

Annual Governor's Report to Parents Autumn 2024





SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term

Staff Training Day 01.09.24

Staff Training Day 02.09.24

Term starts 04.09.24

Half term close 25.10.24

Half Term Open 04.11.24

Term ends 20.12.24

Spring Term

Staff Training Day 06.01.25

Term starts 07.01.25

Half term close 21.02.25

Half term open 03.03.25

Staff Training Day 28.03.25

Term ends 11.04.25

Summer Term

Term starts 28.04.25

Half term close 23.05.25

Half term open 02.06.25

Staff Training Day 30.06.24

Term ends 18.07.25

Staff Training Day 21.7.24



A message from our Chair of Governors

It is a pleasure to present the annual report to the parents and guardians of the children at Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos.

It's an exciting time at the school as we welcome our new Head Teacher Mrs Nicola Rowlands who started on 1st September 2024. We wish our outgoing Head Teacher Mrs Highcock a happy retirement and thank her for all that she did at Llandrillo yn Rhos.

The Curriculum for Wales is now in place and being implemented across the school, I am thrilled to say that our staff and pupils have engaged positively and enthusiastically to this important change.

We have a dedicated team of staff who believe in your children and encourage each and everyone of them to reach their full potential. As a school we continue to provide your children with outstanding opportunities to enable them to develop not only academically, but also socially, physically and emotionally. The school has prioritised wellbeing for all with the emphasis on supporting all of our pupils.

During our visits to the school, the Governors continue to be impressed by the positive attitudes of both staff and children. We are always greeted with a warm welcome from the children who are proud to show us around their school

We are a community school and the role that our local community plays in the life of the school continues to be invaluable.

Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos has a great reputation and I'm sure you will agree that we should be proud of our school for its continued success. "Together Everyone Achieves More" is the motto of our school and it is certainly true of Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos.

May I thank you, the children and staff for your support and commitment to our great school. We look forward to continuing the close relationship between the school and parents/guardians in the future

Diolch yn fawr

Des Jones

Governor Meetings and Business



Since the last annual report to parents was published, the Governing Body have met every half term. The meetings are a combination of Full Governing Body meetings and Sub-Committee meetings.

Various curriculum policies and non-curricular policies have been reviewed in line with Welsh Government, LA and school expectations. Policies reviewed include the statutory policies: Child Protection and Safeguarding, ALN Policy and Pay policy.

Transition and what our pupils do after leaving our school?

We communicate well with local day nurseries and relevant outside agencies when it comes to inviting new pupils into our nursery class. An open evening is held in October to attract new families and a welcome meeting is held in July for families who are joining the school in September. This supports a smooth transition into part time school.

We have consistent policies and practice across the school and as the children move into full time education and through school they engage in a number of transition activities. Year two pupils moving into year three visit the junior site regularly during the Summer term. The aim of these activities is to develop positive relationships between the pupils and their new staff members.

Our feeder secondary school is Ysgol Eirias and the majority of our learners transition there. We enjoy hearing news of past pupils from Ysgol Eirias and especially enjoy hearing their success stories.

Who is who on the Governing Body (2023-2024)

Headteacher—Mrs. Gaynor Highcock (Until April 24), Mrs Sarah Davies (Acting Headteacher From April 24)

Chair of Governors—Mr James Lusted (Until April 2024), Mr Des Jones (From April 24)

Clerk-Mrs Lyndsey Williams

Local Authority Governors - (appointed by LEA)

Cllr Hannah Fleet

Cllr Jo Nuttall

Cllr Chris Brockley

Community Governors

Mr Des Jones

Mrs Lisa Wilkins

Mrs Nicola Hawley

Teacher Governors (appointed by teaching staff)

Mr Dan Eames-Hughes

Mrs Sarah Davies

Mrs Paula Lawrenson

Parent Governors (elected by parents)

Mrs Claire Hart



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Ancillary Staff Governor (appointed by ancillary staff)

Mr J Burt (31/03/25)

Local Authority Contact:

Mrs Kate Evans

GWE Supporting Improvement Officer:

Mrs Sue Clisham

How are we making sure that every child is taught in a way that meets their individual needs?

Staffing levels are good at Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos, with appropriate pupil to staff ratios. Across school we currently have 19 teachers, including the headteacher. 5 higher-level teaching assistants (HLTA), 16 teaching assistants and 6 ALN teaching assistants. All staff are committed to providing pupils with the necessary skills and support to achieve their full potential. Classes are all of mixed ability and teachers provide a variety of activities to suit the diverse learning needs of all pupils. Pupils regularly talk about their learning and discuss their next steps with adults. Progress is tracked carefully throughout the year.

Pupils are rewarded, praised and encouraged when working hard and learning new things. Our weekly celebration assembly continues to be held on a Friday throughout the year, celebrating all achievements. 'Ser yr wythnos/Stars of the week' are chosen for pupils who are working hard to reach the four purposes. Children are also chosen for good use of Welsh in class and around school; these pupils are announced by the 'Cryw Cymraeg'.

The new Curriculum for Wales became statutory from September 2022 and we are very pleased with the implementation thus far. Our curriculum has been designed to suit the needs of our learners and we are carefully monitoring progress to ensure the pupils experience a range of activities during their time at Llandrillo yn Rhos which will help them achieve the four purposes (healthy, confident individuals, ethically informed citizens, ambitious capable learners and enterprising, creative contributors).

Parents are encouraged and welcomed to be partners in their children's education and we regularly report to them on their child's progress and achievements.

At Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos our highly experienced and trained team of staff work collaboratively to support pupils and, through early identification, plan and deliver the interventions they may need. Where pupils are identified as having Additional Learning Needs (ALN), the class teacher works with the Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) to ensure those needs are being met. All pupils with ALN have now transferred to the new ALN system, as directed by the Welsh Government. These pupils will have either a school Individual Development Plan (IDP) or a local authority IDP, which ensure more focused support in addition to the universal provision offered by the school. Our ALNCo in school is Mrs Sam Timperley. Various interventions are delivered to a diverse range of pupils; sometimes being withdrawn from class but mostly within their own class setting. Interventions include literacy, numeracy, nurture, ELSA, physical development and SALT (speech and language



therapy).

What activities and options are available for our pupils?

The school is well equipped with age-appropriate resources in classrooms and around school.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the children's experiences at Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos. We offer a variety of after school clubs that are delivered on a voluntary basis by school staff. Clubs this year included Choir, Stories in the outdoors, Cricket, Rounders, Dance, IPAD club, Football club, Chess, Art and Gardening. 'Kick it' is a multi-sports club that is delivered by an outside agency at a cost to parents.

Our pupils are also invited to the Urdd and those who are members take part in activities and competitions, representing our school. Last year we took part in football, rugby and netball competitions. Our girls football team were very successful in reaching the national finals in Aberystwyth. Some of our learners also took part in the Eisteddfod, reciting poetry in Welsh.

Our outdoor environment is impressive, and the pupils have numerous types of play equipment for the children on both sites to play on. On the infant site we have a slide, trim-track equipment, climbing apparatus, a train and a castle. The infant site also has a large playing field, an orchard and a forest school area. On the junior site we have gym equipment, trim-track equipment, an astro area for playing football and a large forest school area.

How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well supported?

We continue to develop an excellent programme of play, physical education, sport and games to keep learners active and fit. School meals became free in Wales to all pupils from September 2022 and the uptake has been good. Our catering department offer a balanced diet throughout the week, with a good choice of meals to suit all pupils. Pupils have a healthy snack of fruit, with milk or water at snack time and have water bottles in class to encourage them to keep hydrated.

The Welsh Assembly Government ensure all pupils are able to receive a Free breakfast. We continue to run a successful free breakfast club from 8am on both sites.

Health and Safety is regularly monitored through protocols in school and checklists are carried out monthly within each year group and monitored by our caretaker, Nikki Barr. All defects are reported to Mrs Barr and to the Headteacher when of a more urgent nature. Mr Des Jones is designated Governor for Health and Safety.

Toilet facilities. We have sufficient toilets for our pupils, with 6 main toilet blocks available across the two sites for pupils use. There are 2 staff toilet blocks and 2 disabled toilets. All toilets are cleaned daily and monitored throughout the day.

What we are trying to improve?

Following a rigorous self-evaluation process we devise priorities for school improvement. 2023-24 priorities included:



Current school priorities:

- To provide a structured approach to the development of spelling in order to raise accuracy across the school.
- To further develop whole school provision for Numeracy/Maths – enable children to develop deeper conceptual understanding over time; developing their Visualisation, Communication, Generalisation and Number sense through a mastery approach to teaching and learning.
- Continue to establish planning and assessment processes to reflect and support the New Curriculum for Wales.

Cluster priority:

- To ensure pupils are challenged and given opportunities to develop skills across all areas with specific focus on LLC, Maths and Numeracy.

National priorities:

- Improving pupils' progression by ensuring their learning is supported by a range of knowledge, skills and experience
- Reducing the impact of poverty on pupils' progression and attainment

What are our child absence rates?

Attendance figures for Whole School year 2023-2024

Whole School attendance 93.9%

Authorised absence 4.3%

Unauthorised absence 1.8%

0.9% Late

0.1% late after the register (after 9.30am)

Whole School attendance termly;

Autumn – 94.5%

Spring – 93.1%

Summer – 93.9%

9 learners were identified as having attendance concerns involving the Education Social Worker with their attendance being significantly low.

Using this information, we are able to identify areas of concern ahead of the next academic year and can ensure early interventions are put in place and support can be offered immediately.

How are we working with parents and community?

As a school, we continue to build strong links with all our parents to enrich the learning opportunities for our children. Our weekly newsletter, which is emailed to parents, keeps all parents and members



of our school community informed of school business. This is also published on our website.

The school has also been successfully involved in the Healthy Schools Initiative, Colwyn in Bloom Art and Eco Schools. We look forward to continuing with these very worthwhile projects. Some of our older learners attended residential visits to Pentre and Nant BH.

We are proud of our positive links with the community and businesses in Rhos on Sea, which has included collaborating with 'Coast café', taking part in beach cleans, using Rhos Park bowling club, singing in the care homes at Christmas and using the nearby churches for our services.

Parents progress meetings were held during the academic year to keep parents informed of their child's progress and parents were invited into school each term for a parent meeting. A full progress report was sent to parents in July 2024.

Attainment and progress:

Throughout the year we carefully monitor and track each child's progress and attainment using a variety of methods. This could be by daily observations, asking questions or by giving verbal and written feedback. Our youngest learners are tracked each half term to see if they are making progress in RWI and all children are tracked to monitor progress and attainment in their basic skills. Children in Years 2 – 6 have more formal assessments in spelling, reading and mathematics.

Other matters of interest:

- In the Autumn term we had a day celebrating Owain Glyndwr, Sign Language and visits from the Welsh Senedd. We raised money for Children in Need and had a day learning more about Children's rights. Some of the children went to the Pantomime in Rhyl and Llandudno and our year groups all delivered a fantastic Christmas service.
- In the Spring term we had visits from Dŵr Cymru and held a NSPCC number day, organised by the School Council and we learnt more about Internet safety. St David's day is always a day of celebration and we welcomed grown-ups into the school for the Eisteddfod sharing sessions. World Book day included dressing up as a book character and Y3-6 all enjoyed a careers fair. Y4 organised a science fair for all children and we walked to the church for our Easter services.
- In the Summer term our children auditioned and took part in the popular, 'Llandrillo's Got Talent' and Mrs Carnell's drama group finished their year by performing an amazing musical in the United Reformed Church. Sports for All and Race for Life took place in the sunnier months. The Scholastic book fair was a big success in raising money for the school and local artists visited Y5 to undertake a project about the local area. The Moving up day and celebration day ended another busy year at Ysgol Llandrillo.
- Swimming and residential have taken place for children in Years 4-6.
- Day trips have taken place throughout the year for children in Reception – Y6 including to Pili Palas, Manchester Airport, Liverpool Maritime Museum, Danger Point, Crocgy Trail and Manorafon Farm.
- FOTs continue to be a success, raising money by organising movie nights, discos and a Christmas raffle.
- Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos are working towards the Silver Cymraeg Campus award.

Finances

See below the School's Final Budget Statement for 2023-24. The statement shows the school's position in terms of income and expenditure. We will continue to review and monitor the school's finances carefully in order to ensure continued stability.



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Contributions made to charity:

Foodbank	Various contributions throughout the year
Local Churches	£120.22
Race for Life	120.22
NSPCC	£146
Children in Need	£157.01
Marie Curie	20.70

Donations and grants received (financial year 23/24)

Pupil Development Grant 2023-24	£92,000
Education Improvement Grant 2023-24	£147,805
Professional Learning Programme 2023-24	£8,533
ALN	£10,084
RRRS	£27,083.97

Governing Body Expenses

Expenses were paid to the clerk to the governors.



Leadership

Mrs Gaynor Highcock has been the Headteacher since 2017. Following Mrs Highcock's retirement in April 2024, Mrs Sarah Davies, Deputy Headteacher, became acting Headteacher for the final term of the school year.

Mr Dan Eames-Hughes and Mrs Becky Lightowler are both assistant headteachers. Mrs Lightowler is based on the infant site and Mr Dan Eames-Hughes is based on the Junior site. Both have various leadership responsibilities and line manage staff on the relevant site.

Thank you

Firstly, the Governors wish to express their sincere thanks to Mrs Gaynor Highcock for her 26 of service to the school, particularly for being Headteacher for the last 7 years.

A huge thank you to James Lusted, who has been the Chair to our Governing body for many years, up until April 2024.

Thank you to our admin team who work in the offices; Mrs Denise Butterworth on the infant site and Mrs Michelle Parker and Mrs Lowri Salisbury on the junior site. All of our office staff work hard to ensure the smooth day to running of the school. A special thanks to Mrs Salisbury who left at the end of the academic year, after 22 years of working at the school!

Also a big thank you to Mrs Sophia Hathaway, our cluster business manager, who supports the headteacher in carrying out her role successfully.

Thank you also to Mrs Sue Clisham for her continued support to Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos as our 'Supporting Improvement officer' this year.

And finally, the staff and pupils are also to be hugely congratulated and thanked for another successful year.