



To **S**upport, **M**otivate and **I**nspire all pupils to **L**earn and **E**xcel.

YSGOL DEINIOL MARCHWIEL

Mr Kevin Baugh
Headteacher

Annual Report To Parents For The Academic Year 2023-2024

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Introduction

The Governing Body of Ysgol Deiniol, Marchwiel is made up of eleven members and the Headteacher who is automatically a Governor. We, at present, have a vacancy for two Community Governors. The normal term of office for each member is 4 years with the exception of the Headteacher who will remain a Governor for as long as he retains the position as Head of the school. Chair and Vice Chair positions are elected annually, usually at the first meeting of the academic year. When a parent Governor position becomes vacant, parents of all children in the school will be notified of the vacancy and nominations will be invited. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot of parents will be held. The chair of the Governing body was Mr Dave Bates (now Graeme Clarke) who can be contacted via the school and the clerk to the governing body was Mrs Alison Gillespie who can be contacted through Wrexham council.

School Aims

At school, we endeavour to create a happy secure and caring atmosphere and to provide every pupil with a high quality, broadly based education which will be a foundation for future learning.

We will set high standards and aim to provide appropriate quality, stimulating opportunities and experiences to develop fully their academic, moral, spiritual, social, physical and aesthetic abilities and interests for our pupils to achieve their potential.

Our eight year groups are split into seven classes compromising of:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2, Year 2/3, Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. Children who have been identified with having ALN are taught within their own classes, or may be withdrawn into a small 1:1 setting with our designated ALN teacher or as part of a smaller learning group. Outside agencies such as Speech and Language, Inclusion Team and Educational Psychologist have also been used in particular scenarios.



Whenever the school feels that a child may benefit from additional strategies from outside agencies then the school is always willing to contact and liaise with relevant bodies to ensure that a child's educational needs are met as long as parents/carers are in agreement.

Composition of Governing Body 2023 - 24

LA APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. D. Bates (Chair of Governors)
Mrs. M. Hanganu

COMMUNITY GOVERNORS

Mr. G. Sage
Mrs. S. Jones
Councillor John Pritchard
Mr. Raymond Jones

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. A. Briscoe
Mr. S. Povey
Mr. Mark Jones
Mr. Graeme Clarke

TEACHER GOVERNOR

Mrs. C. Arrowsmith

STAFF GOVERNOR

Mrs. F. Davis

HEADTEACHER

Mr. K. Baugh

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mrs A. Gillespie

The work of the Governing Body in the last academic year

Governor Meetings

The School Full Governing Body met four times during the academic year 2023/24.

Core Tasks:

- Full Governor Body meetings each term
- Analysis of the School's Performance Data
- School Development Plan - formation, monitoring and evaluating progress
- Updates and discussion on new curriculum progress
- School and Governor Body Self Evaluation
- Budget monitoring linked to the School Development Plan
- Link Governor Visits

Supporting Policies reviewed by the Governing Body during 2023/24:

Assessment, Counter Fraud, Freedom of Information, Recruitment and Selection, Safeguarding, Pay, CPD, Performance Management, ALN, Hygiene, Intimate Care and Toileting, Strategic Equality Plan, Prospectus, Behaviour, Risk Management, Uniform, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Positive Handling, Behaviour and Anti-Bullying.

The work of the Governing Body Committees:

The Governing Body has set up three sub committees. Please see the list of the sub committees below:

Finance Sub Committee, Policy Sub Committee, Health & Safety, Staff Disciplinary (Appeals), Pupil Discipline and Exclusions (Appeals), Complaints, Performance Management (Appeal), Staffing and Staff Pay, Finance and Curriculum and Pastoral.

On an annual basis, the Finance Sub Committee will review and agree the school budget for the forthcoming year in the March/April meeting and this will then be ratified by the Full Governing Body and the signed document sent to the local Authority. To ensure that the school's spend remains within budget, the budget is discussed at each Finance Sub-committee and reported to the Full Governing Body.

School Staff as at September 2023/2024

All staff plan and support delivery of the curriculum to ensure continuity and progression. Training and up to date research on educational practices are recognised by staff and the governing body.

Dosbarth Tegid Bach/ Nursery (3-4 year olds)

Miss M. Prescott

Dosbarth Tegid Mawr/Reception (4-5 year olds)

Miss M. Prescott

Dosbarth Menai/Year 1 (5-6 year olds)

Mrs. C.Gordon/Miss Beynon

Dosbarth Celyn/ Year 2/3 (6-8 year olds)	Mr. S. Perry (Deputy Head)
Dosbarth Tryfan/ Year 3/4 (7-9 year olds)	Mrs B. Manuel/Miss Beynon
Dosbarth Berwyn/ Year 4/5 (8-10 year olds)	Miss D. Leech
Dosbarth Y Wyddfa/ Year 5/6 (9-11 year olds)	Mrs. C. Arrowsmith
PPA teacher	Mrs. E. Morris
ALN Teacher	Mrs. F. Davis
Support Staff	
Learning Support Assistants	Mrs. T. Jones
	Mrs. A. Morgan
	Mrs. J. Tennant
	Mrs. C. Griffiths
	Mrs C. Kenny
	Miss H. Braisdell
	Mrs. K. Walton
	Mrs. B. Scott
	Miss S. Jones
	Ms. T. Greenhalgh
Time out Club	Mrs. C. Jones
The Den	Mrs. B. Scott
Administration Secretary	Mrs. T. Jones
Caretaker	Mrs. J. Clarke
Cleaner	Mrs. K. Williams
Mid-day Supervisor	Mrs. J. Clarke
Cook in Charge	Ms. E. Dobbin

Cook's Assistant

Mrs. J. Jones & Mrs. R. Jones

Staffing Appointments 2023-2024

Staff Departures 2022-2023

Mrs. Bev Scott

Ms. Elen Morris

Miss Sarah Jones

The Strategic Planning and Management of the School

The governing body is responsible for:

- setting a legal budget and the management of it within the terms of the scheme for financing schools (incorporating the council's financial standing orders and regulations);
- to achieve the aims and objectives which it has agreed and incorporated within the school development plan;
- Asking the school management team challenging questions in a supportive manner on their running of the school and school's overall performance.

The Head Teacher is responsible for:

- Advising the governing body on the establishment of its policies and on all budgeting aspects.
- Day to day operation of the budget and the financial responsibilities delegated to them by the governing body. All in accordance with the established framework of responsibility and within the Authority's financial standing orders and regulations.
- Reporting to the governing body regarding the performance and activities of the school.

The School Development Plan is formed after an extensive process of Self-Evaluation to ensure it is based on a clear picture of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

The Plan set the following priorities for 2023/24:

KEY PRIORITY 1: To increase pupils and staff knowledge of a variety of authors with an increase in fluency and oracy with improved engagement at home.

KEY PRIORITY 2: To enhance student learning and achievement by implementing effective and progressive AfL strategies across the school.

KEY PRIORITY 3: To improve the quality and depth of Humanities education for our pupils, fostering their understanding and appreciation of history, geography, social studies and culture.

Attendance Report

The school's attendance figure was 93.9%

Finance Report - End of financial year 2023/24

School Budget	Actual Expenditure	Deficit
£725,097	£725,402	-£322

The school fund was audited by Deborah Ffoulkes, auditor appointed by the School Governing Body. LA Approved Form D was submitted.

Additional Learning Needs including meeting the needs of all learners - 2023-2024.

No. on Register: 26	No. of pupils at Universal Provision	No. of pupils at Targeted Universal Provision	No. of pupils on IDPs
	18	3	5

School Activities for the period of 2023-2024 including sport

Pupils here at Deiniol have managed to participate in a range of sporting activities for both fun and competitively, with activities ranging from: Cricket Coaching, swimming lessons at Waterworld, Matt Jones from Sports Development taught all classes' sports games and skills, Girls Football Foundation for football taster sessions and two teams competed in a Girls only and mixed football tournament in the Summer term.

SPORT/CURRICULUM AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2023-2024

Pupils had access to cricket sessions, football tournaments, netball tournaments, Playmaker Training, swimming sessions, various trips linked to topics and themes and music lessons.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS 2023-2024

Year 5 enjoyed three days in Pentrellyncymer outdoor education centre

Year 6 pupils visited Cardiff for a residential in April.

Y4 pupils went to Glanllyn.

Pupil Participation

26 of our Year 6 pupils left Ysgol Deiniol to go to Penley High School in the summer, with one pupil transferring to St. Josephs.

Health & Safety and Buildings

There are an appropriate number of toilets for all pupils which are maintained by the caretaker and cleaner; a water dispenser is located in KS2 for the use of all pupils. We are part of Wrexham's Healthy Schools Project which focuses on various aspects of healthy living. The pupils are encouraged to become aware of lifestyles and the effects on health. We encourage pupils to bring a healthy snack /lunch to school and provide fresh fruit to all pupils in Foundation Phase.

Bilingualism

Ysgol Deiniol is an English medium school, but fosters the use of incidental Welsh in daily school life as well as fostering knowledge of Welsh history, culture and language in accordance with our Welsh Policy.

Prospectus

The School Prospectus is available to view on the school website, or a paper copy is available upon request from the school office. There have been no major changes to the prospectus other than the changing of relevant dates.

Links with the local community

We have regular visits by the local PSCO who is part of school life; PC Erin Hulley delivered regular workshops on the dangers of drugs, alcohol and anti-social behaviour etc. to Years 2, 4 and 6.

The school continues to communicate regularly with parents through newsletters, text message and regular updates to the school website. Throughout the year the Headteacher has ensured that parents were regularly updated about curriculum changes and also the life of the school with a weekly newsletter.

Term Dates

Please see: http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/term_dates.htm

THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25 WITH TARGETS

The following priorities have been set:

Priority 1: To improve understanding and fluency of number in order to apply that knowledge to real world problems.

Priority 2: To develop learner's Welsh Language Skills throughout school.

Priority 3: Acquire wider learning skills through the development of ICT as a creative, investigative and problem solving tool.

Conclusion

We have tried to include all aspects of school life in our report. We hope you agree that the pupils receive a broad based and well-grounded education within a happy and safe environment which not only focuses academically on the National Curriculum but also a variety of experiences and wide ranging activities to bring out the best in them. They are given excellent grounding in life skills which will serve them well in the future.

The Governing Body wish to thank Mr Kevin Baugh and all the staff and we are extremely appreciative to have an exceptional, competent and dedicated teaching staff who give their all without question to the needs of their pupils and the school.

Graeme Clarke - Chair of Governors