December 2019
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 6 January 2020</b>
Term opens	Tues 7 January 2020
Half term close	Fri 14 February 2020
Half term open	Mon 24 February 2020
Term closes	Fri 3 April 2020 (NB. Good Friday 10 April 2020)
<b>Summer Term</b>	
	(Easter Sunday 12 April 2020)
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Mon 20 April 2020</b>
Term opens	Tues 21 April 2020
May Day	Fri 8 May 2020
Half term close	Fri 22 May 2020
Half term open	Mon 1 June 2020
Term closes	CTD Thu 25 June 2019 Fri 17 July 2020
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Mon 20th July 2019</b>

**Ysgol Cynddelw runs a Cylch Meithrin + (for Nursery children) and After School Club which continues to be popular.**

**Breakfast Club at each school continues to thrive. Open from 7.50am.**

**Destination of school leavers July 2019**

<b><u>Ysgol Cynddelw</u></b>	<b><u>Ysgol Llanarmon D C</u></b>
11 pupils 10=Ysgol Dinas Bran 1= Penley	1 pupils 1=Ysgol Morgan Llwyd

**Healthy Eating and Drinking**

All schools promote the Welsh government healthy schools scheme.

Each school has celebrated in the healthy schools celebration event each year. Ysgol Llanarmon has celebrated their tenth, Ysgol Cynddelw 7 years renewing achieving the National Quality Award. Each school promotes healthy eating and drinking promoting appetite for life guidance.

<b>Ysgol Cynddelw Foundation Phase</b>	<b>Ysgol Cynddelw Key stage 2</b>	<b>Ysgol Llanarmon D C</b>
8.55—10.15am	8.55am-10.30am	9am-10.30am
Snack/Break	Break	Break
10.45-11.45am	10.45 Midday	10.45-Midday
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.45-3.15pm	1pm –3.15pm	1pm –3.20pm

**We are always encouraging and developing the partnership we have with parents; we hope you have enjoyed reading our Annual Report. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.**

*Our Federation Prospectus*

The Ceiriog valley Federation Prospectus has been updated. If you require a copy, please contact the Headteacher. We have information packs for Welsh medium Education and parent packs available. We also provide half termly newsletters for each class. Please contact school if you would like a copy of any of the above items.

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**CEIRIOG VALLEY FEDERATION**  
**INDIVIDUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY FUND ACCOUNTS**

**Finances**

**LLANARMON DC**

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2019/2020**  
**Financial Year 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020**

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	171,359	174,296	2,937
PREMISES	10,611	8,236	-2,375
TRANSPORT	925	280	-645
SUPPLIES & SERVICES *	9,310	6,586	-2,724
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	13,176	12,701	-475
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	1,920	1,920
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>205,380</b>	<b>204,019</b>	<b>-1,361</b>
OTHER INCOME	-29,847	-19,994	9,853
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2019)	-2,302	-2,302	0
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>173,231</b>	<b>181,723</b>	<b>8,492</b>

**YSGOL CYNDELW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2019/2020**  
**Financial Year 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020**

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	426,296	407,447	-18,849
PREMISES	29,853	27,113	-2,740
TRANSPORT	1,837	309	-1,528
SUPPLIES & SERVICES *	12,208	16,641	4,433
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	37,249	36,774	-475
LEASING RECHARGES	14,730	14,730	0
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	-8,166	-8,166
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>522,174</b>	<b>494,848</b>	<b>-27,326</b>
OTHER INCOME	-101,589	-56,005	45,584
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2019)	5,656	5,656	0
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>426,242</b>	<b>444,499</b>	<b>18,257</b>





<u>Ysgol Llanarmon DC School Fund Account</u>		
<b>April 19 – March 20</b>		
	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/19	4576.01	
Trips/Visits	2119.81	1996.47
Postage	0	12.64
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	483.61	0.00
Clubs/Subscriptions	16.00	16.00
Swimming	52.50	227.61
Donations/Charity	115.40	105.20
Miscellaneous	1822.52	4079.42
	9185.85	6437.34
<b>Balance @ 31/3/20</b>	2748.51	

<u>Ysgol Cynddelw School Fund Account</u>		
<b>April 19 – March 20</b>		
	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/18	1198.60	
Trips/Visits	5924.23	6625.51
Photographs	200.00	233.39
Uniform	715.00	722.61
Postage	92.77	76.75
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	2402.90	1015.00
Clubs/Subscriptions	485.90	376.03
Swimming	375.05	525.00
Donations/Charity	105.82	86.00
Miscellaneous	1709.47	812.63
	13209.74	10472.92
<b>Balance @ 31/3/19</b>	2736.82	



