

# **Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen Community School**



## **Governors' Annual Report**

**2022-2023**

**Adroddiad Blynyddol y  
Llywodraethwyr**

## **Foreword by the Chairman of the Governing Body**

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

It is a privilege to be the newly appointed Chair of Governors for the year 2022/23. I look forward to supporting and challenging the school, alongside the team of dedicated governors, to ensure we are delivering the best possible outcomes for the pupils; our future.

May I firstly take the opportunity to welcome our new Headteacher, Mr Rhys Thomas, who joined the school in September 2022.

Thank you to the pupils, parents/guardians, staff and fellow governors for warmly welcoming Mr Thomas to the school. I hope we can continue to support and assist Mr Thomas to take the school forward, and strive for excellence for our wonderful children. He is vastly experienced, and is an asset to our school. Croeso cynnes Mr Thomas.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Headteacher's Report to you for the academic year 2022/23. It has been pleasing to note the full return of the children to the classroom following an extremely disruptive few years as a result of the pandemic. The teaching staff did a wonderful job educating the pupils with the online resources available, however I am sure that staff, parents/guardians and pupils alike are relieved that this chapter has come to an end, and 'normality' has now resumed.

As well as the return of face-to-face teaching, it has been heart-warming and pleasing to see the return of many activities and school trips that were temporarily halted during the pandemic. Last summer saw the return of the school sports day, which was a joyous occasion for many as the children's families were invited to attend. The children had a wonderful time competing in events, whilst enthusiastically supporting each other and their teams. We also had an opportunity to enjoy a variety of stalls and light refreshments. Thank you to the school, and the Parents and Teachers Association for coordinating a successful and memorable evening.

We were subsequently lucky enough to enjoy the school's 145<sup>th</sup> birthday; a significant milestone that we were proud to celebrate. A concert was held in Bancffosfelen Village Hall, whereby pupils performed a script comparing school life now to school life 145 years ago. Their performance was outstanding, and they were a credit to the staff. Following the concert, the party continued in the

school with coffee and cake. It was a fabulous opportunity for, old and new, friends of the school to meet, and to enjoy a display of old photographs and memorabilia. Thank you to all those that contributed to its success.

On the 20th December 2022, the school held their first Christmas concert, due to the pandemic, since 2019. Mr Thomas highlighted that every child had a part, and every child performed incredibly well. For many this was their first time on stage delivering a Christmas concert, and they made the school proud. Well done to all.

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all the teaching staff for their dedication, passion and enthusiasm in shaping our children's educational futures. Further thanks must also be extended to you for your continued support, which is essential in ensuring the success of the school.

Even though the pandemic has subsided, we all remain in difficult times due to various external factors that are continually highlighted to us on the news etc. However, as governors, alongside the headteacher and staff, we will work tirelessly to ensure that these issues will not affect the quality of the education, and the positive experiences available to our children.

Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen is a school that strives for excellence and equality. It is at the heart of the community, with a happy and homely environment. It will always put the children's education, health and wellbeing at its core, and will ensure that every child is valued, nurtured and inspired to be lifelong learners.

With very best wishes,

Mr Andrew Barlow

## BANCCFOSFELEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 2023

***Chairperson of Governors:***

Mr A Barlow  
Bancffosfelen School  
Bancffosfelen  
Llanelli  
SA15 5DR

***Clerk to the Governors:***

Mrs Miriam Evans  
Mrs M Evans  
Bancffosfelen School  
Bancffosfelen  
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The full list of Governors is as follows:

<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES</i></b>	<b><i>STATUS</i></b>
Mr E Evans	13.11.2026	Additional Community Representative
Mr Julian Jones	28.11.2026	L.A.
Mr Andrew Barlow	10.10.2025	Parent
Mr Gareth Harries	13.11.2026	Community Representative
Mr Rhys Thomas		Headteacher
Mrs Amanda Rees	18.09.2026	Teacher Representative
Mr A Davies	11.06.2025	Community Representative
Mrs DH Davies	13.11.2026	Parent
Mr Liam Bowen	02.12.2025	L.A.
Mrs Elizabeth Hopkins	08.10.2025	Parent

***Chairperson:*** 2022/2023: Mr A Barlow

***Vice-Chairperson:*** 2022/2023: Mr A Davies

### **Safeguarding**

Mr Rhys Thomas, Mrs Amanda Rees and Mrs Susan Simpson  
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Davinia Davies

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**Staffing Summer 2022**

Number of pupils on roll Summer term 2022 = 58

Number of classes = 2

**Foundation Phase:** Mrs Amanda Rees and Miss Alaw Davies

**Key Stage 2:** Mrs Susan Simpson

**Learning Support Assistants:** Mrs Anharad Bryant, Mrs Anne Marie Passmore (0.6), Mrs Sian Williams and Mrs Rhian Temple(0.8)

**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

**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 Canolfan Gwen at Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth.

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.

**School Targets and progress made:**

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
To further develop Welsh language and literacy provision to raise the standard of pupils' Welsh verbal and reading skills.	<p>A member of staff attended a SLO with the Partnership along with other primary schools and Maes y Gwendraeth School to develop a better understanding in the progression steps to develop pupils' skills in Welsh.</p> <p>All pupils were recorded singing "Penblwydd Hapus" to Mr Urdd on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <p>All pupils celebrated Dydd Music Cymru.</p> <p>All pupils celebrated Dydd Gwyl Dewi.</p> <p>Pupils from Key Stage 2 participated in the Welsh Book Quiz- Cwis Cymru Gyfan.</p> <p>A team from Years 5 and 6 were successful to go through to the County round.</p> <p>Staff attended Cynllun Clonc training. Cynllun Clonc is introduced to foundation phase pupils.</p> <p>Llythrennau a Synau is introduced to foundation phase pupils.</p>
To further develop the provision of Additional Learning Needs across the school, in order to meet the requirements of the new bill for ALN.	<p>One page profiles have been developed and updated for every pupil.</p> <p>All staff have attended bitesize training to ensure they all have a better understanding of ALN- ACEs, Dyslexia, severe learning difficulties etc</p> <p>ML attended WRAP training</p> <p>All staff have revised the list of pupils with SEN to the new bill of pupils with ALN.</p> <p>Letters will be sent out to parents</p> <p>Staff attended training on Trauma Informed Schools</p> <p>Meet with parents during Summer and Autumn term to start preparing Individual Development Plans</p>
To further develop opportunities for pupils to develop numeracy skills across the curriculum	<p>To continue plan differentiated numeracy tasks.</p> <p>To plan numeracy tasks in the outdoors.</p>

	Training on numeracy in the outdoors with Naturescope
To further develop the Curriculum in Wales agenda across the school.	<p>The pupils have developed characters to represent the 4 main purposes of the curriculum.</p> <p>Foundation phase staff attended training by Alice Sharp on the foundation phase.</p> <p>Pupils from the foundation phase did a project on Cymru. They entered their work into the Welsh Heritage Competition</p> <p>The school are a Peace Malia School.</p>
Planning the Health and Wellbeing curriculum to ensure progression in experiences and progression steps to meet the needs of all learners.	<p>Staff studied the Health and Wellbeing curriculum area</p> <p>All staff have been planning health and wellbeing activities to ensure progression through the progress steps</p> <p>Continue with the on line training on Outdoor Education.</p> <p>More purposeful use of the outdoor area to develop well being.</p> <p>All pupils in key stage 2 attended swimming lessons in Carmarthen Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Pupils have planting, growing, doing art activities etc</p> <p>Pupils have been undertaking gardening activities.</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

Health and Safety

Behavioural

Whistle blowing

Anti bullying

Complaints

Staff disciplinary

Restraint policy

Healthcare Needs 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 " All pupils in the foundation phase are introduced to "Letters and sounds" activities daily and all pupils have "Cynllun Clonc."

### 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 and Emotional support Team.

### 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.

Pupils have also started running Couch to 2K 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.

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
- A party to celebrate the school's 145<sup>th</sup> birthday



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

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, Sports and fete and a birthday party which helped pay for :

Furniture for the foundation phase class

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

#### Attendance

Attendance for the year from September 9%

Attendance target- 95%

Class	Attended %	Authorised Absence %
Foundation Phase	89.82	10.18
Key Stage 2	88.4	11.6
School	89.89	10.11

#### 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 photocopying room and outside wall were painted by the caretaker this term.

#### 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

- Sports Ambassadors received training by Actif Sir Gar
- They attended a Teams meeting at the beginning of the school year with Mr L Broderick

- Mr L Broderick visited the school to assess the Ambassadors – he saw them take a session.
- Mr Lyn Broderick also monitored a Balance Bike session.
- All year 6 pupils attended Pembrey, with Llannon pupils, for activities organised by Active Sir Gar and to see the start of the Womens' bike race.
- All pupils participate daily in running/walking activities on couch to 2K to improve fitness and wellbeing.
- School Sports was held in where all pupils participated. It was an ideal opportunity to welcome parents to see pupils participate. A lovely evening was had by all.
- All key stage 2 pupils attended two weeks swimming lessons in Carmarthenshire Leisure Centre.
- A team represented the school in the Mynydd Mawr Sports. Congratulations to Mia who won a medal.
- All key Stage 2 pupils participated in the School Sports Survey

### Community Links

- We welcomed 2 pupils from the Ukraine
- Years 3,4,5 and 6 attended a concert held by Symphony Cymru
- A Thanksgiving Service was held on line in school and shared with all parents
- All pupils performed and were filmed to celebrate Christmas.
- All links to the different productions by classes were shared on Hwb with all pupils so parents could view them.
- Parents' Evenings were held over the week on Google meets and teams.
- Book Day was celebrated and various activities were held on reading books.
- A Year 6 assembly was held and parents visited to see their children perform.
- Years 6 visited Pembrey, with Llannon pupils, to see the start of the Women's Euro Bike Race.
- All pupils visited Manor Park

### Parent Teachers' Association

- A Christmas raffle was held.
- School Sports and Summer Fete were held
- The PTA organised a party to celebrate the school's 145 years old. Pupils performed, refreshments were served and all had an opportunity to see old registers, log books etc.
- Thank you to everyone who supported.

### School Council

- Starter Iaith-The school's Criw Cymraeg decided to listen to Welsh music and watch Welsh television programmes
- The School Council organised a dress in purple/yellow for Mental Health Day and a total of £60 was raised for Place2Be.
- Pupils participated in Fair Trade Activities.
- All pupils enjoyed a Jubilee lunch and wore purple or dressed up as princess and princes.
- Pupils participated in a week of various activities to develop empathy on World Empathy Day.
- All pupils celebrate World Smile Day
- All pupils listened to and completed activities on Welsh music on Dydd Miwsig Cymru.
- The School Council organised a Dress to Express Day for National Children's Mental Health Day and raised £60 for Place2Be.
- Pupils sold Red Noses on Comic Relief Day. A total of £ 96.80 was raised
- Pupils also raised £133.75 for Children in Need.
- Pupils wore Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. A total of £67.50 was raised.
- Pupils dressed in red, white and green to celebrate the Urdd's centenary.

### School's Eco Committee

- The Eco committee was successful in gaining the Eco award! Congratulations
- Pupils dressed in green, blue or white to raise money for Size of Wales. A total of £58 was raised.
- The Eco committee had a planning meeting with Bethan Phillips Eco co-ordinator for Carmarthenshire to plan ahead for September.
- The Committee undertook an Eco audit to identify targets.
- Pupils participated in Fair Trade activities.
- Pupils participated in Cop 26 activities held by Carmarthenshire Education Department.
- Pupils in key stage 2 performed their poem "Our World" in Cop 26 workshops.
- Key Stage 2 pupils worked diligently to create an outdoor learning area – painting and planting flowers.
- Pupils made artefacts from recycled materials to hold plants and flowers. They could be seen around the school boundary.

### Healthy School's Committee/ Well being

- PC Ali visited the school and held workshops on drugs, keeping safe, e safety and bullying.
- Activities were held on E Safety during E Safety Week
- Workshops were held by Sbectrum on keeping safe etc
- Sports Ambassadors were assessed by Lyn Broderick Actif Sir Gar where they taught a lesson
- Foundation Phase pupils are taught to ride balance bikes
- Training in Team Teach and Positive Relationships was attended by all staff.

- 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 and staff are participated in Couch to 2K held by Actif Sir Gar
- Training on gardening in the curriculum was attended by staff
- Continue with the on-line training on Outdoor Education.
- More purposeful use of the outdoor area to develop wellbeing.
- Pupils have been planting, growing, doing art activities etc
- All pupils eat fruit as whole classes to encourage healthy and mindful eating
- Themes such as wellbeing, being a good friend, being respectful, working and playing together etc. are studied

### Curriculum Cymreig

- All Foundation Phase pupils dressed up in traditional dress for St David's Day
- 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.
- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a concert with Symphony Cymru
- All pupils were recorded singing Penblwydd Hapus Mr Urdd on the Urdd's centenary.
- A team of pupils from Years 5 and 6 competed in the first round of the Welsh Book Quiz.
- They were successful and went through to the next round at county level.
- Pupils participated in Menter Cm Gwendraeth Elli's quiz – "Dim Clem"

### Successes

- Congratulations to the team from years 5 and 6 on their success on going through to the County round in the Welsh Book Quiz
- Congratulations to the School Athletic team especially Mia on their success in Mabolgampau Mynydd Mawr.
- Congratulations to key stage 2 on their poem "Our World" being highly commended on Blue Peter and on their recording being shown in the Cop26 workshops.
- Thank you to all for making the 145 Party such a success!

### Work Experiences

Pupils from Maes y Gwendraeth School attended school to complete their work experience.

### School Term Dates

Term	Term begins	Half Term
Autumn 2022	Monday 5th September	Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November
Spring 2023	Monday 9th January	Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February
Summer 2023	Monday 17th April	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Autumn 2023	Monday 4th September	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November
Spring 2024	Monday 8th January	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
Summer 2024	Monday 8th April	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

### Designated INSET Days

- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Friday 1st September 2023

For school specific INSET days, please contact the relevant school. Usually, schools have 5 INSET days during the academic year (including the designated days).

### Good Friday

- 7th April 2023
- 29th March 2024

### May Day

- 1st May 2023      6th May 2024

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

Thank you all for your continued support and co-operation.









