

Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen Community School



Governors' Annual Report

2020-2021

**Adroddiad Blynyddol y
Llywodraethwyr**

The staff, governors and I would like to thank you all sincerely for all your co-operation and support over this last year.

Despite all challenges we have worked together to ensure that all pupils of our school have enjoyed as many experiences and continuity as possible.

Thank you,

Marie Langabeer

BANCCFOSFELEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

Chairperson of Governors: Mr L Howells
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Clerk to the Governors: Mrs Miriam Evans
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The full list of Governors is as follows:

NAME	STATUS	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES
Mr Luke Howells	Parent	10.03.2024
Mr Julian Jones	LEA	28.11.2022
Mr Andrew Barlow	LEA	26.03.2024
Mr G Harries	Additional Community Governor	25.01.2022
Miss J M Langabeer	Headteacher	-
Mrs A Rees	Teacher	18.09.2022
Mrs E Evans	Parent	15.10.2021
Mrs N A Phillips	Parent	08.10.2021
Mr A Davies	Community Representative	11.06.2021
Mrs D H Davies	Community Representative	20.12.2023

Chairperson: 2020/2021: Mr L Howells
Vice-Chairperson: 2020/2021: Mrs D Davies

Safeguarding

Miss Marie Langabeer, Mrs Amanda Rees and Mrs Davinia Davies
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Staffing Summer 2021

Number of pupils on roll Summer term 2021 = 51

Number of classes = 2

Foundation Phase: Mrs Amanda Rees and Miss Elin Davies(0.8)

Key Stage 2: Mrs Susan Simpson

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Anharad Bryant, Mrs Anne Marie Passmore (0.6) and Mrs Sarah Wilkinson (0.2)

PPA Teacher : Mrs Lynne Jones(0.2)

Peripatetic Music Teachers:

Mr Gethin Saunders – Brass

Mrs Gail Davies - Recorders for years 3, 4, 5 a 6

We welcomed a new caretaker - Mr Roger Selwood who has been employed to cover Mrs Christine Williams

Bancffosfelen Community School

Bancffosfelen Community School 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 opportunity to attend the Ganolfan Iaith.

All communication to parents is bilingual. The pupils of Bancffosfelen School are developing the "Siarter Iaith" and have been awarded the Bronze 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 our School Development Plan and Individual Professional Development.

Targets on the School's Development Plan include:

School Targets and progress made:

Description/activity/progress	Progress (this should relate to progress against the 'current term plans' from the previous HT report, and any additional progress in areas not previously planned/reported):
<p>To plan interesting, exciting numeracy experiences to develop reasoning skills in problem solving in every day situations independently and co-operatively</p>	<p>Staff meeting to ensure all new staff provide opportunities to apply numeracy skills across the curriculum.</p> <p>Work has commenced on planning of numeracy across the curriculum.</p> <p>First meeting of Numeracy SLO attended by staff</p> <p>Numeracy Pod training attended by all staff</p> <p>Numeracy activities are planned for all pupils on line.</p> <p>Examples of good practice include- collecting data on favourite songs for Dydd Miwsig Cymru, organising data on penguins for National penguin Day, measuring temperatures in 2, 5 and 10 degrees, collecting data for the RSPB Bird Watch, measuring and weighing skills for cooking etc.</p>
<p>To ensure all pupils can benefit from a Health and Wellbeing curriculum that meets their needs effectively.</p>	<p>Groups have been identified to target.</p> <p>Training in Relationships was attended by all staff on January 4th.</p> <p>Whole school and class strategies for improving behaviour and engagement were shared.</p> <p>Staff attend Positive Play training weekly from February.</p> <p>Activities were shared with all pupils during Children's Mental Health Week on the theme express yourself.</p> <p>Wellbeing activities are shared on-line weekly.</p> <p>All pupils participated in national Children's Wellbeing week- express yourself</p> <p>Pupils and staff are participating in 1 million Active Minutes held by Actif Sir Gar.</p> <p>A member of staff is being trained in ELSA- emotional Literacy</p> <p>All pupils had activities on healthy and positive relationships by Sbectrwm.</p> <p>Pupils took part in Empathy activities for Empathy week.</p> <p>Activities were shared on Twitter for families to participate in over the half term holidays.</p> <p>Pupils participate in wellbeing activities – Mental health day, being kind, being respectful etc</p>

	<p>All staff attended training in PROACT SCIP – weekly for 6 weeks</p> <p>Staff have been looking at the new Area of learning in the Health and Wellbeing curriculum orders for 2022. Long term planning has started in order to ensure progression and continuity.</p> <p>A parent questionnaire has been shared to collect parental views.</p>
<p>To develop pupils' communication skills – oracy, reading and writing across the curriculum so that they can express their opinions confidently developing their values and identity</p>	<p>Oracy language patterns are shared with pupils to encourage their correct use.</p> <p>Discussion topics are set for pupils to discuss their points of view giving reasons.</p> <p>Participate in Dydd Miwsig Cymru.</p> <p>Activities on line are modelled using the correct Welsh language patterns- mae gyda fi, ydy, nac ydy etc</p> <p>Pupils have been given opportunities to speak with the class teacher in on-line sessions e.g. Beth sy'n gwneud fi'n hapus? Using the correct language patterns etc Pupils have written instructions, letters, stories- y Llwybr Hud.</p> <p>St David's Day activities were held for all pupils.</p> <p>Staff attended training on Cynllun Clonc.</p>

<p>Ensure a stable leader for the school</p>	<p>The governing bodies of Llannon and Bancffosfelen Schools agreed to extend Miss Langabeer’s contract for another year A teacher was appointed for key stage 2. A self development plan was developed. Monitoring of lessons was undertaken – working cooperatively with staff from Llannon school Performance Management of all staff was undertaken. To settle foundation pupils into school routines a new teacher was appointed for 4 days a week</p>
<p>Increase the level of challenge in teaching</p>	<p>Planning now includes differentiated tasks for MAT, ALN etc in order to challenge all pupils. Planning includes the strategies used in the foundation phase, the digital framework, pupil voice, differentiated activities, the four core purposes of the new curriculum so to develop creative, ambitious, confident and healthy learners. Visits to schools showing good practice- Bro Brynach, Llannon etc Ensuring pupils understand the process of assessment for learning in order to improve their work.</p>
<p>Implement the principles of the foundation phase in full</p>	<p>Staff to be part of the County’s project for improvement “Moving Forward” to develop the in the classroom and out doors, to develop assessment procedures and to encourage the independence of learners. Areas of learning developed in the foundation classroom. Areas of learning developed in the outdoor learning area. Staff attended training – Llythrennau a Synau, Geirio Gwych, Pie Corbett etc</p>
<p>Improve pupils’ ICT skills</p>	<p>Key stage 2 teacher to attend training on Coding, Data-Excel etc An ICT audit was completed Planning to include opportunities for ICT and numeracy activities. A business enterprise to be completed annually to develop ICT and numeracy skills. Key Stage 2 pupils participated in an on line session on Ocean’s Day- the class poem they had written was shared with all school as an example of good practice Key stage 2 pupils used the green screen to record their potions when studying a Welsh story</p>

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

Working Safely on Line

Behavioural to include covid 19

Whistle blowing

Anti bullying

Complaints

Staff disciplinary

Restraint policy

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning standards are monitored by 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 "Chatt " and "Letters and sounds"

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.

Pupils with Disabilities

Pupils are accepted to attend our school in accordance with the School's Equal Opportunities Policy.

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.

Pupils have also started running a mile a day and undertaking Actif activities.

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.

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.

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 that the PTA usually hold: -

- Christmas Fair in the village hall
- Christmas Service in the village hall
- School Sports
- Summer Fair

We have supported charities including Children in Need, Christmas Toy Appeal, Size of Wales etc.

We also support Bancffosfelen Eisteddfod and Show.

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 has organised a Christmas Raffle which helped pay for :

- A new door bell
- Furniture for the key stage 2 class

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

Attendance

Attendance for the year from September 2nd 2020 to June 26th 2021 – 94.95%

Attendance target- 95%

Class	Attended %	Authorised Absence %
Foundation Phase	94.55%	5.45%
Key Stage 2	95.48%	4.52%
School	94.95%	5.05%

Decisions made in the last meeting

No decisions were made.

School Handbook

The school handbook was updated in July and is available from the School office and school website.

The Building

The school has been painted over the lockdown

Toilets

There are two toilet blocks- one girls' toilet block and one boys' toilet block in the main corridor. There are two toilets for staff- male and female also in the corridor. During this period with covid restrictions the male staff toilet has been used by key stage 2 girls, the girls toilet by the foundation phase bubble and the boys toilets by key stage 2 boys. They are cleaned daily.

School Activities

Sporting

- Two Sports Ambassadors received training by Dragon Sports
- They hold skills sessions for all other pupils
- All pupils had the opportunity to represent the school in the School Sports day.
- All pupils and staff participate in running/walking a mile a day to improve fitness and well being.

Community Links

- Years 3,4,5 and 6 had the opportunity to see Symphony Cymru's concert
- A Thanksgiving Service was held remotely in school on teams
- Christmas productions performed by all pupils were filmed and shared with all pupils so parents could view
- Parents' Evenings were held remotely over the week.
- Book Day was celebrated with all pupils bringing in their favourite reading books.
- Various activities were held on reading books .
- All pupils in key stage 2

Parent Teachers' Association

- A Christmas raffle was held. Thank you to everyone who supported.

School Council

- Pupils organised a dressing up day to raise money for Children in Need.
- Pupils organised a dress in red, green or yellow to support Wales' football team in the Euros.
- The money raised was donated to Maint Cymru.
- Money was raised for Apêl Teganau Nadolig / Christmas Toy Appeal.

School's Eco Committee

- Fair Trade Week was celebrated with various on-line activities.
- Pupils took part in the Eco review.
- A competition was held to make an artefact from recycled materials to hold plants/ flowers. They are displayed around the school boundary.
- The pupils in key stage 2 have worked hard to improve the outside area-making focused tasks areas from pallets and planting flowers etc
- The School's Committee worked hard to meet the requirements of the Eco school's status.
- The Eco committee was successful in gaining the Eco award! Congratulations!
- The Eco committee had a planning meeting with Bethan Phillips Eco co-ordinator for Carmarthenshire to plan ahead for September.

Healthy School's Committee/ Well being

- PC Ali visited the school and held workshops on drugs, keeping safe, e safety and bullying.
- Activities were shared on line for Fair Trade week.
- Activities were held on E Safety during E Safety Week
- Workshops were held by Sbectrum on keeping safe etc
- Mindfulness and yoga activities were introduced to the pupils on their return to school
- A workshop was held by Elinor from the Fire Brigade on-line for foundation phase pupils
- All pupils participated in Children's Mental Health week e.g. filling a jar with the things they are grateful for, what makes them happy, doodle an emotion, what activities we are missing etc
- Pupils participated in a week of various activities to develop empathy on World Empathy Day.
- Activities were shared on Twitter for families to participate in over half term to develop Empathy.
- Training in Relationships was attended by all staff on January 4th.
- Whole school and class strategies for improving behaviour and engagement were shared.
- Activities were shared with all pupils during Children's Mental Health Week on the theme express yourself.
- Pupils participated in the County Lantern Challenge by producing lanterns to share messages of light, hope, kindness and love in our community.
- Pupils and staff are participating in 1 million Active Minutes held by Actif Sir Gar
- Training on gardening in the curriculum.
- Continue with the on-line training on Outdoor Education.
- More purposeful use of the outdoor area to develop wellbeing.
- Pupils have planting, growing, doing art activities etc
- All pupils eat fruit as whole classes to encourage healthy and mindful eating
- Foundation phase pupils have a story at the end of the day.
- Wellbeing, being a good friend, being respectful, working and playing together etc.

Curriculum Cymreig

- Foundation phase pupils dressed up in traditional dress for St David's Day
- A School quiz and activities were held on St David's Day.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 participated in the quiz Dim Clem held by Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli on teams
- Years 3,4, 5 and 6 had an on-line session on Ocean's day. They wrote a class poem which was read out in the on line session as an excellent example
- Years 3,4 5 and 6 enjoyed a concert with Symphony Cymru

Work Experiences

No pupils visited for work experience.

We would like to thank you as parents for your all your co-operation and support in ensuring that the pupils of Ysgol Bancffosflen have continued to learn over the lockdown periods.

Thank you also for your continued support on our return to school in ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

School Term Dates

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022					
Term	Term Begins	Half Term Holiday		Term Ends	Days
		Begins	Ends		
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25th October	Friday 29th October	Tuesday 21st December	74
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4th January	Monday 21st February	Friday 25th February	Friday 8th April	64
Summer 2022	Monday 25th April	Monday 30th May	Friday 3rd June	Tuesday 19th July	56
Designated INSET Day - Wednesday, 1st September 2021					1
Total					195

N.B. Good Friday - 15th April 2022
May Day - 2nd May 2022

Nodwch y gallai manylion y calendr hwn newid o ganlyniad i benderfyniadau polisi'r llywodraeth. Nid yw Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin yn derbyn cyfrifoldeb dros unrhyw gollledion yn sgil gorfod newid trefniadau gwyliau oherwydd newidiadau o'r fath.

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