



Federation of Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas Corris and Ysgol Pennal

Governor's Annual Report 2022-2023



Dear Parents

It is my privilege and honour as Chair of the Governing Body to present an annual report for the Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris and Ysgol Pennal Federation. It provides a snapshot into the life of the Federation, its statistics, and achievements over the past year.

I would like to thank the members of the Governing Body for their support and willingness to ensure the success of the Federation over the past year. The report is also an opportunity for me to thank the Headteacher and all school staff for their unwavering dedication. I would like to thank our Headteacher Mrs Nia Thomas-Evans for her strong and firm leadership during her first year as Headteacher, and to congratulate her on her marriage in August.

I would like to thank the Friends of the School for their tireless dedication to assisting the Federation in a variety of ways. I also sincerely thank you as parents for your firm support.

We should be extremely proud of Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris and Ysgol Pennal, where all pupils are supported to reach their full potential for their future and the future of their communities.

Mr Dennis B Jones,

Chair of the Governing Body



Governing Body Membership (September 2022 - July 2023)

Name and Role	Representing:
Mr Dennis B Jones - Chair	Corris Community Representative
Mrs Corina Owen-Davies – Vice chair	Pennal Parents
Ms Nia Wyn Thomas	Headteacher
Mrs Kayla Lockett	Pennal Teaching Staff
Mrs Eirlys Jones	Corris Teaching Staff
Mrs Janet Owen - Durham	Pennal Ancillary Staff
Mrs Elen Court	Corris Ancillary Staff
Mr Rhys Parry	Pennal Community Council
Mrs Ann Roberts	Pennal Community Representative
Mrs Sharon Wells	Corris Community Council
Mrs Miriam Breese	Pennal Parents
Mr Matt Ward	Corris Parents
Mr Nick Young	Corris Parents
Cllr Dewi Owen	Pennal LEA
Cllr John Pugh Roberts	Corris LEA
Mrs Eirian Jones - Clerk	

The Federation's Handbook and Prospectus

The Federation's handbook for September 2023 has been reviewed in its entirety. A hard copy is available from the Headteacher.

Policies

Likewise, every policy was discussed, adapted, and updated. All school policies are reviewed either annually or as part of a three-year cycle and are available at the school.

Costs

Members of the Governing Body did not apply for travel and subsistence costs for the past year.

The Clerk to the Governing Body is Mrs Eirian Jones. Mrs Jones can be contacted via the school. The Chair of the Governing Body can be contacted by sending a note addressed to him via the Governing Body Clerk.

Annual Meeting of Parents and Governors

No meeting with the governors was called by parents during 2021-2022.

If you wish to request a meeting to be held, please write to the Headteacher so that suitable arrangements can be made. Any questions should be submitted in writing including the parent's full name and address to the Chair of Governors (through the school) by 30.04.24.



Sports

As well as undertaking the physical education statutory curriculum, the children of the Federation will compete in a comprehensive programme of athletics and sports against children from schools in the catchment area and beyond.

The school focuses on aspects of health and well-being within the thematic work of the class and incorporates outdoor areas into daily learning experiences.

Curricular Arrangements

During the year, both schools continued with their implementation of the Curriculum for Wales for pupils aged 3-11. In line with the expectations for all schools in Wales, further steps were taken to develop the Curriculum for Wales as it has been statutory since September 2022. Pupils were given more opportunities to make decisions about their own learning.



Learning and Teaching

The working relationship is commendable here within the Federation. We are working on a new curriculum for Wales set by the Welsh Government. As staff, a range of strategies are used to track and monitor pupils' progress. In addition, all staff attended several various courses on curriculum developments during the year. All information about the new Curriculum is available on Hwb. Through our recognition of each child's needs, our aim here within the Federation is to respond proactively to ensure that each individual pupil reaches their full potential, whatever their ability, and grow into independent learners who are valued members of our community.

School Development Plan 2022-2023

The Federation's Development Plan is a live document that provides a strategic direction for the year to come. Last year there were 4 main priorities.

PRIORITY 1 - Ensure learning experiences that provide opportunities for pupils to expand and deepen cross-curricular and holistic skills within valid contexts.

PRIORITY 2 - Adapt pupil progress monitoring procedures and continue to further refine formative assessment strategies and empower pupils to be confident learners, who know how to learn.

PRIORITY 3 Develop the Federation pupils' oral skills (The Welsh Language).

PRIORITY 4 - Plan and measure the impact of interventions and ensure progress of borderline pupils.



Class Organisation

Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas

Nursery–Year 3 Mrs Nia Rowlands

Year 4–6 Mrs Eirlys Wyn Jones

Ysgol Pennal

Nursery–Year 2 Mrs Kayla Lockett

Year 3-6 Miss Manon Puw (Mrs Miriam Jones on maternity leave)

Language

Ensure, through purposeful and sensitive nursery provision and organisation, that all children are given a firm grounding in Welsh to enable them to reach the goal of full bilingualism in due course.

3-8 years Class

Build on the foundations laid for the Welsh language through nursery education. Strengthen and develop the mother tongue of Welsh learners and, in the case of children from Welsh-speaking homes, extend their grasp of English.

8-11yrs Class

Strengthen and develop each child's Welsh and English in all their passive and active aspects, to ensure that they can speak, read, and write fluently and confidently in both languages when they transfer to secondary school. Special provision is made for latecomers.

The Gwynedd Primary Schools Welsh Language Charter

The Federation is fully committed to the Gwynedd Primary Schools Welsh Language Charter. The Gwynedd Primary Schools Welsh Language Charter derives from the detailed work of the Working Group for Influencing Social Use of the Welsh Language amongst Children. Its primary function is to ensure that the Welsh language, and its social use by our children and young people, flourishes. The seven aims of the Charter are used as instruments to measure progress in the use of the language together with the success of our schools' plans.



Additional Learning Needs:

Mrs Kayla Lockett is the ALN Co-ordinator at Ysgol Pennal, and Mrs Eirlys Wyn Jones is the ALN Co-ordinator at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas.

Mrs A O Roberts is the ALN designated Governor.

Many children have additional needs within an area of the curriculum or medical needs at some point in their time at school. Sometimes we are aware of this early on during a pupil's time with us or even before they join, and at other times we raise concern during their education. Within the Federation, the additional needs of pupils are usually identified by the classroom teachers or colleagues through observing, testing, assessment and consultation with parents, previous school records and health agencies. Our Additional Learning Needs Policy was written considering the new ALN Code of Practice. Parents are consulted and invited to attend meetings with the ALN Coordinator and support services, including a statutory annual review. ALN provision is carefully designed to ensure that it meets pupils' needs effectively and that details are recorded and monitored in Individual Learning Plans. An ALN Provision Map sets out the provision the school offers to pupils of the Federation.

Well-being

Well-being has been a priority for the school in recent years. We continue to work closely with the authority's Welfare Officer to support pupils and families. The school has a policy of fruit only as playtime snacks. We grow fruits and vegetables. Kitchen contractors have designed a specific menu to meet with requirements of the Welsh Government's Appetite for Life. A healthy menu is promoted at lunchtime. For drinking, only water is allowed.

Links with the Community and Activities

Co-working across the catchment.
Macmillan coffee afternoons to raise money.
Celebrated Owain Glyndŵr day - The In Character show on tour.
Monthly Open the Book services conducted by volunteers.
Public Thanksgiving Services.
The Federation's Christmas Party.
Christmas dinner for pupils at the school.
The Federation Christmas show - 'The Big Game Night'.
Participated in the Christmas Fair Pennal Centre.
The termly visit of the mobile library.
The visits of the school nurse/hearing nurse/special needs specialists.
Participated in the Coffee Morning.
Filming 'Pennal in Partnership 2050'.
St. David's Day Concert.
Supported Children in Need Day.
Transition days to Secondary for Year 6.
Public Christingle services.
Some of the Urdd children competed at the Local and Regional Eisteddfod: Singing, recitation, singing and recitation party and Arts and Crafts.
The Urdd Club was held for Year 2 to 6 pupils.

Corris Show at the school.
Competed at Pennal Show.
Supported Comic Relief.
A 'Don't Touch, Tell' presentation.
Road Safety Presentations.
Joint swimming/gymnastics lessons at the Leisure Centre in Machynlleth during the Spring term.
There were seasonal presentations from a member of the police, PC Sion.
We had a joint school trip to Gelli Gyffwrdd.
The annual Race the Train event at Corris.
Parents' evenings were held during the year.
We had a sports day.
Competed at the Meirionnydd Sportshall event.
Gardening clubs led by volunteers.
Pupils involved in Laura Ashley's presentation at the Tabernacle.
Pennal School Summer Concert.



Attendance at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas Corris 1.9.22 – 30.8.23

Group	Present	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absence	Possible	% Attendance
Whole school	89.9	9.4	0.7	100.0	89.9

Pennal School Attendance 1.9.22 – 30.8.23

Group	Present	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absence	Possible	% Attendance
Whole school	93.8	5.7	0.5	100.0	93.8

Exclusions - There were no exclusions during the year.

A copy of the Authority's arrangements for excluding pupils is available at the school.

Toilet facilities and cleaning arrangements

The school has a suitable number of toilets for the pupils enrolled. The toilets are inspected during the day and are cleaned daily by the Authority's cleaning service.

A Message from the Headteacher

I'd like to start by thanking you for all your support over the past year. We are extremely fortunate to have such special children here as pupils at both schools. So, I trust that they are happy, and are developing educationally, emotionally and socially. Our vision here at the school is "Happy and Successful Children".

From the moment I joined the Federation in 2022, I have enjoyed every day. The family ethos of the Federation is exceptional. There is an incredibly skilled, caring and supportive team who ensures a first-class education for the pupils, and it is my privilege to lead the Federation. The dedication of staff means that the Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris and Ysgol Pennal Federation is happy and prosperous, and we are all proud of the achievements of our pupils.

I would like to thank the Governing Body for their voluntary dedication to the school, in particular to Mr Dennis Jones, Chair of the Governing Body. They all play a vital role in challenging, questioning and coming up with ideas to ensure the best for our children. I appreciate the help and support of parents, villagers, and governors as we continue to develop and improve our provision.

As you know, I'm always available to help if you have any problem, questions, suggestions - or just want a chat!

Mrs Nia Wyn Thomas-Evans

"Happy and Successful Children"



Financial Statement

The school budget can be found on the next page.

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FINAL ACCOUNTS 2022/2023	Budget 2022/2023	Adjustments	Final Budget 2022/2023	Total Expenditure 2022/2023	Variance
EMPLOYEES					
Salary/Wages-					
Teachers	£159,689	£17,765	£177,454	£171,156	£6,298
Supply Teachers	£8,068	£0	£8,068	£8,070	-£2
Ancillary Staff - Lunchtime					
Lunchtime	£3,968	£0	£3,968	£4,358	-£390
Nursery Assistants	£25,427	£1,353	£26,780	£28,248	-£1,468
Clerical Support	£4,511	£0	£4,511	£4,810	-£299
Trainers/Supervisors/General	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Governors Clerk	£637	£1	£637	£638	-£1
Caretaker (Overtime)	£700	£0	£700	£0	£700
PREMISES					
Repair & M'tce - historical responsibilities	£1,360	£0	£1,360	£881	£479
Repair & M'tce - property service	£3,583	£0	£3,583	£3,583	£0
SLA - Property Services	£1,514	£0	£1,514	£1,514	£0
Energy Costs -					
Electricity	£6,630	£0	£6,630	£9,222	-£2,592
Biomass	£5,650	£0	£5,650	£7,339	-£1,689
Gas	£0	£0	£0	£1,634	-£1,634
Water	£1,880	£0	£1,880	£563	£1,317
Carbon Management Scheme	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cleaning Contract	£17,500	£0	£17,500	£17,500	£0
Caretaking Contract	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Ground Maintenance Contract	£1,970	£0	£1,970	£1,970	£0
Cleaning Materials	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£572	£428
Fire Fighting Equipment	£100	£0	£100	£110	-£10
Rates	£3,530	£0	£3,530	£3,530	£0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES					
Capitation	£7,700	£1,458	£9,158	£9,460	-£302
Furniture	£65	£0	£65	£0	£65
Postages	£75	£0	£75	£0	£75
Telephone	£200	£0	£200	£169	£31
Area Office	£2,405	£0	£2,405	£2,405	£0
Financial Advice	£449	£0	£449	£449	£0
Banking, Payments, Receipts & Income	£154	£0	£154	£154	£0
SLA Salaries/Wages	£427	£0	£427	£427	£0
SLA Personnel & Salaries/Wages	£476	£0	£476	£476	£0
SLA Catering	£10,830	£0	£10,830	£10,830	£0
SLA Libraries	£55	£0	£55	£55	£0
SLA Archives	£374	£0	£374	£374	£0
Swimming Pools	£350	£0	£350	£750	-£400
Music Service	£1,700	£0	£1,700	£1,212	£488
SLA - Technology Support	£961	£0	£961	£961	£0
Schools' Networking Services	£3,802	£0	£3,802	£3,802	£0
RESERVE	£0	£46,494	£46,494	£0	£46,494
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£277,739	£67,071	£344,810	£297,222	£47,588
LETTINGS	£0	£0	£0	-£50	£50
DONATIONS / OTHER INCOME	£0	-£1,458	-£1,458	-£1,458	£0
GWE INCOME	£0	-£4,725	-£4,725	-£4,725	£0
USE OF BALANCES	-£29,970	£29,970	£0	£0	£0
GRANTS	-£18,199	-£21,794	-£39,993	-£39,994	£1
INTEREST ON BALANCES	£0	£0	£0	-£1,161	£1,161
TOTAL	£229,570	£69,064	£298,634	£249,834	£48,800
CARRYOVER TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024					£48,800

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FINAL ACCOUNTS 2022/2023					
	Budget 2022/2023	Adjustments	Final Budget 2022/2023	Total Expenditure 2022/2023	Variance
EMPLOYEES					
Salary/Wages-					
Teachers	£155,966	£4,783	£160,749	£165,826	-£5,077
Supply Teachers	£7,398	£0	£7,398	£2,793	£4,605
Ancillary Staff - Lunchtime					
Lunchtime	£5,750	£1	£5,751	£5,999	-£248
Nursery Assistants	£15,840	£177	£16,017	£16,554	-£537
Clerical Support	£1,462	£0	£1,462	£1,189	£273
Trainers/Supervisors/General	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Governors Clerk	£637	£1	£637	£638	-£1
Caretaker (Overtime)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
PREMISES					
Repair & M'tce - historical responsibilities	£710	£0	£710	£339	£371
Repair & M'tce - property service	£1,557	£0	£1,557	£1,557	£0
SLA - Property Services	£873	£0	£873	£873	£0
Energy Costs -					
Fuel Oil	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Electricity	£3,920	£0	£3,920	£5,643	-£1,723
Gas	£1,620	£0	£1,620	£1,965	-£345
Water	£530	£0	£530	£1,007	-£477
Carbon Management Scheme	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cleaning Contract	£6,800	£0	£6,800	£6,800	£0
Caretaking Contract	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Ground Maintenance Contract	£480	£0	£480	£480	£0
Cleaning Materials	£500	£0	£500	£328	£172
Fire Fighting Equipment	£50	£0	£50	£86	-£36
Rates	£1,740	£0	£1,740	£1,740	£0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES					
Capitation	£7,000	£0	£7,000	£6,323	£677
Furniture	£65	£0	£65	£0	£65
Postages	£150	£0	£150	£0	£150
Telephone	£250	£0	£250	£194	£56
Area Office	£1,772	£0	£1,772	£1,772	£0
Financial Advice	£390	£0	£390	£390	£0
Banking, Payments, Receipts & Income	£131	£0	£131	£131	£0
SLA Salaries/Wages	£251	£0	£251	£251	£0
SLA Personnel & Salaries/Wages	£281	£0	£281	£281	£0
SLA Catering	£7,710	£0	£7,710	£7,710	£0
SLA Libraries	£55	£0	£55	£55	£0
SLA Archives	£374	£0	£374	£374	£0
Swimming Pools	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Music Service	£500	£0	£500	£1,317	-£817
SLA - Technology Support	£721	£0	£721	£721	£0
Schools' Networking Services	£3,079	£0	£3,079	£3,079	£0
RESERVE	£0	£21,162	£21,162	£0	£21,162
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£228,562	£26,123	£254,685	£236,415	£18,270
LETTINGS	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
DONATIONS / OTHER INCOME	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
GWE INCOME	£0	-£4,725	-£4,725	-£4,725	£0
USE OF BALANCES	-£32,965	£32,965	£0	£0	£0
GRANTS	-£11,674	-£8,958	-£20,632	-£20,632	£0
INTEREST ON BALANCES	£0	£0	£0	-£635	£635
TOTAL	£183,923	£45,405	£229,328	£210,423	£18,905
CARRYOVER TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024					£18,905