

Ysgol Llannon School



Governors' Annual Report

2019-2020

Adroddiad Blynyddol y Llywodraethwyr

LLANNON PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 2020

Chairperson of Governors:

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The full list of Governors is as follows:

NAME	STATUS	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES
Mr J Ellis	Parent	31.12.2023
Cllr E Dole	LEA	04.09.2020
Mrs LI Watkins	LEA	20.03.2024
Mr A G Owens	Additional Community Governor	15.02.2021
Miss J M Langabeer	Headteacher	-
Mrs S Murphy	Teacher	20.05.2022
Mr E Wood	Parent	11.02.2024
Mrs K Phillips	Parent	23.10.2023
Mrs A M Thomas	Community Representative	22.02.2024
Mrs V Hayes	Community Representative	20.05.2022

Chairperson: 2019/2020: Mr J Ellis
Vice-Chairperson: 2019/2020: Cllr E Dole

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Governing Body No. 69

Staffing Summer 2020

Number of pupils= 102

Number of Classes= 4

Year 5 and 6 –Mrs W Williams/Mr S Owen= 34 pupils

Years 3 and 4 – Miss A Voyle = 24 pupils

Foundation Phase – Mrs S Murphy and Mr E Edwards= 44 pupils
N2- 6 pupils, Reception class=9 pupils, Year 1 =13 pupils , Year 2 =16 pupils.

Peripatetic Teachers:

Mr G Thomas – Brass
Recorders for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Mr P Shingler - Woodwind

Support staff:

Mrs M Evans, Mrs A Passmore, Miss H Randall and Miss S Roberts

Chairperson's Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Governors. One issue may have monopolised everyday life since March 2020 and it is perhaps only right that I begin in conveying gratitude, admiration and a huge thanks to Marie and the team for the way in which the school has dealt with the challenges as posed by this pandemic.

Supporting our learners remotely, the tireless efforts in attending the local HUB for Key Worker children and all of the unseen work that has gone in to ensuring a safe return to school for all pupils.

The team at Llannon should be very proud and I speak on behalf of the Governing Body, as well I'm sure every parent/guardian at the school in saying a very very big thanks.

We as Governors work closely with the school as well as engaging with key external stakeholders. We each bring an area of specialism that assists in the delivery of an excellent standard of educational learning and ensures that school life is an enjoyable and safe environment for all.

As I reflect on the school's performance and notable achievement this past Academic Year, I am very proud of the work undertaken by the Governing Body in helping to support our Head-Teacher and all staff members in ensuring the continued success that Llannon Primary School has become accustomed to.

Llannon is a high performing school. One that affords all pupils the opportunity to experience a diverse range of educational, cultural and sporting experiences. Experiences

that whilst currently curtailed by world events will return and when combined with highly motivated teachers and staff, will see pupils from our small school return to competing and winning at national level again.

Notable successes for the academic year 19/20 include:-

- Llewelyn Josey won third prize in a competition held by Canned and Tata Steel. He designed and made packaging from recycled materials. He won £25 which he donated to the Hywel Dda Trust Fund.
- The Healthy School Committee were successful in gaining an award for the safety strand.
- The Eco committee were successful in gaining the third Platinum award.
- Lewis Thomas represented the school as part of the Mini Executive Board as Emlyn Bach
- Lewis Thomas on winning Design a Christmas Card competition.
- Callum Clarke on winning a competition for designing a poster on covid 19.
- The success again of 2 teams in the Welsh book Quiz- one from Years 3 and 4 and one team from years 5 and 6.
- The success of many pupils at the preliminaries of the Urdd eisteddfod
- Pupils at the school selected to play football for Carmarthenshire Schools, culminating in Lili Ellis being crowned County Player of the Year.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to those Year 6 pupils that have since made the transition to Secondary School. The restrictions as placed on us by Covid-19 inhibited the customary celebrations that your indelible contribution to life at Llannon school so richly deserved. But leave us knowing that we are immensely proud of you all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Marie Jenkins for her hard work and dedication as clerk to the governors and school for over 16years, and wish her well on her retirement.

The school continues to invest in the future with the construction of a new outdoor classroom and greenhouse. Additional space that will further enrich the creative learning experiences for learners of all ages.

I extend a warm welcome to Sioned Huxtable who joins us to cover Mrs Murphy's maternity leave and who has been instrumental in maintaining the high standards as set by our successful and high performing team. A team that includes not only teaching staff but all those who support the effective running of the school, inclusive of the work done by kitchen staff, members of the PTA, Meithrin, Breakfast and After School Clubs.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to reserve special praise and thanks to our hard working Head-Teacher. Combining a leadership role across two sites, Miss Langabeer works tirelessly and remains dedicated in ensuring that Llannon School maintains the successes of the past, whilst continuing to develop for the future.

James Ellis
Chair of Governors

YSGOL LLANNON SCHOOL

Ysgol Llannon is a Welsh medium School.

Pupils in the Foundation Phase are taught through the medium of Welsh.

English is introduced in Key Stage 2.

Pupils who join the school at Key Stage 2 will have the support of a Teacher from Carmarthenshire's AGAD team -Athrawon Gymraeg a Dwyieithrwydd.

All communication to parents is bilingual. The pupils of Ysgol Llannon are developing the "Siarter Iaith" and have received the Silver award. They have a vision "Joio Byw yn Gymraeg" and have now set targets for the Gold Award.

Self Evaluation and School Development Plan

The school has a monitoring programme which ensures that all subjects and aspects of the curriculum are evaluated.

All areas that require further development are noted on the School's Development Plan.

All staff attend In Service Training to meet the requirements of the School Development Plan and Individual Professional Development.

School Policies

Many new policies have been reviewed over the year and have been shared with the staff and Governors.

We have reviewed and accepted the following policies – Safeguarding, I.C.T Staff Disciplinary, Health and Safety, Behavioural Policy to include Covid 19, Lockdown and E safety.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning standards are monitored by subject leaders, the Headteacher, Governors, the County Advisor and Estyn inspectors.

We are committed to raising the level of our pupils' Basic Skills in Literacy, ICT and Numeracy. Target groups have been undertaking "Hwb Ymlaen" and "Dyfal Donc." Also pupils at Foundation Phase have "Llythrennau a Synau" sessions and at Key Stage 2 Read, Write, inc. sessions.

The school was also inspected by Estyn in February 2019 and teaching and learning was judged to be good.

Additional Learning Needs

It is our aim to recognise any additional learning needs of our pupils immediately, and to take the appropriate steps to meet their needs.

We communicate closely with parents and use the appropriate resources to support pupils with Special Educational Needs.

We also receive invaluable support from the County's Educational Psychologist and Behavioural Centre.

The policy is reviewed as required. A map of provision is revised every term.

Pupils with Disabilities

Pupils are accepted to attend our school in accordance with the School's Equal Opportunities Policy. Many adjustments have been made to the building –disabled toilets, shower etc.

This ensures that all pupils have access to the building and curriculum.

Pupils with physical disabilities are accepted and educated as described by the external agencies in order to ensure development and a continuum in their education.

Healthy Schools

The school is committed to encouraging a healthy lifestyle and follows the guidelines of Carmarthenshire Healthy Schools. The school emphasises looking after our health by encouraging fruit snacks at break times, water in pupils' drink bottles and healthy lunch boxes. The Healthy School Committee members also sell fruit at break times and this also helps pupils become more numerate. This year, members have advised on road safety, had washing, studied the Healthy Plate, e Safety etc . Also, they were trained as Buddies for yard time duties. The buddies help find friends for all at break times. This helps develop their communication skills. All pupils participated in workshops held by Sbectrwm on relationships, domestic abuse etc. Also, the NSPCC visited and held a workshop for years 5 and 6 pupils on staying safe. The school ambassadors also introduce the Rights of the Child to all pupils and attend training by the Child's Commissioner of Wales. In the Summer of 2019 the Healthy School's Committee was successful in gaining an award for the Safety strand.

Community Links

The School Governors visit the school regularly. All Governors have curriculum and aspect responsibilities.

We accept students on work experience from Maes y Gwendraeth and local Colleges including Llanelli, Ammanford, Gorseinon and Trinity College. We also accept students from The Prince's Trust.

The school has a close relationship with the Mudiad Meithrin who meet in the school hall and also with the Cylch Ti a Fi who meet once a week in school.

The School performs all activities in Hermon Chapel e.g. Christmas Service.

We also appreciate all the volunteers from the WI. We appreciate their commitment to visit the School weekly to listen to children reading and run a weekly Knitting and Craft Club for Year 6 pupils.

We also support the Young Farmers in concerts and training.

We have good links with Crosshands Police Station. PC Ali visits the school termly to take classes in activities such as cyber bullying, drugs, safe choices, safe places to play, and good behaviour.

We welcome all community members to join us in a number of activities -

- Visits by the local Vicar and minister
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Service
- School Sports and Summer Fair
- Termly Discos
- Collecting litter in the village during Keep Wales Tidy week
- Welcoming community members to help with Eco days- painting, planting etc.
- Sgiliau

We have supported charities including Children in Need, Operation Christmas Child, Roald Dahl Foundation, sponsoring a child in Luhimba and Heartstart Wales.

We also support Tumble Eisteddfod by entering a number of competitions – story writing, poetry, painting, reciting, singing, musical etc.

We also encourage pupils to join local libraries and to participate in the reading challenge over the Summer Holidays.

Community meetings have been held in the school.

The School Council met with a community representative to discuss the future of the park. They drew up plans and were part of the decision making of apparatus to include.

We thank everybody for their support over the year.

Parents and Teachers' Association

We are proud of the close relationship we have with our parents. Our open door policy ensures that all parents are welcomed to discuss anything.

The Parents and Teachers' Association have worked diligently over the year and have organised many events which have paid for :

- buses to various activities and competitions –Urdd netball, rugby etc
All Sporting activities held at the Gwendraeth Hall , Drefach etc.
- Welsh reading books
- They also pay all photocopying costs.

Thank you to all officers for their hard work and commitment over the year.

Attendance

Attendance for the year from September 4th 2019 to March 20th 2020 –
94.33 %
2019-2020 Attendance Target = 97%

Class	Attended %	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %
N2/Reception/Year 1	94.35	5.23	0.42
Year 2	95.44	3.83	0.73
Years 3 and 4	94.67	4.25	1.08
Year 5	94.09	5.07	0.83
Year 6	92.99	6.42	0.59
School	94.33	4.94	0.73

Decisions made in the last meeting

No decisions were made.

School Handbook

The school handbook has been updated and is available from the School office and website. Changes made include class structure, staff and Governors

Transition to Secondary Education

The majority of Year 6 pupils will attend Maes Y Gwendraeth School. One pupil will attend Ysgol Bro Dinefwr.

School Targets and progress made:

Description/activity/progress	Progress
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<p>Provide more opportunities for pupils in key stage 2 to make choices in relation to their learning</p>	<p>Training provided by Mrs Sarah Murphy on the strategies used in the foundation phase to collect pupils' choices in relation to what they would like to learn. All pupils express their ideas, choices etc at the beginning of a new theme. Pupils evaluate their work on completion of a theme noting what worked well and what they enjoyed.</p>
<p>Ensure regular opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum</p>	<p>Staff meeting to ensure all new staff provide opportunities to apply numeracy skills across the curriculum. Meeting attended by staff with cluster of schools to plan the sharing of good practice by arranging visits, co-operative planning opportunities</p> <p>Planning for Numeracy across the curriculum is completed for every theme and saved on the school's Sharepoint.</p>
<p>Improve the quality of pupils' handwriting and presentation of work</p>	<p>Staff meeting to decide on handwriting to be introduced. Handwriting practice books ordered. Pupils are introduced to handwriting policy and have regular handwriting practice sessions. Pupils aware of the target for improving the presentation of their work. Staff model how work should be presented. Monitoring shows slight improvement in the presentation of KS 2 work.</p>

The Building

All repairs and maintenance were dealt with over the Summer Holidays and Lockdown period by the Caretaker. The reception class entrance and toilets have been painted. The girls' toilets in the main corridor and the foundation phase reading corner were also painted.

Toilets

There are two toilet blocks- one in the Foundation Phase and one girls' toilet block and one boys' toilet block in the main corridor. There is one toilet for staff and two disabled

toilets, one at each end of the school. There are two toilets in the cabins- one male and one female. They are cleaned daily.

School Activities

Sporting

- Two Sports Ambassadors received training by Dragon Sports
- They attended a meeting along with other schools at the beginning of the school year to share ideas.
- Year 5 and 6 boys and girls represented the school in the Mynydd Mawr District Rugby Team.
The school's netball and rugby teams participated in the Urdd competitions.
- Year 1 and 2 pupils participated in Multi Skills sessions
 - Pupils dressed up for Sports Relief. A total of £107.85 was raised.
- Pupils from Key Stage 2 participated in the Three Counties Cross Country competition.
- All pupils and staff participate daily in running/walking a mile a day to improve fitness and well being.

Community Links

- Years 3,4,5 and 6 went to see the Peripatetic Teachers' concert
- A Thanksgiving Service was held in school
- A Christmas concert was held in Capel Hermon. All pupils performed.
- The school Recorder Party were invited to play in Crwbin Band's Concert which was televised over Christmas.
- The school band played carols in the school's Christmas Fair.
- Many pupils participated in Tumble Eisteddfod- art work, story writing, poetry writing, reciting and singing.
- Parents' Evenings were held over the week.
- Book Day was celebrated with all pupils bringing in their favourite reading books.
- Various activities were held on reading books .
- The Foundation Phase pupils visited the Furnace Theatre in Llanelli to see "Rwts Rats!"
- Pupils from Key Stage 2 participated in the preliminaries of the Urdd Eisteddfod. Many were successful.
- A celebration for Year 6 was held on Teams with pupils, parents and WI members.

Parent Teachers' Association

- The PTA held a Christmas Disco
- A Christmas fair was held in school

Extra Curricular Clubs

- Games Club weekly for Years 3,4 5 and 6
- Craft/Knitting Club weekly for years 5 and 6
- Eco Club for all pupils
- Film Club for Key Stage 2

School Council

- Pupils organised a dressing up day to raise money for Children in Need.
- Pudsey Bear visited the school on Children in Need Day and the School Council raised £197.37 to present to Pudsey Bear
- Starter iaith- all pupils in Years 3 to 6 completed a questionnaire and then decided on targets for improvement to go for the Aur
- The school's Criw Cymraeg decided to listen to Welsh music and watch Welsh television programmes
- They produced posters encouraging all pupils to watch Welsh television programmes and listen to Welsh music

School's Eco Committee

- Fair Trade Week was celebrated by holding a special assembly.
- All pupils took part in the Eco review during assembly.
- The Eco Committee raised money to sponsor the education of Little Stars Nursery in Luhimba.
- The School's Eco Committee helped with planting around the school grounds, setting up the wormery and set up a system to take all fruit peelings to the wormery.
- The School's Committee worked with a representative from the community group to share pupil's voice and ideas to help plan the new park.
- The school was successful in maintaining the Platinum award.

Healthy School's Committee/ Well being

- PC Ali visited the school and held workshops on drugs, keeping safe, e safety and bullying.
- The School held a special assembly and competition for Fair Trade week.
- Activities were held on E Safety during E Safety Week
- Workshops were held by Sbectrum on keeping safe etc
- A competition was held to design a poster on Hand Washing.
- The NSPCC held a workshop for Year 6

Curriculum Cymreig

- A School Eisteddfod and quiz was held on St David's Day.
- All pupils in Key Stage 2 participated in the first round of the Welsh Book Quiz.
- Two groups – one from Years 3 and 4 and one group from Years 5 and 6 were successful in the first round and were due to represent the school at County level.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 participated in the quiz Dim Clem held by Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli.

Successes

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Work Experiences

No pupils visited for work experience.

Covid 19 – 20/3/2020- 17/7/2020

- March 16th-20th Mrs Murphy and Mr Edwards were self isolating so supply teachers - Mr Owen and Miss Blight were teaching the foundation phase. Miss Roberts and Mrs Passmore prepared learning packs for pupils.
- Key stage 2 pupils were given a project to complete.
- Staff checked in and communicated on Whats app daily.
- Staff meetings were held weekly on Teams to ensure everyone was ok, to discuss pupil engagement on line and any worries etc
- Sian the cleaner gave the school a deep clean. She worked in the Hwb in Pontyberem as well as working weekly in Llannon and Bancffosfelen schools.
- Staff worked in the Hub in Pontyberem School looking after the children of key workers.
- Staff also prepared work on line for pupils. Hwb is used at the Foundation Phase and Google Classrooms at Key stage 2.
- Pupils who did not have access to IT equipment were sent work packs.
- Mrs Sarah Murphy started her maternity leave and gave birth to twins on Monday 11th May. A girl Gwen and a boy lolo.
- Miss Sioned Huxtable took over from Mrs Murphy and worked collaboratively with Mr Edwards and Mrs Amanda Rees from Bancffosfelen school preparing work on line for the Foundation Phase pupils.
- The staff produced a video for pupils wishing Mrs Murphy well and welcoming Miss Huxtable.
- Congratulations to Mr Edwards on his engagement to his partner Nia.
- The Chair of Governors James Ellis communicated weekly with headteacher.
- All information provided by the Local Authority was updated on the school's Twitter account, website and on parent pay e.g. free school meals, food bank, IT equipment etc
- Staff checked in with pupils on line on Hwb and Google Classrooms daily.
- Vulnerable pupils were telephoned weekly to ensure all were safe.
- Pupils have been given the opportunity to have more reading books if requested so ensuring that pupils have access to Welsh reading books.
- An audit was undertaken of families who did not have access to IT equipment.
- Pupils shared videos and pictures on Hwb and Google classrooms doing various activities e.g. running the mile a day, cooking, working gardening etc.
- Links to various activities were shared with pupils e.g. Joe Wickes, Gareth Metcalfe Maths, Carmarthenshire Libraries –reading stories, Orielodl, Tim

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- When time permitted staff completed on line training e.g. behavioural standards, Data Protection, Whistleblowing, Mental Health in the Work Place, Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Welsh Language Awareness and Equalities and Human Rights Awareness.
- Letters of welcome were sent to new pupils who were due to start in April.
- A Hub was started in Llannon School on June 22nd
- The Chair of Governors arranged to move all desks that were not required from all classrooms for the Check in and Catch up sessions.
- The staff prepared the school for pupils to return on June 29th- timetable for pupils, clearing and setting up classrooms, one way systems etc etc
- The school re –opened on June 29th for pupils to have a Check in and Catch up Session and to prepare for the Summer and Autumn term. The Hub was run in the school hall for children of key workers.
- The Chair of Governors arranged for the desks to be placed back in classrooms in preparation for all pupils in September.

School Term Dates

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Holiday		Term Ends	Days
		Begins	Ends		
Autumn 2020	Wednesday 2nd September	Monday 26th October	Friday 30th October	Tuesday 22nd December	75
Spring 2021	Tuesday 5th January	Monday 15th February	Friday 19th February	Friday 26th March	54
Summer 2021	Monday 12th April	Monday 31st May	Friday 4th June	Friday 16th July	64
Designated INSET Days - Tuesday, 1st September 2020 Monday, 4th January 2021					2
Total					195

N.B. Good Friday - 2nd April 2021
May Day - 3rd May 2021

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes that may arise as a result of government policy decisions. Carmarthenshire County Council does not accept liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following such changes.

All Carmarthenshire Schools will finish on December 18th 2020 for the Christmas Break.