

# YSGOL CEDEWAIN



## GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

September 2018 - July 2019

Chair of Governors: Mr Graham Owen

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we have had a very busy and eventful year at Ysgol Cedewain

We have had a sad end to the year with two of our governors leaving the governing body at the end of the summer term. Ruth Bridge and Caroline Eayrs have been valuable members of our Governing body and we are very sad to see them leave. This leaves us with two vacancies that we are looking to fill as soon as possible.

It has also been a challenging year with an ever decreasing budget allocation and ongoing funding issues resulting in a deficit budget going forward.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for their on-going dedication and commitment which makes Ysgol Cedewain a school that is successful, happy and continually improving. Thank you also to all the parents and carers for your continued support.

Graham Owen  
Chairman  
Ysgol Cedewain Governing Body

### School Governing Body 2018-2019

Governor	Appointed by	Term of Office ends
Mr Graham Owen (Chair)	Sponsored	09/01/2022
Mrs Ruth Bridge (vice)	Community	ended
Dr Caroline Eayrs	Community	ended
Mr Andy Harden	Community	04/01/2023
Mr Barry Hancock	Parent Governor	16/10/2021
Mr Darren Leach	Parent Governor	30/09/2022
Mr John Parry	Parent Governor	04/01/2020
Mr Gary Southern	Parent Governor	16/10/2021
Cllr. Michael Williams	Powys LA	01/09/2022
Cllr. Neil Morrison	Powys LA	01/09/2021
Mrs Ellen Jones	Teacher	10/07/2021
Mrs Terina Humphreys	Non-Teaching	09/01/2023
Mr Russell Cadwallader	Headteacher	

- All Governors serve for a period of four years from their date of appointment
- The Chair of Governors can be contacted via the school, emailed on [zen98206@zen.co.uk](mailto:zen98206@zen.co.uk)
- The clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs Christine Gardner, can be contacted at the school.

### **Governing Body Meetings**

- During 2018 - 2019 the full Governing Body met at least twice a term, and sub-committee meetings held as necessary. Matters discussed by the Governors included: School Finance, School Improvement Plan, School Development Plan, staffing, Headteacher's reports, Performance Management, school budget, school policies, health and safety, school organisation and sub committee activities. At the heart of all discussions was the well being and educational excellence for pupils.

### **Governors Expenses**

- There were no expenses for 2018-2019

### **Number on roll**

- The number on roll in September 2018 was **119**

### **Staffing**

- We were sorry to see Karen Corfield Waters, Vicky Owen and Debbie Richards leave school this year but wish them well in their new ventures.
- We welcomed Sadie Ingram, Emma Owen, Josie Ingram and Kelly Jones onto our staff.
- We have two staff who had babies this year. Kelly Jones had a baby girl and Kris Cornell had a baby boy

### **Health and Safety**

- Health and Safety is discussed at every Governors meeting. There is an appointed governor with Health and Safety responsibility, and the Premises, IT and H & S sub committee discuss any Health and Safety issues that arise in the school.

### **Continuing Professional Development**

- Staff have continued to have training, with the majority of our staff undertaking Team Teach training.
- 5 teachers took part in the Outstanding teacher Programme regarding classroom practice to follow the Dr Ice principles and to cascade this throughout the school
- 4 of our teaching assistants also took part in the Outstanding Teaching Assistants Programme.
- 25 staff attended training on restorative justice on conflict resolution principles.
- All staff had the opportunity to do Child Protection Training in September 2018
- 2 staff completed a 16 hour outdoor first aid course

## Details from the Governor report for Expenditure and Income 2018/2019

Description of Expense	Budget for Year	Expenditure	Under / (Over) spent
Salaries And Wages	2,002,587	2,015,228	-12,461
Premises	132,139	136,920	-4,781
Supplies, Resources, Trips and Subscriptions	32,491	77,846	-45,355
Office	19,409	20,337	-928
Transport Costs	5,000	4,799	201
Miscellaneous	-1,511	0	1,511
Income	-129,640	-163,343	33,703
<b>Year end totals:</b>	<b>£2,063,497</b>	<b>£2,091,787</b>	<b>£-28,110</b>

### Outside Links

- Our newly appointed Family Support Co-ordinator has organised parents coffee mornings and invited local support groups and these have been well attended by parents.
- Our Harvest and Easter celebrations were well attended by parents and carers and we also had a large attendance at our presentation day which was for all ages at the Evangelical church.
- Ysgol Cedewain staff have worked closely with Powys County Councils Schools Challenge Advisors and Human Resources
- There have been close links with the Newtown Schools Cluster Groups, Powys secondary schools and Powys Special Schools through the regular Headteacher meetings
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils have benefited from Work Experience opportunities at Coed y Dinas, British Heart Foundation Welshpool, Hilltop Honey, Kerry Farm and our school nursery class. Careers Wales continue to offer help and advice to our school leavers.
- We have had continued close links with the other special schools in Powys with ventures with Brynllwarch and Penmaes.

## **Educational Trips**

- Angela Davies took a group of sixth form pupils to Cardiff to develop essential and independence skills in June 2019.
- A group of pupils enjoyed a to Llangrannog in June 2019
- H2 enjoyed a trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- A successful Duke of Edinburgh expedition took place in July 2019 when students walked along the Elan Valley to complete their Bronze Award.
- Thanks to the donations from the Friends of the School many pupils enjoyed taking part in Sailing/Canoeing and Bush Craft days run by Brenin Sports.
- Several classes have had trips this year, including Careers Day at BUILT Wells, Elan Valley, Cardiff, Techniquet and Theatre Hafren to name just a few.
- Most of the classes have been on a narrow boat trip courtesy of the Heulwen Trust.

## **Special Educational Needs**

- We are legally required to report on our special needs provision. In line with the current Code of Practice (Wales) the school ensures that all Statements are reviewed annually and that all Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are updated following the annual reviews.
- The Special Educational Needs policy is reviewed regularly.
- The school receives regular support from a number of agencies such as Educational Psychologists, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Teachers for Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired, Community Paediatricians, Community Nurses, Children with Disabilities Team and Social Services.

## **Use of Welsh Language**

- Lessons at the school are taught through the medium of English, but Welsh is taught weekly and incidental Welsh is used throughout the school.

## **Target Setting for Performance and Absence**

- A target was set to reduce absence throughout the school to 12.5% by the end of the current academic year.

## **Toilet facilities**

- There are adequate toilet facilities for all pupils at the school. These toilets are cleaned every night and checked every lunchtime and cleaned then as necessary. Someone is available at the school to deal with any additional cleaning that may be necessary during the school day.

## **School Prospectus.**

- The school has a School Prospectus. This is given to all new and prospective parents of pupils at the school.

## Young Enterprise

- This year there have been various enterprises taking part in the senior school, including candle tea cups, cup cakes, decorative jars, and scented bath salts. All groups worked hard towards their targets and had a successful year.

## Pupil Achievements

- **Head Boy/Head Girl:-** Our Head Boy this year was Will Whitehall and head Girls were Emma Bennett/Vicky Hester

## Friends of Cedewain

- The Friends of Cedewain meet x 4 a year as a committee and an AGM. Those who sit on the committee are dedicated and hugely supportive of events. They are a small group and strive to think of innovative ways to get people to dig into their pockets!
- This year has seen the Friends embrace a new project, this was the support of Clubbers, the after school club provided for those children with additional learning needs. Previously this scheme has been supported by a charity called PlayMont but the charity had decided to finish. We made an application to Children in Need and secured a £30,000 grant (£10,000 a year for 3 years) to support the club. There will be need for further monies but a lotto grant will be applied for and various other small grants as and when they become available. Our balance is around the £42,000 mark but remember, there is a grant in there to support Clubbers. We were fortunate to secure a new and relatively new minibus 4 years ago and it is in our constitution to 'provide and maintain' a minibus for the school – however, we have to be mindful that such applications are a lengthy process so we need to be proactive with this.
- The Friends have continued to fund raise and receive donations. The accounts will be available shortly but here is an overview of where money has been raised or received. The Autumn Fayre, Easter bingo, 200+ club, several donations 'in memory of...', money from Fran and Kristian who provide refreshments at craft fayres, Jalna's, a café in Newtown who have done a variety of events and there was a concert by the Castle Belles in Llanfair Caereinion recently where monies raised were for school. We also receive smaller, but equally important, donations in the guise of vouchers and treats from many local businesses and shops that can be used as raffle prizes. All very much appreciated.
- Some of the resources and requests honoured this year are as follows: costumes for the Expressive Arts day, classroom resources and equipment for the playground, a notice board, laptops and iPads, musical instruments and subsidising trips out of school.
- Every few years we have a family day cycling around Lake Vyrnwy, ending up with lunch in the pub and in Spring 2020 we will trial a Spring/Summer event in school that will start during the afternoon of the school day to hopefully encourage parents to attend. We are always looking for inspirational ideas so if something pops into your head while you read this report – please let me know!

Gill Sandilands (hon sec to the Friends)

## Sport Report

- Our pupils take part in football, basketball, hockey, rugby, athletics, circuit training, team games, bleep tests. All these are carried out during our lessons at the Maldwyn Sports Centre.
- Our pupils really enjoyed the end of term basketball competition between pupils and staff. Last terms result was a draw!
- We continue to work with Disability Sports and are forging links with Community #sports Development Officer Jonny Roberts
- Once again a very successful sports day was held in June
- In July we took part in the Mitch Latham Memorial Cup Football competition and were delighted to come first and bring the trophy home. Mitch would have been proud of us!

## Term Dates for 2018/2019

Term	Term Begins	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn 2018	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Fri 2nd November	Fri 21st Dec
Spring 2019	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Summer 2019	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July

## Attendance Information

During 2018/2019 the following attendance information was recorded

Term	Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
Autumn Term 2018	92.70 %	7.14 %	0.16%
Spring Term 2019	90.07 %	9.77%	0.16%
Summer 2019	89.29 %	9.60 %	1.11%

## Destination of School Leavers July 2019

We were sad to say goodbye to 6 students this summer but wish them well in their future placements.

- 1 Pupil went to Derwen College
- 1 Pupil went to Coleg Elydir
- 4 Pupils went to Newtown College