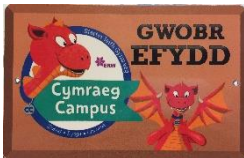


Ysgol Bro Tawe



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ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL I RIENI 2022– 2023

Ysgol Bro Tawe

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2022 - 2023

A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Guardians.

As Chair of Governors at Ysgol Bro Tawe, I am pleased to present this annual Report for the Academic year of 2022-2023

This Report provides an overview of important events and dates in the school calendar.

It also contains information on the life of the school, its many highlights and achievements for the 2022-23 Academic Year.

The school continues to be ably led by Mrs Bethan Evans and her Deputy Miss Jemma Williams, their continued energy and enthusiasm has kept the school afloat over the last few years which have been particularly hard, and I would like to thank them for all that they do to support our pupils, staff, parents and the whole school family.

The Role of the Governing Body is to support the Headteacher and the school with a strategic vision and this includes the curriculum and financial management.

The Governing Body meets as a whole once a Term, but each Governor will also sit on a sub committee, that sub committee will meet termly and or where necessary and report back to the Full Governing Body in its Termly Meetings.

I would like to place my thanks to the whole Governing Body for their hard work and commitment again this year.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful staff, you the parents and Guardians and the pupils for their contribution and unflinching support to make our school the success it is.

Diolch yn Fawr. / Thank You

Cllr. Susan McNicholas
Chair of Governors.

A Message from the Head Teacher

2022 – 2023 was once again a very successful year at Ysgol Bro Tawe and I would like to congratulate the children on their many achievements during the year. Special highlights this year include our success on the sporting field, at the Urdd Eisteddfod and being crowned South Powys 'Cwis Dim Clem' champions for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Ysgol Bro Tawe for the commitment and dedication they have shown throughout the year – they are always prepared to go the extra mile for our children.

I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for the support you have offered us this year. It has been lovely to welcome you all to Bro Tawe for a variety of events and I very much look forward to working with you again this year to ensure that Ysgol Bro Tawe continues to provide the best possible education for our children.

Bethan Evans

Headteacher
Mrs Bethan Evans

Deputy Headteacher
Miss Jemma Williams

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Charity Donations

Care in the community is an important part of the school curriculum. Donations were made to a variety of charities including

Children in Need
Comic Relief
Save the Children
Ystradgynlais Foodbank



Language of Education

The medium of education throughout the school is English as a first language with Welsh being taught as a second language. This continues when the children move to Maesydderwen School where the language skills taught in our school are further developed. At Ysgol Bro Tawe we are embracing the new curriculum for Wales. Our curriculum focuses on equipping young people for life. It will build pupils' ability to learn new skills and apply their subject knowledge more positively and creatively. As the world changes, they will be more able to adapt positively.



Attendance (Years 1 to 6)

	Overall Attendance %	Authorised %	Unauthorised %
Autumn Term 2022	90.60	8.89	0.51
Spring Term 2023	89.76	9.49	0.74
Summer Term 2023	91.6	6.62	1.78
Whole School Year	90.69	8.32	0.99

Teaching Staff

Mrs Bethan Evans Headteacher
Miss Jemma Williams Deputy
Headteacher

During the academic year 2022-2023 the children were organized into the following classes:

Mrs R Watts	Dosbarth 6
Mrs K. Hyett	Dosbarth 5
Mrs R Davies	Dosbarth 4
Mrs S. Martin / Mr O. Wright/	Dosbarth 3
Mrs K L Davies	Dosbarth 2
Mrs H Holsgrove	Dosbarth 1
Mrs L Morgan / Miss J Williams	Dosbarth Derbyn
Mrs K. Morgan	Canolfan Heulwen

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs H Morgan
Mrs S Clayton
Mrs R Evans
Miss M Owen
Mrs A Moss
Mrs M Jones
Miss S Morris
Mrs D Williams
Mrs N Crago
Mrs T Morgan
Miss S Rees

School Administrator	Mrs K Walsh
Kitchen Staff	Mrs P Newman (Cook) Mrs J Teague Miss N Davies Miss Z Hallaran
Caretaker	Mr P Tibbett
Cleaners	Mrs P Newman Mrs S Jones Mr D Teague

Peripatetic Music Teacher	Mrs L Alexander
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Who's Who on the Governing Body

The composition of the Governing Body reflects the broad spectrum of the local community.

The Chair is elected annually, at the beginning of each year. Governors are responsible for the management of the school legislation and policies of the LA. The Governing Body under the Local Management of Schools (LMS) now has fully delegated powers which means your Governing Body acts like a 'Board of Directors' in a business.

The full Governing Body meets every half-term to discuss school business and to set its strategic direction. The Head Teacher provides regular detailed reports for discussion with the Governors concerning a wide range of issues such as staffing, curriculum development and pupil matters.

To ensure that we carry out our delegated duties efficiently, Governors have attended training courses throughout the year, organised by Powys LA.

The full list of current Governors with the dates for termination of office are shown below:

Name	Designation	End Date
Cllr Mrs S Mc Nicholas (Chair)	LEA Governor	02/11/2024
Mrs B Anderson (Vice Chair)	Community Governor	24/6/2024
Mrs K Irvine	Community Governor	25/04/2026
Mrs S. Jones	Staff Governor	11/10/2024
Mr M. Shrewsbury	Minor Authority Governor	15/06/2026
Mrs S. Speedy	LEA Governor	29/09/2026
Mrs C Wozencroft	Parent Governor	16/09/2025
Mrs G Jones	Parent Governor	16/09/2025
Mr C Jones	Parent Governor	11/10/2024
Mrs H Holsgrove	Teacher Governor	11/10/2026
Mrs B. Evans	Headteacher	
Cllr Mrs S Davies	LEA Governor	15/09/2024
Mr D Barbeau	Community Governor	29/09/2025
Mrs B Groves Clerk to the Governing Body c/o Powys County Council Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5LG		

The Chair of Governors can be contacted via the school.

All vacancies will be advertised via letters to parents.

School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023	No of School Days	Non-Pupil Days
Monday 4 September to Friday 27 October	40	Friday 1 September Monday 25 th September Tuesday 26 th September
Half Term – Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November		
Monday 6 November to Thursday 21 December	34	Friday 22 nd December
Spring Term 2022		
Tuesday 9 January to Friday 9 February	24	Monday 8 th January
Half Term – Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		
Monday 19 February to Friday 22 March	25	
Summer Term 2022		
Monday 8 April to Friday 24 May	34	
Half Term – Monday 27 May to Friday 31st May		
Monday 3 June to Friday 19 July	35	Monday 1 st July
Good Friday: Friday 29 th March 2024		
Easter Monday: Monday 1 st April 2024		
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2024		
Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27 th May 2024		
Royal Welsh Show: Monday 22 July to Thursday 25 July 2024		

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs play a very important part in the wider life of Ysgol Bro Tawe. All clubs are free to attend and are open to all pupils from Years 3 and above. The following is a list of clubs that the school offers to pupils during the year:

- Rugby
- Netball
- Football
- Circus Skills
- Homework Club
- Computer Club
- Gardening Club
- Clwb Crefft (Art Club)
- Chess Club



PTA

The school has an active Parent Teacher Association which works very hard to co-ordinate fundraising and social activities for the children. It is hoped that all parents of children who attend Ysgol Bro Tawe will make an effort not only to support these worthwhile activities, but also to join in with the planning, arranging and organising of events. All parents are welcome to attend PTA meetings, details of which are circulated to you in a regular newsletter.



School Prospectus

The school prospectus is updated annually in accordance with the guidance received from the National Assembly for Wales.

The School Prospectus exists mainly, of course, to publicise the school and is therefore given in the first place to the parents of prospective pupils and to the parents of pupils admitted during the course of the school year. However, the parents of all current pupils can obtain a copy of the prospectus on request at the school office or can be downloaded from the school's website www.brotawe.powys.sch.uk



Use of Welsh

This school is an English medium school with Welsh taught as a second language. Lessons and other school activities are communicated through the medium of English. However, Welsh is incorporated into all areas of school life with greetings, questions, phrases and vocabulary used by all members of staff and the children are encouraged to use Welsh in the classroom, playground, dinner hall and assemblies. Oral Welsh is used initially, involving learning songs and rhymes, listening to stories, playing games and using Welsh apps to reinforce the vocabulary. As the children's understanding of the language grows, they are encouraged to read and write in Welsh as well as improving their oral proficiency. In years 3 to 6, children's knowledge of Welsh is developed further, and they are given opportunities to take part in activities such as writing for different purposes in Welsh, creating and taking part in Welsh drama and creating Welsh animated films.

Representatives from Years 1 and above form our Criw Cymraeg, whose task it is to promote the Welsh language within the school. Celebration Assemblies are held weekly, where the Criw Cymraeg award 'Siaradwyr Cymraeg Yr Wythnos' to each class and introduce 'Y Patrwym Yr Wythnos' to the school.

How is the School Funded?

The LA provide the school with a budget for each financial year based upon a number of factors, including the number of children on the additional learning needs register, the school's floor space etc, but the main factor is the number of pupils on the school roll.

The money received from the LA is called the **Delegated School Budget**.

On receiving the delegated school budget, the Governors of the school decide how this money should be allocated and agree a budget which must then be approved by the local authority. This budget will then be followed throughout the year. This account is monitored continually by the school management staff and the Governing Body at their regular meetings.

The Headteacher, Administrative Officers & Chair of Governors also attend termly meetings with council finance officers who monitor the budget and provide monthly reports to the school identifying any surpluses or overspends against a range of cost codes. This information is used to adjust the budget during the year to ensure spending follows the agreed plan.

Budget Summary

Pupil Numbers	195
Total Delegated Funds	841,513
Salaries & Wages	800,914
Premises	163,486
Supplies & Other Expenses	68,824
Net Expenditure	863,186
Planned under/ (overspend)	(21,673)



The school was inspected by Estyn during January 2016

The school's current performance: Good

The school's prospects for improvement: Good

The quality of teaching is good overall

Recommendations – Set following the Inspection in January 2016

- R1 Improve the standards achieved by more able pupils
- R2 Ensure that all teachers plan and deliver activities that challenge more able pupils
- R3 Improve teachers' marking to ensure that comments consistently indicate what pupils need to do to improve their work

Pupils' speaking and listening skills are very good

Quotes from Estyn



Nearly all pupils make very strong progress in Welsh

<p>Nearly all pupils behave very well in classrooms and at ...</p>	<p>The school has a caring, supportive and inclusive ethos</p>	<p>The headteacher provides very effective leadership</p>
	<p>All pupils enjoy coming to school and they are very proud of their school.</p>	

Monitoring of School Performance

The School Development Plan is reviewed at meetings of the Governing Body and the school's senior management team. Evaluations and action plans can be found in the School Development plan which is reviewed annually.

Areas of Learning Experience Teams are responsible for monitoring and evaluating standards and provision in the areas for which they have designated curriculum responsibility.

Individual members of teaching and non-teaching staff also have agreed performance management objectives which are aligned to specific aspects of the school improvement plan. Similarly whole school and individual training needs are prioritised to ensure that staff development supports the achievement of these identified aims.

The Local Authority monitors the school's performance each year through a process of annual review. ESTYN, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, also carry out a full inspection of the school

Pupils with Disabilities

Ysgol Bro Tawe is committed to equal opportunities and inclusion.

The Governing Body has considered the implications of the Disability Discrimination Act and, after liaising with the LA, will respond as appropriate as individual circumstances dictate.

Toilet Facilities

We have an adequate number of toilets throughout the school for use by children and adults. We also have two disability-friendly toilets. All toilets are cleaned daily by the cleaning staff, and routine maintenance is carried out by the caretaker.

In 2017, we achieved the 'Bog Standard Toilet Award'.



Primary / Secondary Links

Ysgol Bro Tawe believes that continuity in pupils' learning will be considerably enhanced providing channels of communication are open between both primary and secondary phases of education. Strong links have already been established with Maesydderwen Secondary School and Cwmtawe Secondary School. The school positively invites subject leaders from the secondary sector to visit Dosbarth 6 and discuss pupils' progress with the class teacher.

Additional Learning Needs

At Ysgol Bro Tawe we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers and involving children in decisions about their learning. We will always work in a person-centred way.

At Ysgol Bro Tawe we follow a graduated approach to meeting the learning needs of all children and young people. This approach follows the Powys County Council Inclusion Pathway. The pathway has the following stages:

Emerging Needs
Universal Learning Provision (ULP)
School IDP
LA IDP

The school maintains a close working relationship with the LA ALN team, Powys Educational Psychologist and other appropriate agencies.

The school has a policy for Additional Learning Needs, a copy of which is available upon request from the Headteacher. At Ysgol Bro Tawe the ALNCO (Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator) is Miss J Williams.

It is important to emphasise that gifted or able children may also require special provision to be made available. The school, working closely with the parents will do its utmost to provide the necessary challenge and educational provision.

Homework

We believe that homework has many benefits, including the opportunity to practise work started in school. It also gives parents the opportunity to see what is going on in school.

A homework club is provided weekly for Year 3 to Year 6 pupils where they are supported by teachers to complete their tasks.

Only by working in partnership can we hope to provide the education that your children deserve.



Canolfan Heulwen Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Centre

The centre is part of the specialist provision established by the Authority, hosted by the mainstream school. The centre meets the needs of pupils with significant special educational needs, providing intensive periods of effective education in partnership with the children's class/subject teachers. The centre is a catchment resource and centre staff provide outreach support to the schools within the area.



The school day routine is as follows:

Teachers will be on duty on the yard from 8.45 onwards.

8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. BREAKFAST CLUB

Foundation Learning

(Dosbarth Derbyn – Dosbarth 2)

8.55 - 12.15	Morning Session
10.40 – 11.00	Snack and playtime
12.15 – 1.15	Lunch
1.15 - 3.25	Afternoon session
2.20 – 2.35	Playtime

Junior Department

(Dosbarth 3 – Dosbarth 6)

8.55 - 12.15	Morning Session
10.40 – 11.00	Playtime
12.15 – 1.15	Lunch
1.15 - 3.25	Afternoon session

Foundation Learning Teaching Time = 21 hours

Years 3 to 6 Teaching Time = 23½ hour

Sporting Achievements



We take full part in sporting competitions in our area. The school has rugby, netball, football, swimming & cricket teams. The school participate in local competitions within our cluster and also on a wider scale within Powys. Working alongside our partners the Swansea City Community Trust, pupils are given the opportunity to compete in competitions with schools from neighbouring authorities.

Looking After Our Environment



Ysgol Bro Tawe encourages all pupils to take an interest in and look after our environment. We work closely with Brecon Beacons National Park and are proud to be a Brecon Beacons National Park Ambassador School.



School Charter

On the first day of term children are reminded about the school charter/ school rules.

The school charter is as follows:

We have the right to:

- be listened to
- learn
- be safe
- a positive learning area
- fresh water and healthy food
- make friends



We should:

- keep ourselves safe and help others stay safe
- be aware of the consequences of our actions
- get to school on time
- always try our best
- exercise regularly
- be kind and respect others
- take part in lessons
- include others in our games and agree how to play together
- ten to and work with others
- eat healthy snacks at breaktime

Rights Respecting School

Ysgol Bro Tawe aims to be a school where every aspect of a child is focused on and developed, including the area of well-being. As part of our school's aims to promote a happy and successful school, we are working towards further recognition as a "Rights Respecting School." This is an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF.

The Rights Respecting School award (RRSA) will help our pupils to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. By learning about their rights our pupils, your children, also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others i.e. their responsibilities.

Our school mascot is Brodie the Bro Tawe bear.



School Uniform

We have a school uniform at Ysgol Bro Tawe, which is detailed in the school prospectus.

School uniform is important:

- It helps children to feel they belong to the school;
- It avoids competition between children for the latest fashions;
- It prepares children for uniform wearing at secondary school;
- It looks smart.

Please support the school by sending your child in school uniform every day. It is reasonably priced, easily available from Pethau Plant, Ystradgynlais or Order Uniform UK Pontardawe.



Community Involvement

The school has excellent links with the local community, both through utilising the community as a teaching and learning resource as well as inviting the community into school.

We are keen to develop our community links even further and would welcome suggestions for other ways for us to get the children out into the community or to bring community groups into the school.



School Policies

The school has a large number of policies which governs its day-to-day operation. A number of these are statutory policies. New policies have been created and adopted. All policies have been ratified by the Governing Body during the last twelve months.



What is Restorative Practice?

Restorative processes bring those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward. Our school is positive and child centered, with a strong emphasis on pupil voice, personal responsibility and emotional literacy.

We believe in talking, sharing and working through our problems.

Outline School Development Plan

Each year the Staff and Governors work on a School Development Plan (SDP) which leads school improvement for the coming year. Some of the areas addressed over the past twelve months have been: Outlines priorities are as follows:

- To further Improve the outcomes for targeted vulnerable groups of learners by ensuring their learning is supported by a range of knowledge, skills and experiences.
- To raise the standards of Literacy across the age range.
- To develop a whole school approach to assessment and progression within the Curriculum for Wales.
- To strengthen the partnership between school and home, and actively support families to play an active part in their children's education. (FaCE)

School Development Plan 2023– 2024

- To improve the reading skills of identified groups of learners.
- To improve the use of Welsh so that the school is accredited with the Cymraeg Campus Silver Award.
- To further develop assessment and progression in the Curriculum for Wales
- To make effective use of digital competencies and mathematical pedagogy to raise the standard of numeracy skills across the age ranges.
- To ensure effective learner-centred pedagogy across the school through further development of the outdoor provision.

A Curriculum For Wales – A Curriculum For Life

At Ysgol Bro Tawe we are embracing the new curriculum for Wales. Our curriculum focuses on equipping young people for life. It will build pupils' ability to learn new skills and apply their subject knowledge more positively and creatively. As the world changes, they will be more able to adapt positively.

They will also get a deep understanding of how to thrive in an increasingly digital world, preparing them for the opportunities and risks that an online world presents.

The purpose of the curriculum is to support our children and young people to be:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.



Pupils will focus on six Areas of Learning and Experience.

- Expressive arts.
- Health and well-being, including a focus on emotional well-being
- Humanities (including RE which should remain compulsory to age 16).
- Languages, literacy and communication (including Welsh, which should remain compulsory to age 16).
- Mathematics and numeracy.
- Science and technology.



It will also include three cross-curricular responsibilities: literacy, numeracy and digital



Healthy Eating

Ysgol Bro Tawe encourages Healthy Eating in line with the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2013. In an attempt to encourage children to eat healthy, the school only allows pupils to eat fresh fruit and vegetables on the yard during morning breaktime.

Water is Cool

Research has found that 'The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day'. When we are thirsty mental performance including memory, attention and concentration can decrease by about 10 per cent. Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability. Ensuring free access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital role for us in promoting health and providing a healthy learning environment. All pupils are provided with a water bottle to promote regular hydration.

Attendance

We continue to highlight the importance of punctuality and regular attendance in school assemblies through our monitoring strategies.

- Katie Nutter, our Educational Welfare Officer, follows up any queries with home visits.
- The Administrative staff make a phone call or send a text message to the parents who have not informed the school about their child's absence.
- Letters are sent to the parents of poor attenders

Attendance Penalty Notice

The Welsh Government (WG) Education (Penalty Notice) Wales Regulations 2013 states that Local Authorities are required by law to adhere to the Education Act 1996 section 444 to include penalty notices as one of the interventions to promote better school attendance.

Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996 provide that certain cases of unauthorized absences can be dealt with by way of a penalty notice.

A penalty notice is a fine of up to £120 and may be issued to a parent /carer as a result of a child's regular non-attendance at school / educational provision.

The school adheres to the code of conduct for penalty notices as issued by the Local Authority, and therefore may request the local authority to issue a penalty notice in certain cases.

**THERE ARE 365 DAYS IN A YEAR
ONLY 195 ARE SCHOOL DAYS**



Data Collection

Ysgol Bro Tawe is committed to the protection of all personal and sensitive data for which it holds responsibility as the Data Controller and the handling of such data in line with the data protection principles and the GDPR.

Travelling Expenses

During the year 2022 – 2023 no Governors were paid expenses for their work for the school, or travel costs as a result of training and meetings.



Security, Health and Safety

In order to ensure a safe environment for the children, all visitors must sign in and out at the main reception so that adults present on site are accounted for and are known to the staff.

All exterior doors are locked during the school day, and the only means of entering the building is through the main entrance, to the reception area for signing in.

The Governors, in cooperation with the Headteacher, carry out regular Health and Safety checks throughout the year. We are also subject to health and safety inspections by the local authority. A number of Health and Safety checks occur on a regular basis.

These include:

- Termly fire drills for staff and children.
- Annual testing of alarms, extinguishers and emergency lighting.
- Annual testing of boilers and heating systems.
- Regular testing by the local authority for legionella.
- Electrical portable appliance testing.

SCHOOL MEALS

All of the recipes on our school meals menu are nutritionally analysed. Meaning that if your child chooses to have a school meal every day they will be eating 30% of their daily nutritional requirements.

The school has a food hygiene rating of 5.



Parental Survey – Your views matter!

The partnership between school and home is very important and the school actively encourages parents and carers to contribute to school improvement. Analysis of the January 2023 Parental Survey found:

- 71% of parents/carers stated that their child like the school all of the time with 27% stating their child liked the school most of the time. 2% stated their child almost never liked the school.
- 100% of parents/carers agreed that the school helped their children to settle in well when they started school.
- 100% agreed that they believed their child is safe in school.
- 71% of parents/carers agreed that the school deals with any incidents of bullying, harassment or discrimination. 24% didn't know and 5% disagreed.
- 95% agreed that the school offers children a wide range of interesting learning experiences including educational trips.
- 59% stated that their children receive the additional support they need. 5% disagreed and 37% stated it was not applicable to them.
- 85% of parents/carers agreed that the school keeps them well informed about their child's progress, with 15% disagreeing.
- 85% of parents/carers agreed that the school seeks their view as a parent /carer, with 15% disagreeing.
- 98% agreed that the school considers their feedback and if needed responds to it.
- 83% agreed that if they share problems with the school, leaders respond and deal with them appropriately. 5% disagreed and 12% stated it was not applicable to them.
- 93% agreed that the school shares important information with them in a timely and clear way.
- 98% of parents/carers agreed that they would recommend this school to another parent.

Parental Responses from Survey

All staff members are approachable, and always prepared to work together to overcome any issues.

It's a fantastic school, and has gone above and beyond to help my daughter.



Schoop, Hwb, twitter and the school website help me to stay informed with everything that I need to know.

My child has been supported and issues taken seriously and felt with promptly

Any issues my child has had with others have been addressed well over the years

Bro Tawe is a great school.

Confident in the school which has excellent communication with parents

I feel that the school is always supportive regarding my son. If any incidents were to occur, I know this would be dealt with effectively and he would have access to the support needed.

During a school visit they have explained how they deal with all types of problems and I was very impressed

Thank you for supporting my children, nassed and nresent!

Visits / Visitors/ Events

Here are some of the events that took place during 2022 – 2023

- Reverend Mark Thomas visited Bro Tawe to lead our School Harvest Service.
- A very successful Harvest Coffee Morning was held for families, where all classes performed their Harvest items.
- The school choir performed at St. Cynog's Harvest Festival.
- Our PTA held a very successful Autumn disco at Ystradgynlais Rugby Club.
- Christmas was celebrated with 3 different nativity plays: Dosbarthiadau Derbyn & D1 performed 'Baarmy Bethlehem; D2 & D3 performed 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' and D4, D5 & D6 performed 'It's Strictly The Nativity!'
- Dosbarth 6 visited Cwrt Enfys to entertain the residents.
- D5 & D6 visited Llangrannog on a residential trip.
- Canolfan visited the WRU's Football Academy for pupils with disabilities at Llandarcy Sports Centre.
- An Eisteddfod was held March 1st. All pupils competed in their houses. Members of the Governing Body attended and judged the competitions.
- A Coffee Afternoon was held on March 6th 2023 where pupils entertained their parents with Eisteddfod pieces.
- Pupils competed in the Urdd local Eisteddfod on March 14th at Ysgol Dyffryn Y Glowyr and the County Eisteddfod at Theatr Brycheiniog on March 25th.
- Reverend Mark Thomas and local music producer David Griffiths visited the school to work with Years 3 & 4. Pupils collaborated on the production of a song written by Reverend Mark.
- Jenny Davies, Fire Officer visited Years 1 & 2 to talk about Fire safety.
- All classes participated in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday February 7th.
- A family workshop was held for parents on 8th February. The topic was 'Help your children with reading'.
- To launch our 3rd language, we held a 'Bonjour Bonjour Day, where all pupils dressed in the colours of France and learnt about French life, culture and the geography of France.
- We celebrated World Book Day on March 3rd, where all pupils and staff dressed as characters from books.
- Gail Morris from CAMHS visited Bro Tawe on 13th March, to present Mental Health workshops in D4 and D6.
- A very successful Careers Week was held in the summer Term, where parents visited their children's classes to talk about their chosen occupations.
- Two pupils competed in the National Eisteddfod at Llandovery during Whitsun Half Term. Both pupils competed in the recitation competitions for their respective age groups and we are very proud of them for their excellent performances.
- 2 pupils gained 3rd prize in their respective age photography competitions at the Urdd National Eisteddfod. What a wonderful achievement.
- Menter Iaith have visited Bro Tawe to promote Gemau Buarth (Welsh playground games) with the children.
- The Bro Tawe Football team competed in the Apollo Football Tournament on May 24th.
- Parents were welcomed to 'Book Looks' alongside their children.
- Mr Lloyd Watkin, a parent visited Bro Tawe twice to tell the pupils all about his adventure in the Sahara desert running the Marathon des Sables. The pupils were so impressed by Lloyd's determination that the school council decided to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for his chosen charity.
- Welsh Baccalaureate Students from Ysgol Maesydderwen volunteered in our after school clubs, including, Chess, Football and Art club.
- Neath & Port Talbot Music Service visited Bro Tawe to teach violin and cello to Year 3 pupils.
- Two pupils represented the school at the Shadow Town Council Meeting and plans are in place to have at least a termly meeting.

- Year 6 attended the WRU Rugby Festival at Ysgol Maesydderwen on Monday 19th June. This was a very successful event, focusing on participation and fun.
- 5 Bro Tawe pupils have been chosen to represent Swansea Valley Rugby Team for the 2023 - 2024 season.
- PC Geraint Skyrme has visited a variety of classes this term to deliver PSE lessons.

Meet our Parent Governors 2023 -2024

Mr C Jones

Mrs C Wozencroft

Mrs A Hosford-Allen

Mrs G Jones

As your elected representatives, we would like you to know that as parents we can all make a real contribution to the quality of life and education that our children receive at Ysgol Bro Tawe. We, and therefore you, have a strong voice on the governing body, where important and crucial decisions are made regularly. The future is bright at Ysgol Bro Tawe and we can help to make it even brighter with your continued support.

Governing Body Meetings with Parents

With effect from 4th May 2013, there is no longer a requirement for governing bodies to hold an Annual Parent's Meeting.

Parents now have the right to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body to discuss issues which concern them. Parents must request a meeting by means of a petition, which must meet four criteria:

- **The petition must contain the signatures of the required number of parents of registered pupils. The parents of at least 10% of the school's registered pupils / 30 registered pupils will need to sign the petition.**
- **The meeting must be for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the school.**
- **A maximum of 3 meetings can be held during the school year**
- **There must be sufficient school days left in the school year to allow a meeting to be held by the end of a 25 day period.**

Governing bodies may decline a request for a meeting if they judge that the stated purpose does not fit the criteria.

Further advice on how parents may go about requesting a meeting with the governing body is available on the Welsh Government's website.

There were no resolutions passed at last year's meeting.

