



Annual Report to Parents (2020 – 2021)

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Welcome to the annual report to parents of Penygarn Community Primary School. Croeso I chi! We the Governors, staff and pupils, all follow and promote the school's mission statement:

Nurturing the Hearts and Minds of the Future

"Magu'r galon a'r meddwl o'r dyfodol"

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely challenging year again at Penygarn Community Primary School for staff and pupils alike. I would like to start by thanking all of the teaching and support staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure the school continues to offer outstanding learning despite these unprecedented times. I am sure you will agree that the distant learning packages offered during lockdown were second to none and that shows the dedication of all staff to ensure our children get the best education in very difficult times.

I would like to wish Louisa Sellars the very best of luck in her new role and thank her for all she did to make our school the success it is today. Lee Jones has stepped up into Acting Headteacher and Claire Evans into Acting Deputy Headteacher positions so you can rest assured the school is in very capable hands while governors undertake the recruitment process to identify the new Headteacher.

Now that school has returned to some kind of normal, with the usual Covid19 restrictions in place, I am very proud of the way our children have settled back into school life ready to learn. I am also very proud of how brilliant all our staff have been in continuing to teach our children whilst still dealing with the issues Covid19 continues to present.

Thank-you to the Admin team, led by Mrs Stokes, who have ensured the continued smooth running of school and the ongoing communication. Thank you to the Site Manager and cleaning staff, who together have ensured that the school is not only clean but is constantly sanitised with a thorough new cleaning and disinfecting programme to keep staff and pupils safe. Thank-you to the Midday Supervisors and Canteen staff, who have helped the pupils settle into the new systems for Breakfast Club and lunchtimes and thank-you again to our school community for your continued support as we all learn to work together in these new ways. I know there are a lot of thanks in my report this year but I feel it is important to recognise the hard work and dedication that is needed to run a successful school.

Best wishes from all on the Governing Body.

Matthew Ford

Chair of Governors

Parent Governor Vacancies

When a vacancy arises on the governing body for a parent representative, the Local Authority will inform all parents of the vacancy and will make the necessary arrangements for the subsequent election. Every parent of a registered pupil at the school will be entitled to stand as a candidate and to vote at the election. Each parent will be provided with a letter via student post and a nomination form. The nomination form and personal statement must be returned to the school by the set date. Elections will be held by secret ballot. The next scheduled election of Parent Governors is on 20.11.2021.

Annual Parents' Meeting

No petition for an annual parents' meeting was received during the year so no meeting was held under Section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales Act) 2013.

School Improvement Plan (2021 – 2022)

Our School Improvement Plan (SDP) is a pivotal document in the life and activities of our school. It is directly linked to our Self Evaluation Report (SER) and focuses on the achievement and wellbeing of pupils through teaching and learning, leadership and management.

There are many strands to what we do. The Development Plan anchors those strands within a context – that of maintaining and consolidating what is good and successful and building upon it to generate further success. It provides a framework, identifying things that are necessary to do in the short term and those that can be planned for future years.

The SDP generates a sense of purpose and direction. Performance Management targets for all staff, including the Senior Leadership Team and Headteacher are linked to the SDP. Local targets set are rooted within this document.

All staff and members of the Governing Body are involved in its preparation. It is available for parents to read. All can share in the forward movement of the school, helping to create a climate for improvement and achievement.

Priority outcomes for academic year 2021 - 2022

Raise standards by:

- Embedding an effective blended/distance learning strategy that takes account of all learners (including those from vulnerable groups)
 - Identifying staff development needs and offer relevant PL to take account of wellbeing, appropriate pedagogy and use of technology to support a blended approach to learning and the implementation of CfW
 - Further embed progress towards the realisation of a transformational curriculum for Wales by focusing on the four enabling objectives (National Mission)
 - Further developing the quality of teaching and learning with a focus on subject knowledge, challenge, differentiation and expectations aligned to CfW
- R1 Improve pupils' extended writing and numeracy skills across the curriculum, particularly in key stage 2
 - R2 Raise standards in ICT
 - R3 Improve attendance
 - R4 Improve the provision for developing pupils' understanding of the Welsh dimension
 - R5 Ensure that teaching is consistently good in all classes

Community Links

School Health Nurse	Year 3 – Kerb Craft	Police/PCSO
Breakfast Club	Year 6 Taster Days – Abersychan/West Mon (Virtual Sessions due to Covid19)	Road Safety
Year 6 climbing	Laura Roynon - Assembly	Pontypool Eisteddfodd
Year 5 swimming	Environmental Grant	Pontypool Community Council Concert
Scholastic Book Fair	Fire Service	Design to Smile
Fundraising - various	Welsh Week	Sports Tournaments - various
John Muir		