



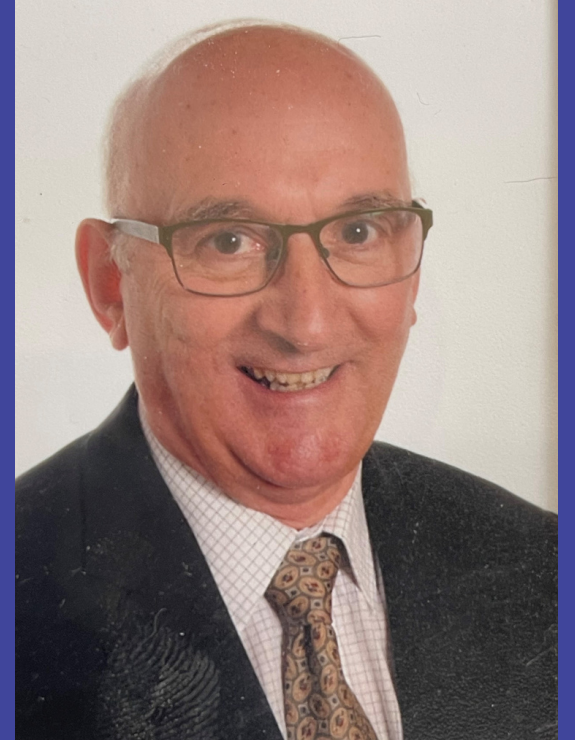
Ysgol Y Waun



GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 22-23



A message from the Chair of Governors



It has been an interesting year in 22/23, we had come out of covid restrictions and looking forward to getting back to some form of normality, we then learn that Estyn would be inspecting the school, and the report would be available shortly afterwards.

We were confident that the school was in a good position for the inspection and the head and senior team gave us confidence that this was the case and although it can be very nerve racking for the staff that confidence shone through, and the outcome was exceptional.

Some comments to take in for example the school is caring and inclusive a collective family where all pupils and families are made to feel welcome and that the headteacher and all leaders and staff developed a positive culture of teamwork and that all pupils are well cared for, we may have felt we knew that was the case but for Estyn to confirm that made us really proud.

Our current governing body works hard for the school challenging the head and senior leaders where necessary, most are very proactive and support the school as much as possible, being a volunteer in this role can be challenging but the broad experience we have ensures that the governing body proactive and supportive to the ethos of the school.

There were a small number of recommendations that the inspection highlighted and all have been addressed and we continue to make improvements when needed and any health and safety issues are dealt with as soon as they are highlighted.

We continue to have budget challenges but have been able to maintain the staffing levels we have to ensure the school progresses and the standards are maintained across both sites. Having 2 sites does have its challenges but as the inspection outlined the school has a collective family feel despite that and our hope is that one day we will have a single site.

My thanks go out to the Leadership Team and all staff for reaching and maintaining the standards we have we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team and I look forward to a further year as Chair of governors here at Ysgol Y Waun.

Frank Hemmings
Chair of Governors.

About the School

Number of Pupils on Role: 327

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs S. Rodgers



Teacher	Class	Year
Mrs Thomas	Pine	Nursery
Miss Hughes	Maple	Nursery/Reception
Mrs Morgan	Willow	Nursery/Reception
Mrs Green	Elm	Year 1
Mrs McCunnell/Mrs Rowlands	Juniper	Year 1/2
Mrs Crawshaw	Hazel	Year 2/3
Mrs Lines	Silver Birch	Year 3
Miss Parry	Sycamore	Year 4/5
Miss Roberts	Beech	Year 4/5
Miss Price	Cherry	Year 4/5
Mr Morrow-Powell	Cedar	Year 6
Miss Griffiths	Oak	Year 6



Governor Name	Position	Status
Mr Frank Hemmings	Chair	LA
Mrs Jackie Allen		LA
Mrs Sarah Manford		LA
Mr Alex Knopp	Vice Chair	Community
Ms Annett Winter		Parent
Mrs Tracey Scudder		Parent
Mrs Jennifer Fawcett-Jones		Parent
Miss Debbie Daniel		Parent
Miss Amy Roberts		Teacher
Miss Katie James		Staff
Mrs Steph Rodgers		Acting Headteacher

School Attendance

School Attendance for Sept 22 - July 23

92.1% attendance

6.8 authorised absences

1% unauthorised absences

Comments

All Wales Attendance for the same period currently stands at 89.5%

5% absence due to illness

5.5% absence due to other reasons

Exclusions

There were no fixed term exclusions in 2022-23

Extra Curricular Activities

There have been many extra curricular activities available to the children this year including:

Netball

Football

Art club

Lego 'Wedo'

Choir

Outdoor Rangers

Makaton

Multi - sports

Board Games

Educational School Trips/ Residential Activities/ Visitors to School

Visitors to School

Water Aid

The Water Board

Canal trust

PC Hulley

Exotic Corner Animal Roadshow

Super sweepers

Don't Touch Tell

Cricket skills

Music workshops

Taekwondo

Residential Activities

Nant BH

Cardiff

Pentre Llyn

School Trips

School council visited the Mayor

Walks to the Aqueduct

Walks to Chirk castle

Rhyl Sea Life centre

Jambori

Eisteddfod

Manchester War Museum

Sports tournaments:

Tennis centre

Cricket at the AAA's

Girls football

Sports festival at Dinas Bran

Athletics at Plasmadoc

Celebration Days

Oli's fundraiser – sponsored walk, scoot, boxercise raised over £2000

Eco Day

Sky Arts week

Water challenge – team building day

MacMillan coffee morning

Harvest

Eisteddfod

School Financial Statement

School Fund Account

Opening Balance £17204.95

Income £32581.83

Expenditure £37645.47

Closing Balance on £12141.31

School Budget

Opening balance £105,466.00

Employee Costs £1,549,492.88

Premises Costs £100,572.94

Transport costs £630.90

Supplies £48,623.57

Closing Balance £-22,608.66

Additional learning Needs Update

Estyn Inspection Report 10.2.23

‘Provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) and complex social and emotional needs is a strength of the school.’

This Year the school has set up 2 Nurture provision rooms, one for the children on Lloyds Lane site, the other for children on Chapel Lane site to access in the afternoons. Within these settings the children have the opportunity to develop their social, emotional and behaviour skills following personal targets with access to specialised resources such as ELSA and Boxall.

School Accessibility and the School Equality Plan

Ysgol Y Waun prides itself on providing an environment which is accessible to all pupils regardless of educational and/ or physical needs. We have an ‘Equality Policy’ and ‘Action Plan’ which is reviewed by our Governing Body. Actions detailed within the plan aim to provide all pupils with ‘equal access’ to school opportunities.

School Priorities 2022-23

To establish a new vision for Ysgol Y Waun with agreed values and behaviours.

To keep the Four Purposes of our curriculum at the centre of teaching and learning

To deliver a new curriculum with exciting new ways of working.

To agree upon a range of purposeful assessments that allow teachers to monitor and report pupil progress at key points within the school journey.

To review the purposes of marking and feedback – ensuring that our chosen practises help children to make progress in their learning.

To review behaviour strategies used across the school

To provide a range of professional development opportunities for all adults working with children.

To provide a range of extra-curricular activities that enrich pupil experiences

To further improve our communication with parents

To further develop the role of the governing body

Improvements to our Built Environment

- Major repair work and redecoration of the school hall at Lloyds Lane
- Remove all single glazed windows at Lloyds Lane and replace with double glazed units
- Ensure all classrooms have AV screens available for use
- Fix/ Replace broken outdoor equipment on both sites
- Oversee the final planning stage/ building stage of the EE Funded Childcare Facility
- Replace/ Add blinds in our reception classrooms
- Refurbish toilet block at Lloyds Lane



Estyn Inspection Report

10.2.23



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'Ysgol Y Waun is a caring and inclusive school at the heart of its community. Despite being across two separate sites, the school provides a collective family feel where all pupils and families are made to feel welcome'

'The headteacher, all leaders and staff have developed a positive culture of teamwork. They ensure that pupils are well-cared for and that all pupils have their needs met appropriately.'

"Across the school pupils develop positive working relationships with adults and they trust them to act in their best interests at all times.'

'They behave well across the school and demonstrate respect for the contributions of others, for example by allowing others to speak or by remaining calm when others disagree with them. '

Recommendations

R1 Address the health and safety concerns identified during the week of inspection

R2 Refine self-evaluation processes to ensure that school development planning and grant planning targets are well focused

R3 Improve provision to support pupils' application of their numeracy skills across the curriculum and in real-life situations

Term Dates 23-24

Autumn Term

Friday 1st September - Staff Training Day

Monday 4th September - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September - School open for pupils

Friday 27th October - School closes for Autumn Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th November - School opens for pupils

Thursday 21st December - School closes to pupils for Christmas Holidays

Friday 22nd December - Staff Training Day

Spring Term

Monday 8th January 2024 - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th January - School opens for pupils

Friday 9th February - School closes for Spring Half Term

Monday 19 February - School opens for pupils

Thursday 21st March - School closes for Easter Holidays

Friday 22nd March - Staff Training Day

Summer Term

Monday 8th April - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th April - School opens for pupils

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May - School closes for Whit Half Term

Monday 3rd June - School opens for pupils

Friday 19th July - School closes for Summer Holidays

DESTINATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS—JULY 2023

35 PUPILS WILL JOIN YSGOL DINAS BRAN IN SEPTEMBER 2023

2 PUPILS WILL JOIN YSGOL RHIWABON IN SEPTEMBER 2023

2 PUPILS WILL JOIN ST MARTINS SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023

1 PUPILS WILL JOIN THE MARCHES SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023

COMMENTS Pupils joining Denbighshire and Wrexham schools were able to attend a transition day on 6th and 7th July.

Pupils joining St Martins visited on 3rd and 4th July.

School Plans and Policies

All schools have policies and procedures in place which ensure that they run safely and effectively.

The Full Governing Body and supporting committees meet termly to review policies with priority given to statutory policies.

Policies are available, upon request, from the school office

Links within our Community

Our governing body prides itself on excellent links between school and the local community.

Annual events include:

- Visiting speakers including Reverend Mat and PC Hulley
- Links to charities including Nightingale House, Hope House and Oswestry Foodbank
- School choir performing for Chirk Court residents and Chirk hospital residents
- Visits to St Marys Church for Christmas celebrations
- Attendance at Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights switch on
- Links with local shops including the SPAR, COOP and TESCO
- Very good relationship with Freedom Leisure who allow pupils to use the 3G pitch during school hours
- Canal trust
- _Chirk Castle
- Chirk Court

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

For more information regarding the day to day running of the school you can request a copy of the school prospectus.

You can request a copy by emailing: mailbox@ywaun-pri.wrexham.sch.uk or by downloading the prospectus from our school website at:

www.ysgolywaun.co.uk