



Ceiriog Valley Federation The Governors' Gazette

The Annual Report to Parents

Autumn Term 2022 (for Academic Year 2021 -2022)

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Last year, as we emerged from the difficult period of the COVID pandemic, it was with great pleasure that we appointed Mrs Lora Sockett as our new acting headteacher. As a long-serving and highly valued member of our staff, Lora understands the caring ethos of the federation which is rooted in our community and values each and every child.

While the pandemic may be over, this year offers new challenges. Our teachers have been working hard preparing exciting lessons which meet the Welsh Government's new skills focused curriculum. And, as always, we aim to provide rich and varied learning experiences for all our pupils. However, the challenge of spiralling costs means keeping a close eye on school budgets. It's a difficult balance, especially when many families are also feeling the pinch, but without the voluntary contributions for activities like swimming and without the money the PTA raises some enrichment activities may become unaffordable. With this in mind, I ask all parents to please get behind the PTA and support the school with all the energy and enthusiasm you can offer.

I am very grateful to each and every one of the governors for their support, and to the dedicated staff across Ysgol Cynddelw and Ysgol Llanarmon. This is a fantastic federation and I am very proud to continue to serve as the Chair of the Governing Body.

Yours Sincerely
Carys Davies

Ceiriog Valley Federation Our Vision

Our mission statement and school aims have been created by our children, staff, governors and parents. We are friendly, welcoming community schools that create independent and creative learners who are kind and respectful. We endeavour to help the children learn in an environment that prepares them for the future, enabling them to be independent, confident and ambitious learners. We are committed to ensuring that all children reach their full potential and thrive in the evolving world that awaits them

Our aims:

- To create ambitious, capable learners who set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge
- To encourage pupils to value health and be confident and have the skills and knowledge to manage everyday life as independently as they can
- Produce enterprising, creative contributors who think creatively to reframe and solve problems
- To develop ethically informed citizens who show their commitment to the sustainability of the planet and are ready to be citizens of Wales who celebrate their own language and culture and also the wider world.
- To respect their needs and the rights of others, working collaboratively as a federation

The Federation of Schools in the Ceiriog Valley is made up of the two separate county primary schools sharing one head teacher and one governing body. The federation ensures that all schools remain separate by law retaining their own unique identity. This arrangement builds on the strengths of both schools without them losing their individual identities.

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: 2021 - 2022

Who's who on the Governing Body?

Name	Role	End of Term of office	
Mrs Lora Sockett	Acting Head teacher	April 2022	
Mrs Carys Davies	Chair of Governors	September 2024	
Mr Emyr Owens	Vice chair of Governors (Additional community)	January 2024	
Mr Aled Jones	Parent governors	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
Miss Sian Roscoe			
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 2021-2022?



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 and offering the best possible for the pupils in the Ceiriog Valley. Below are a few examples of the activities that have been going on in line with our priorities.

Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan	
Priority 1: Accelerating pupils learning	
<p>Identified from- Effects of Covid-19 Assessments Pupils interests</p> <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 Encourage pupils to converse in Welsh again, improve confidence and fluency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Investing in resources White Rose Maths, TT Rockstars, Numicon, Ravens BPVS) -Assessments then leading to intervention for pupils (ELSA, Literacy & Numeracy support) -Training and projects (Helpwr Heddiw, Ein Llais Ni) -Pupil Progress Meetings

Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan	
Priority 2: Pupil and staff Well-being	
<p>Identified from- Effects of Covid-19 Needs during autumn term</p> <p>Success criteria</p> <p>Identify needs of pupils Support pupils and provide suitable intervention Support staff Ensure staff have ownership over school/ideas/activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mindfulness in schools project -Growth Mindset -Pupils and staff refer to 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' in lessons -One Page Profiles completed by staff and pupils. -Weekly Forest School and Mercher Mwdlyd sessions have continued -'Mindful Moments' throughout the school day. -Progress meetings with each class teacher



Cynllun Datblygu Ysgol/School Development Plan	
Priority 3: The implementation of the new ALN Code	
<p>Identified from- ALN co-ordinator, Staff discussions, cluster meetings, meetings with GwE officer. • September 2021</p> <p>Success criteria</p> <p>Success criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff and governors have awareness of the changes within the new ALN code OPP training / refresher for all staff All staff and pupils to create their own OPP Eclipse training for ALNCo Elisha Welsh government level 1 awareness training -staff and governors to complete Person Centred Reviews implemented and training for staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cost mapping provision -Transition meetings -Staff attending cluster meetings and ITAS meetings. -ALNCo continuing to amend school procedures in line with new ALN Bill and is updating the staff, parents and governors -Meetings with ALN governor -Training (Boxall, ECLIPSE, Effective digital technology, ALN legal training) -PCP meetings with parents

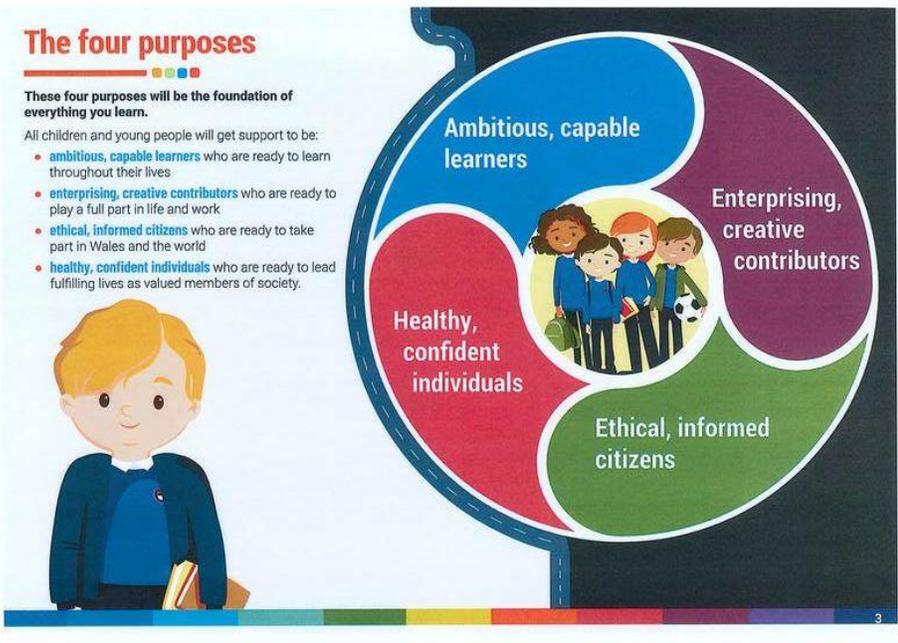
Priority 4: New curriculum for Wales

Identified from-

- Welsh Government-Curriculum for Wales, staff meetings.

Success criteria

- Pupil led innovative curriculum
- Innovative teaching
- Pupils engaged in learning
- 4 core purposes/12 Pedagogical Principles
- Progression steps and assessment



- Curriculum day :All staff.
- Looking at their AOLe and What Matters statements.
- Inquiry based learning approach implemented
- Curriculum for Wales presentation for Governors.
- Staff have been attending their Areas of Learning meetings with GwE.
- Sharing good practice with other schools
- Ein Llais ni – project
- Resources purchased following assessments and reviews – Numicon, new BPVS 3.
- Curriculum Sub committee meeting (governors)
- Pupils looking at the 4 core purposes: designing their own characters, what are the four core purposes in their own words.
- Information stall in the Canolfan Summer fayre, Llanarmon school summer fayre to get wider community engagement in the curriculum development.
- Governing body have adopted our new curriculum and assessment arrangements and curriculum summary
- Continuing to develop our curriculum in school, pupil and all stakeholder involvement.

Staffing Structure September 2021

Ysgol Cynddelw	Ysgol Llanarmon
Acting Head teacher – Mrs Lora Sockett	
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> Miss Kate Jones Teacher- Miss Sian Roscoe
PPA Teachers- Mrs Nia Massey	PPA Teachers Mrs Eleri Owens
Teaching Assistants Mrs Della Maddocks Mrs Clare Wall Mrs Angela Turner Mrs Carol Ward Miss Iona Richards Mrs Dilys Bates Miss Laura Singleton	Teaching Assistants Mrs Rhonwen Tomlinson Mrs Eleri Owen
Caretaker -Mrs Sharon Jones Cleaner -Mr David Jones	Caretaker -Mrs Michelle Morris
Cook - Mrs Sharon Jones	Cook -Miss Levi Tormey
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 Levi Tormey
After School Club 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 Laura Richards Rosemary Whitworth Francesca Watkin	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 2021-22

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 2021-2022. 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. We offer a broad range of experiences, knowledge and skills that are explored through a range of contexts, inquiries and activities selected in the process of curriculum design. We have AoLE partners who are working together to ensure progression and coverage across the school. A child's learning should focus on things that matter to them, we achieve this by ensuring that the pupils have a voice to shape their own learning.

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 and regular handwashing continues to be a priority.



Attendance 2021 – 2022 September 21 until July 22

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 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 2021/2022= 96%

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



Sports

The pupils in the federation have had the opportunity to take part in a number of sporting activities in the schools and in various tournaments. They have had Gong Fu Sessions, PE sessions with the Urdd, Tag Rugby, Clocffit dancing as well as their Forest school sessions, Muddy Wednesdays and mindfull moments during the school day.



Additional Learning Needs

This year we have been implementing the new ALN code (mandatory January 2022) which means that pupils from certain years over a 3 year period will move from the old system (SA, SA+, ARSAP.) to the new system. Pupils who have statement will remain on the old system until 2022-23. Pupils who we identify as having Additional Learning Provision will have an Individual Development plan. Emphasis will be on high aspirations and better outcomes for children and young people with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).

Across the Federation we have many children with varied needs. The children are at various stages of the ALN 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 (2021-2022)

	SA	SA+	ARSAP	STMT	TOTAL
BOYS	1	3	0	1	5
GIRLS	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2	3	0	1	6

Ysgol Llanarmon (2021-2022)

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

Current Federation Provision: CATCH UP, DYFAL DONC, WASPS/HORNETS, DRAW & TALK, SOCIAL COMMUNICATION GROUP, IDL, READ WRITE INC, LEGO THERAPY, ELSA, TRIC A CLIC & 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:

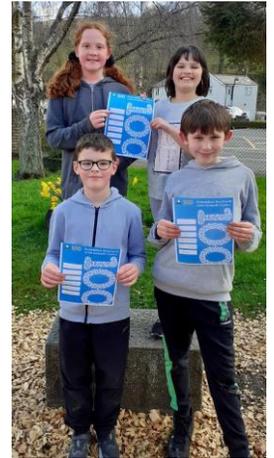
- Not discriminate against disabled pupils in admissions, exclusions or in the provision of education.
- Not treat disabled pupils less favourably.
- Take reasonable steps to avoid putting pupils with disabilities at a disadvantage.

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 have taken part in Eisteddfod yr Urdd and Eisteddfod Powys Rhosllanerchrugog



- ❖ Each school is very well supported by their community
- ❖ Virtual federation Christmas fayre
- ❖ Assemblies with local businesses (Dolywern meat, Kirsty Bees)

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.



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	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

<u>Ysgol Cynddelw</u>	<u>Ysgol Llanarmon D C</u>
12 pupils 10=Ysgol Dinas Bran 2= Morgan Llwyd	1 pupils 1=Ysgol Morgan Llwyd

Healthy Eating and Drinking



Both schools continue to promote the Welsh government healthy schools scheme. We continue to promoting healthy eating and drinking through the appetite for life guidance and County advice. We have been continuing to promote healthy eating and drinking throughout the year also inviting local businesses to discuss their sources and the importance of a healthy balanced diet.

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

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.

Ysgol Cynddelw 01691 718426 Ysgol Llanarmon DC 01691600278

MDP248 - YSGOL LLANARMON			
SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2021/2022			
Financial Year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022.			
BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
STAFFING	184,141	186,200	2,059
PREMISES	12,637	9,262	-3,375
TRANSPORT	605	600	-5
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	10,113	12,514	2,401
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	13,700	13,700	0
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	15,072	15,072
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	221,196	237,348	16,152
OTHER INCOME	-62,203	-22,427	39,776
Opening Balance 1st April 2021	-14,911	-14,911	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	144,082	200,010	55,928

MDP197 - YSGOL CYNDDELW			
SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2021/2022			
Financial Year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022.			
BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
STAFFING	497,661	484,241	-13,420
PREMISES	33,123	34,387	1,264
TRANSPORT	1,775	600	-1,175
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	23,895	19,140	-4,755
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	37,737	37,736	-1
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	33,558	33,558
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	594,190	609,662	15,472
OTHER INCOME	-148,888	-73,257	75,631
Opening Balance 1st April 2021	-56,663	-56,663	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	388,639	479,742	91,103

Ysgol Cynddelw School Fund Account
April 21 – March 22

	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/21	2393.39	
Trips/Visits	4216.25	3116.00
Uniform	152.50	
Postage		141.72
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	122.10	
Clubs/Subscriptions		
Bank Charges		29.32
Swimming	399.90	980.00
Donations/Charity	108.60	173.59
Miscellaneous	196.50	2533.09
	<i>7589.24</i>	<i>6946.20</i>
Balance @ 31/3/22	615.52	

Ysgol Llanarmon DC School Fund Account
April 21 – March 22

	CREDIT	DEBIT
Balance @ 1/4/21	2855.86	
Trips/Visits	313.00	1255.21
Postage		
Fundraising/Commission/Donations	2640.97	
Clubs/Subscriptions		
Swimming		124.39
Donations/Charity		
Miscellaneous		230.03
	<i>5809.83</i>	<i>1609.63</i>
Balance @ 31/3/22	4200.20	