



Ceiriog Valley Federation The Governors' Gazette



The Annual Report to Parents

Autumn Term 2021 (for Academic Year 2020 -2021)

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

This year has undoubtedly been another difficult one but I believe that the federation has gone from strength to strength. It was a bit of a shock to lose Olwen as our headteacher but I do feel that Lora has filled in extremely well.

It has been lovely to see how the new extension at Cynddelw has been finished and it looks fantastic. Also, the new renovations at Llanarmon have made a huge impact.

I am very grateful to each and every one of the governors for their support during my time as chair of governors. I am sure that Carys Davies, our new Chair of governors will take the federation forward even further.

Therefore, I would like to thank all governors, staff, parents and pupils for their support during this last year.

I would like to also wish Miss Sian Roscoe, Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson and Miss Liz Richards all the very best.

Yours Sincerely

Emyr Owens

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

Please telephone school if you would like to request a meeting with Governors to discuss this Annual Report.

Who's who on the Governing Body?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>End of Term of office</u>	
Mrs Olwen Corben	Head teacher		
Mr Emyr Owens	Chair of Governors (Additional community)	January 2024	
Mrs Carys Davies	Vice chair of Governors	September 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	
Miss Beth Evans	Teacher governors	March 2020	Re-elected 24/9/20
Mrs Lora Sockett			
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 Karen Wilson	Clerk LA	N/A	

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

Instrument of government for the Ceiriog Valley Federation 2021	
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)
Total	15

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 2020-2021?



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. The Federation schools have been continuing to support each other during lockdown and offering the best possible for the pupils in the Ceiriog Valley.

Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan		<p>We are working on our targets.</p> <p>Gap in attainment- We are looking at strategies to answer the Additional Needs of pupils whilst pupils were on lockdown.</p>
Priority 1: Accelerating pupils learning		
<p>Identified from-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of Covid-19 • Assessments <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify needs of pupils • Accelerating pupils learning • Ensure pupils reach their full potential after the effects of lockdowns due to Covid 19 • Develop independent learning skills that motivate learners 		

Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan		<p>All staff have been on the health and wellbeing course, how to look after themselves physically and mentally.</p> <p>Performance management meetings with the headteacher (Summer term) to express any concerns.</p> <p>Wellbeing Wednesdays introduced during the Summer Term</p>
Priority 2: Pupil and staff Well-being		
<p>Identified from-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of Covid-19 • Link with priority 1 (Accelerated Learning and pastoral support =ALPS) • Needs during autumn term <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify needs of pupils • Support pupils and provide suitable intervention • Support staff • Ensure staff have ownership over school/ideas/activities 		

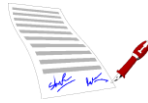
Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan			<p>Ysgol Llanarmon environment –we are making very good progress. We have developed the early years area and new markings on the school yard. Building work continues at Cynddelw and hoping to be finished by the end of the summer.</p>
Priority 3: School Environment (especially Ysgol Llanarmon D C)			
<p>Identified from-Ysgol Llanarmon D C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of build and mobile • Condition of yard <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrexham LA to Refurbish classrooms • Wrexham L A Extend outdoor area • Make outdoor yard more attractive (School PTA) 	<p>Identified from Ysgol Cynddelw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of mobiles • Fit for purpose buildings(extension) <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrexham LA building two classrooms to replace mobiles • 		

Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan		<p>Communication between staff- Federation What's App group now set up which helps.</p> <p>Weekly staff meetings, minutes uploaded onto Google drive for all staff members to see if they cannot be present.</p>
Priority 4: Communication between staff		
<p>Identified from-</p> <p>SWOT analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2020 <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have input into SDP • TA's have inputs into classroom practice • Clear expectations • Clear understanding of events • Clear understanding of intervention staff • All staff invited to staff meeting 		

Staffing Structure September 2020

Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon
Head teacher – Mrs Olwen Corben	
Deputy Head teacher – Miss Beth Evans (based at Ysgol Cynddelw)	
Business manager/Secretary - Mrs Michelle Lewis	
Teachers- Miss Hannah Parkinson Mr Peter Williams Mrs Anwen Evans Miss Elizabeth Richards	<u>Head of Teaching and Learning</u> Mrs Lora Sockett Teacher- Miss Sian Roscoe
PPA Teachers- Mrs Eleri Owens	PPA Teachers Mrs Nia Massey
Teaching Assistants Mrs Della Maddocks Mrs Clare Wall Mrs Angela Turner Mrs Carol Ward Miss Iona Richards Mrs Dilys Bates	Teaching Assistants Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson
Caretaker- Mrs Sharon Jones Cleaner -Mr David Jones	Caretaker- Mrs Michelle Morris
Cook- Mrs Sharon Jones	Cook- Miss Kate Edwards
Kitchen Assistants- Mrs Tina Barre	
Lunchtime Supervisors Mrs Clare Wall Miss Iona Richards Mrs Carol Ward	Lunchtime Supervisors Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson
Breakfast Club open from 7.50am Mrs Della Maddocks Mrs Carol Ward Mrs Claire Wall	Breakfast Club open from 7.50am Miss Kate Edwards
After School Club Mrs Michelle Lewis (left 31 st Dec 2020) Mrs Lizzie Williams Miss Laura Singleton Mrs Rosemary Whitworth Mrs Carol Ward	Pupils who are 3 years old can access After School Club at Ysgol Cynddelw
Cylch Meithrin Glyn Ceiriog 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 2020-21

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 2020-2021. 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.

Most of the schools buildings are in fairly good repair. Each school has good toilet facilities which are cleaned on a regular basis. Toilets are checked by during the school day.



Attendance 2020 – 2021 September 20 until July 21

School	Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon
Target	96%	96%
Actual Attendance	94.66%	96.34%
Authorised	4.4%	3.62%
Unauthorised	0.94%	0.04%

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 has 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%

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



Sports

Unfortunately due to covid Teams from the federation have been restricted from taking part in many tournaments and sporting events. Below is a photograph from 2019-2020. The netball team did very well coming 3rd in the Wrexham small schools netball League.



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 (2020-2022)

	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 (2020-2021)

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

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 recognise the importance of working closely with the local community. Of course this year due to restrictions we have been limited to the number of activities that we have been able to do. Our main priority is always of course the pupils safety, we have continued to keep our community links in various ways.

- ❖ We usually invite the community to attend Harvest Festivals and Christmas concerts. This year they have been done virtually and share using social media and parents SeeSaw accounts.
- ❖ 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 usually take part in Eisteddfods, Urdd, Glyn Ceiriog and Powys. Again, this year some pupils have competed virtually.
- ❖ Each school is very well supported by their community
- ❖ Virtual federation Christmas fayre
- ❖ Assemblies with local businesses, virtually

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 Foundation Phase	Ysgol Cynddelw Key stage 2	Ysgol Llanarmon D C
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

AUTUMN TERM	2021 - 2022
Training Days	Wed 1 st Sept 2021 Thurs 2 nd Sept 2021
Term Opens	Fri 3 Sept 2021
Half Term Close	Fri 22 Oct 2021
Half Term Open	Mon 1 Nov 2021
Term Closes	Tuesday 2 December 2021
SPRING TERM	
Training Days	Thurs 6 th Jan 2022 Fri 7 th Jan 2022
Term Opens	Mon 10 January 2022
Half Term Close	Fri 18 Feb 2022
Half Term Open	Mon 28 Feb 2022
Term Closes	Fri 8 April 2022
	[NB. Good Friday 15 April 2022]
SUMMER TERM	
Training Day	[Easter Sunday 17 April 2022] Mon 25 th Apr 2022
Term Opens	Tues 26 April 2022
May Day	Mon 2 May 2022
Half Term Close	Fri 27 May 2022
Half Term Open	Mon 6 June 2022
CTD	Thu 30 June 2022
Term Closes	Tues 19 July 2022
Training Day	Wed 20 th July 2022
TOTALS	Training Days

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 2020

Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon D C
16 pupils	2 pupils
15=Ysgol Dinas Bran	2=Ysgol Morgan Llwyd
1= 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 last year. Each school promotes healthy eating and drinking promoting appetite for life guidance. We have been continuing to promote healthy eating and drinking

throughout the year.

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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SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2020/2021
Financial Year 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	184,711	180,686	-4,025
PREMISES	8,029	9,958	1,929
TRANSPORT	420	700	280
SUPPLIES & SERVICES *	9,320	5,873	-3,447
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	12,912	12,912	0
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	2,994	2,994
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	215,391	213,123	-2,268
OTHER INCOME	-36,466	-19,287	17,179
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2020)	-8,492	-8,492	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	170,434	185,344	14,910

YSGOL CYNDELW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2020/2021
Financial Year 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	441,336	461,736	20,400
PREMISES	31,034	29,494	-1,540
TRANSPORT	495	1,600	1,105
SUPPLIES & SERVICES *	12,850	16,739	3,889
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	39,322	37,882	-1,440
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	3,631	3,631
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	525,037	551,082	26,045
OTHER INCOME	-111,330	-80,712	30,618
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2020)	-18,256	-18,256	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	395,451	452,114	56,663

Ysgol Cynddelw School Fund Account

April 20 – March 21

	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/20	2847.49	
Trips/Visits	170.00	418.00
COVID 19 Supplies	0	216.21
Uniform	170.50	125.86
Postage	0	75.08
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	1234.53	0
Clubs/Subscriptions	0	76.95
Swimming	184.45	650.00
Donations/Charity	271.90	200.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	773.38
	4928.87	2535.48
Balance @ 31/3/21	2393.39	

Ysgol Llanarmon DC School Fund Account

April 20 – March 21

	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/20	2748.51	
Trips/Visits	40.00	5.00
Postage	0	0
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	405.57	0
Clubs/Subscriptions	0	0
Swimming	0	0
Donations/Charity	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	333.22
	3194.08	338.22
Balance @ 31/3/21	2855.86	

