

Welcome to the Governors Annual Report to parents.

The report tells you about the work the Governors and staff are doing for the children in our care and to achieve the key improvement targets set out in the last external inspections of the school held in May 2001.

There have been changes in the Governors in the year as shown on page 5. The Governors would particularly like to thank Mrs Jill Lidgett for her contribution to the Governors over many years. There are two governor vacancies, Foundation and LEA and we would welcome nominations to fill these vacancies.

The Governors have welcomed your support for the school cluster project with Ysgol Dyfryn Ial and continue to monitor its progress

The Governors would like to pay tribute to all the staff for their hard work and commitment to the school. The Governors also value the parents' contributions and feedback and the support of the PTA continues to be invaluable to the school.

Under new regulations there is no longer a requirement to hold a meeting with parents to discuss this annual report unless at least 2 parents require a meeting to be arranged. If you do wish a meeting to be organised please contact the Head or Maggie Sheppard, Clerk to the Governors

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Cragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'R' and 'C'.

R J Cragg

Chair of Governors

School Inspections

The Estyn Inspectors set five targets for the school in May 2001

They recommended that the school needs to

- Raise pupil's standards in the subjects or aspects of the subjects where shortcomings were identified
- Improve pupil's progress and achievement in the key skills by raising standards of speaking and writing in English across the curriculum;
- Improve the quality of assessment to ensure it is used effectively across the school to promote higher standards;
- Improve aspects of the School Development plan, particularly the lack of costing relating to some targets;
- Address with urgency the lack of adequate staff toilets and the poor condition of the onsite septic tank.

The issues from the Church Inspection were-

The Head teacher and the Governors

- Must meet the statutory requirements on collective worship with a specification in the school prospectus and collective worship policy on the voluntary nature of collective worship and the parents' right to withdrawal;
- Must promote an anti-bullying policy to meet statutory requirements;
- Must ensure that collective worship is given due care and attention in future school development;
- Are advised to review documentation on collective worship in order to highlight the good practice, which is happening but is not mentioned.

The Governors have agreed a programme for achieving these targets and this is shown in the School Improvement Plan. The school is making progress in all target areas and some are complete. The Governors review progress at every meeting

The next Estyn inspection will take place in spring 2007 under a new inspection framework

Developing links with the Community

The school cluster project with Ysgol Dyfryn Ial has forged new links with the communities of Llandegla and Bryn Eglwys and these will be further developed as the cluster progresses.

The school works closely with Ysgol Dinas Bran the local secondary school to facilitate a smooth transition for Year 6 pupils into their new environment.

The PTA has continued to support the school raising funds for new teaching materials and to fund adaptations in the classroom following the

switch of the infants and junior classes. The PTA has also funded the cost of school trips during the year.

As a voluntary controlled school there are also strong links to the local church. The school and Church work together on aspects of collective worship and religious education within the syllabus. The pupils also enjoy the harvest Festival and Carol Services which are held at Llantysilio Church and are well supported by parents.

Other Initiatives

The school has achieved reaccreditation under the Investors in People scheme ensuring that teaching and non-teaching staff have a clear understanding of their role and targets in supporting the children and the school

The school is a member of the Denbighshire Healthy Schools Network.
The school keeps up to date curriculum policies for all set national curriculum areas and these are regularly reviewed by the Governors.

The school has maintained the Basic Skills Charter Mark and received the Impetus award.

The school prospectus has also been updated and a copy is available from school.

Attendance Records

There are strict guidelines for the marking of registers. All absences are accounted for with parents either verbally or in writing. Any absences not accounted for are recorded as

unauthorised. Attendance in the academic year September 2005 to July 2006 is shown below.

Total number of half day sessions missed due to unauthorised absence

	Boys	Girls	Total
April 2005	72	38	110
Spring 2006	168	90	258
Summer 2006	106	17	123

Organisation and policies

Special Educational Needs

The school has pupils with varying levels of special educational need. The school devotes all the money allocated in the budget to purchase additional teaching time for these children. Each child has an individual education plan.

Mrs C Errington-Evans has responsibility for special educational needs and she gives extra support to these pupils each week and also co-ordinates the input from other agencies. Mrs Gill Roberts and Mrs Nicola Jones are Learning Support Assistants within the school.

Staff from the LEA's Learning Development Team regularly visit school to monitor pupils who have a Statement of Special educational Needs. The LEA's Educational Psychologist Mr D Rowland-Hughes also visits the school each term to give help, support and advice to all our staff,

Disabled Pupils

The school's policy and practice is to offer equal access and opportunities to all pupils

Sporting Aims and Achievements

The juniors and infants make use of the sporting facilities at Llangollen Leisure Centre in addition to regular swimming lessons for Year 2 and

above. Weather permitting the school also draws on the opportunities available in the local countryside surrounding the school

The school participates in competitions for small schools in the area including cross country running and swimming.

Performance Information

The Welsh Assembly has removed the tests formerly undertaken at Key Stage 1 (year 2) and Key Stage 2 (year 6).

There were 8 pupils at Key Stage 1 and 6 at Key Stage 2 in May 2006. The teaching staff are happy to discuss the results with any parent having a legitimate interest.

Who's who on the Governors?

Name	Type of Governor	Term Ends
Roger Cragg (Chair)	Minor Authority (Llantysilio Cc)	Oct 2009
Janet Sarsfield (Vice Chair)	Parent Governor	Sept 2009
Gordon Hughes	Head Teacher	
Christina Errington-Evans	Teaching Governor	Jan 2010
Sue Kay	Foundation Governor	Mar 2010
Helen Pritchard	Parent Governor	July 2010
Neal Edwards	Parent Governor	Sept 2010
Linda White	LEA Governor	July 2007
Awaiting Nomination (formerly Rev T Pritchard)	Foundation	
Awaiting Nomination (formerly J Jones)	LEA Governor	

The Governors meet once every half term. No expenses were paid to Governors in the year.

Mrs Jill Lidgett stood down as a Foundation Governor and Mrs Sue Kay was nominated in her place. There was a Parent Governor Election following the end of the period of office of Mrs C Pasley and the resignation of Mrs J Goff. Following an election Ms H Pritchard and Mr N Edwards were appointed as Parent Governors.