



Llanbedr Church in Wales Primary School

Governors' Annual Report to Parents



2019-20





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Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping to make Llanbedr School such an excellent environment for our children to learn in.

The school is in an exciting phase of change and development with the wellbeing of the pupils being at the heart of everything we do. It is our responsibility to encourage and help each child achieve the best they can, academically and socially, and we will continue to do so.

We are lucky to have such a hard working team of teachers, support staff and parents. I thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Elaine Lusted

Chair of Governors



School Categorisation

Why do we need a categorisation system? The categorisation system gives a clear and fair picture of how well your child's school is performing compared with other schools across Wales. It also helps to identify the schools that need the most help, support and guidance to improve. The Welsh Government and regional consortia have developed the system together. The main purpose of the system is to identify, across Wales, the schools that need the most support. The colour category of support given to a school will trigger a tailored support programme. The system is based on three simple steps. It is not driven by figures and takes into account the quality of leadership and learning and teaching in our schools.

GREEN

- Highly effective.
- These schools have a track record of raising standards and have the capacity to support other schools to do better.
- Will receive up to four days support.

YELLOW

- Effective school already doing well and knows the areas needed to improve.
- By identifying the right support and taking action has the potential to do even better.
- Will receive up to 10 days support.

AMBER

- School in need of improvement which needs help to identify the steps to improve, or make changes more quickly through discussions with the regional school improvement service and local authority.
- This school will receive a full package of support.
- Will receive up to 15 days of support.

RED:

- School in need of greatest improvement and will receive immediate intensive support.
- Progress will be closely monitored to make sure necessary improvements take place as quickly as possible.
- Will receive up to 25 days of support.

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The Governing Body 2019-20

Chair of Governors: Mrs Elaine Lusted (Community Council)

Vice chair: Mr Malcolm Thomas (Foundation Governor)

Foundation Governors: Mrs Donna Jones
Ms Jenny Parry
Revd Chris Bowler
Mrs Anne Rees

Parent Governor: Mrs Dawn Powell

LA Governor: Mr Dean Christy

Teacher Governor: Mr Gavin John

Head teacher: Mrs Linda Green

Clerk to the Governors Mrs. Sarah Kirkwood

Staff 2019-20

Head teacher: Mrs Linda Green B.Ed (Hons) MA NPQH

Teachers: Mr Gavin John B.Sc. (Hons) P.G.C.E.
Mrs Joanne Davies B.Ed. (Hons)
Mrs Annette Wood

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Lisa Lewis
Mrs Gaynor Fry / Miss Louise Edwards
Mr Neil Brown

Peripatetic (Welsh): Mrs Lynne Allen

Secretary: Mrs Jackie Jones

Cook: Mrs Julie Deacon

Mid-day Supervisor: Ms Christie Hill

Cleaner in Charge: Mrs Nicki Jones

Music Tuition: Mrs Rigby

Drama Teacher: Mrs Clausen

Classes in the School

Class 1 and 2 Mrs Linda Green/Mrs Joanne Davies

Class 3 Mr Gavin John

Group Intervention Mrs A Wood

We also have three teaching assistants:

Mrs L. Lewis

Mrs Gaynor Fry/ Miss Louise Edwards

Mr N Brown

The School Day:

Children arrive: 8.50 – 9.00am

Registration: 9.00 – 9.05am

Reading/ Spelling activities 9.05 – 9.15am

Collective Worship 9.15 – 9.30am

Session 1 9.30 -10.45am

Morning Break: 10.45 -11.00am

Session 2 11.00 -12.00/12.15pm

Lunchtime – F. Phase: 12.00 – 1.00pm

- Juniors: 12.15 - 1.00pm

Registration/Word Work 1.00 – 1.10pm

Session 3 & 4 1.10 – 3.15pm

Extra-curricular Activities: 3.15 - 4.00/4.15p.m. pm (Monday- Friday)

Weekly Lesson Time (excluding Registration and Collective Worship)

Foundation Phase 4 hours 15 mins daily – 21 hours 15 minutes weekly

Juniors (Key Stage 2) 4 hours 45 mins daily - 23 hours 45 minutes weekly

The School Curriculum

The Foundation Phase – Classes 1 and 2.

We have followed the Foundation Phase's "Framework for Children's Learning for 3 to 7-year olds in Wales". This document explains the statutory Areas of Learning in the Foundation Phase. These are:

- Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills
- Mathematical Development
- Welsh Language Development
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development.

KS2 – Class 3

KS2 pupils have followed the New National Curriculum Wales

The purpose of the new 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.

We have 6 'Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLE).

- Expressive arts.
- Health and 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, and modern foreign languages).
- Mathematics and numeracy.
- Science and technology.

It also includes 3 cross-curricular responsibilities: literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

Extra-Curricular Activities and After School Clubs

The school offers a range of enriched activities both in school time and as an after school club. Last year we were fortunate enough to be able to increase these learning opportunities for our pupils. We are thankful to the staff members and parents who give their time to support these valuable experiences for our children.

The following extra-curricular activities on offer for 2019-20 were:

Drama, Music Tuition (piano and recorder) and Welsh.

The following after school clubs were also on offer and well attended:

Day	Club	Time
Monday	Puppet Club	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts Club	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Technology Club	3.15-4.15
Thursday	Gardening Club	3.15-4.30
Friday	Dragon Sports	3.15-4.15



It was a pleasure to welcome all of our pupils back to Llanbedr Church in Wales School at the start of the Autumn term, it was lovely to see their smiles, shiny shoes and new haircuts. Our children, their parents, carers, families, friends and members of the local community are central to the life of Llanbedr.



In September pupils settled back into the swing of school. Minimovers visited Foundation Phase, and they enjoyed a physical literacy session – *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, which was an active session and lots of fun – thanks to Summer for arranging it.

We had an open day for parents and held a Coffee Afternoon and raised £115.30 for MacMillan which was super!



In October, we enjoyed our school harvest service, at school and our food donations were distributed to Oaklands and Sunnybank Residential homes. The children performed songs, poems and prayers for parents and members of the communities, and we had our usual scarecrow competition, which as always was a great hit. Many thanks to Rev Chris Bowler and his family, for their contribution, and for providing some brilliant prizes for the children. Many events and activities took place both in and out of school last year and we are very grateful to our pupils, parents, grandparents and community members who make our school a friendly, caring and exciting place to learn. They also provide the support to enable the children to take part in lots of activities and visits.

October also saw the class 3 visit to Llanthony Priory, where the children enjoyed an historical talk and a walk reflecting on the amazing building and absorbing the serenity of the wonderful place. The Puppet Soup company visited and all the children enjoyed watching their production *Cats*.



November, as usual, got off with a Bang! During our Bonfire Night which was well attended. A big thank you to Keith Valentine-Powell and Mike Smith for the wonderful firework display. Also, thanks to Lily's dad, Joe Hughes for donating the sausages, and to Morrisons for the bread rolls and Friends of the School for organising, preparing and generally running around. A good time was had by all.



We enjoyed a day out to Crickhowell Primary school, to enjoy reading with and listening to authors. It was fun for the children to mix with children from another primary school too.

Foundation Phase enjoyed listening to the author Malachy Doyle and watching an illustration come to life before their eyes, they also enjoyed a fun conga dance through Crickhowell school grounds. Class 3 enjoyed an afternoon with Catherine O'Flynn. Many thanks to the parents that transported our children to this event.



Class 3 led our Remembrance Day Service which was well attended. The pupils wrote their own poems and prayers and delivered a thoughtful and respectful service.



The pupils held a Onesie or spotty outfit day and had great fun with fun activities and potion making, alongside some tasty treats. They collected £74.91 in aid of Children in Need. What a brilliant effort!



November also saw two of our class 3 pupils, complete their Bronze ambassador awards, learning how to encourage and develop sport in our school. Well done to the two of them!

Trips were enjoyed by the whole school too, supporting their topic of castles and historical buildings. Class 3 visited Llancaich Fawr, and Foundation Phase enjoyed looking at castle features, and climbing many steps at both Caerphilly Castle and Castell Coch. It was a very wet day but a lovely experience too.



Another thank you to the parents who helped to transport a group of pupils to Sunnybank nursing home, where they delighted residents with a selection of Christmas songs, and some upbeat Christmas songs from their Christmas show. A very good effort on spreading joy at Christmas time.

In December, the singing and festive cheer continued as a group of children went carol singing outside Morrisons in Abergavenny. Again many thanks to those who transported our children, and their singing voices too. They raised £152.40 Da iawn.



Keeping with the spirit of Christmas, pupils decorated a Christmas Tree in St. Edmunds, Crickhowell and were awarded 1st Place (£25).

Foundation Phase was transformed into an elf workshop throughout December,



being set Christmas tasks daily, which they completed independently. Some wonderful creations were made, the biggest Christmas tree made from boxes, a special elf house,



and too many decorations to mention. Slowly the class room turned into a wonderfully



decorated Christmas room.

The whole school enjoyed an Elf day in December, where the children busied themselves ready for the Christmas fayre in the afternoon. Thankyou to

everyone who donated items, gave up their time and spent money at the Christmas Fayre. A grand total of £542.51 was raised.

The highlight of the school year was undoubtedly the Christmas production, *Christmas Around the World*, which was thoroughly enjoyed by schoolchildren, staff and the whole audience at St Peter's Church. The children represented Wales, Africa,



China, Hawaii, India, Spain and USA, in an amazing display of singing and dancing, which had everyone's toes tapping, and big smiles all round.

Donations at the Christmas concert totalled £45.05.

The Christmas celebrations continued with a trip to the New Theatre in Cardiff to watch Cinderella, the school Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day (raising £29), and a Christmas party, which Mother Christmas visited. Such a lot of fun to end the year.

The new year saw a new weekly challenge day for Foundation Phase, where they worked together in small groups on a variety of practical cooking and model making activities, with no adult intervention.



In cooking activities the children were presented with a sheet of instructions and selection of cooking equipment and ingredients. In their groups they had to demonstrate teamwork, and follow instructions accurately applying their numeracy and literacy skills. Some of our children proved to be natural leaders.



The model making challenge involved the children working in their small groups to design and make a model of St Peter's Church, using a variety of empty boxes and packages, a great use of recycling. Again the children were left to work in their groups, appointing each member a role. The children showed very good skills of leadership, suggesting improvements and working together as a team.

After each challenge the children self-evaluated their work, the sessions were completed with enthusiasm and the children had a sense of pride and ownership of their end results.



Pupils and parents enjoyed another Christingle service led by Rev. Chris – the House Team challenge was won by Eagles, and this was followed by readings, prayers and lighting the candles which were made by the pupils in the morning with Rev. Chris.

February saw more challenges for Foundation Phase; and more designs and competitions set through Class 3 Genius Hour projects.



The whole school was very lucky to receive a visit from A & S Animal Encounters, who brought a selection of weird



and wonderful animals to school, this was a fabulous opportunity for the children who were able to not only

observe, but also get up close to the animals, which included an armadillo, snake, parrot, monitor lizard, tortoise, and meerkats. Huge thanks Tooley for event. What



to Emma and Julian organising this super exciting celebrations for everybody.



Class three Topics

This year we began our term with our topic Houses and Homes. We talked about what we knew and what we wanted to find out. We created art work inspired by our homes and learned about all different types of housing all around the world. We also looked at sustainability and what houses might look like in the future.



After that we moved on to our STEM topic. F1 in schools. We learned about aerodynamics and forces. We did a lot of research on the different countries the

Grand Prix take place. We also looked at the sustainability of cars and we thought about what cars might look like in the future.

The whole school visited the church as part of their topic work, lots of exploring and learning about the building, the books, and lots of special features. Foundation Phase enjoyed exploring the grounds and the building, looking for dates and books, and enjoying doing some crayon rubbing. The children enjoyed exploring and discovering new things, the big tree was a great hit. Many thanks to Rev Chris for telling us stories.



Class 3, also visited the church as part of 'Local Church week,' and enjoyed researching their local church and grounds.



The children dressed in their finest Welsh costumes for the St David's Day celebration, which was its usual display of children's wonderful artwork, poetry and singing. All the children celebrated each other's creative attempts and recitals with a loud round of applause. The school continues to celebrate everyone's achievements.



The school held a 'Flower Pot to School' competition early in March, with prizes for the winning entries, and as a means to brightening the school grounds with beautiful and blooming pots of flowers. The competition was well received and the judging was incredibly hard. Due to the school lockdown in March, the pots of flowers were delivered to doorsteps in the community, enriching the sight of many people.



The school collected an astonishing 284.25kg of batteries for the, *Batteries to school* collection. What an excellent effort, many thanks to all who brought batteries into school. We are pleased to say we came second out of 52 schools, and won £150. Vouchers for school.

Well done everyone!

The whole school was also lucky enough to be invited to St. Peter's Church, to further enhance their learning of Christian ceremonies. Rev Chris held a mock Christening, the children gathered around the font and were most excited when Rev Chris splashed some water into the crowds. Thankyou Rev Chris for making our learning fun.



The school celebrated World Book Day on March 5th, and children and staff dressed as characters from Shrek. The standard of the costumes was very high.



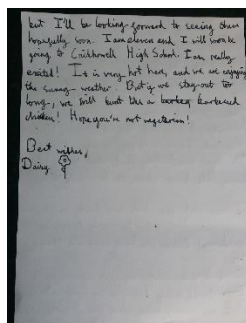
The day was enjoyed with lots of fun activities and the children worked together to arrange a fairy tale tea party in the afternoon.



The end of March saw the unprecedented temporary closure of the school due to the Coronavirus situation. As a school we embarked on home learning to ensure the children were able to keep up with their education, and also to promote good mental well being of each child.

Initially work packs were sent home, and children received emails via their hwb accounts, homework was set and submitted electronically. The true success of the school's home learning lies within the team effort not only from the children and staff, but also the parents and families too.

Teachers received and responded to work submitted, and offered words of praise as well as directing the children in how to improve their work.



Some examples of Class 3 home learning tasks.



Foundation Phase also worked hard at home, here's a selection of their pieces:



Alongside the blended learning, children enjoyed weekly Teams meetings, here they had the chance to catch up with their friends and teacher, complete activities and have a good old chat and catch up. Additionally, staff members contacted each child weekly via telephone call, it was so good to keep in touch and hear each others voices. Powys received very positive feedback of our parents perspective on home learning.

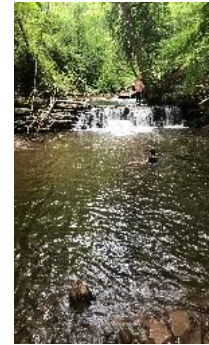
School reopened for catch up sessions at the end of June, the children were grouped into small 'bubbles,' and given lots of fun activities. Even though it was a very unusual time, it was lovely to see everybody, and all the smiling faces as the children saw their friends. It was fabulous to hear the sound of the children's happy voices back in the school after such a long time. Children enjoyed lots of play, craft activities, enjoying time outside and spending time together.



A selection of our 'Check in and Catch up' sessions.

The school said goodbye to our Year 6 leavers, not in the way we had hoped and planned, but in a fun way which was fitting as the group of leavers were a group of fun loving characters. They chose to have a barbecue in the school grounds, and had great fun and got very wet at a local river adventure.





We wish all our 2020 Leavers all the best for the future.
Friends of the School and Events

We are very thankful for the hard work and dedication of the Friends of the School and parents, friends and the community who have supported events throughout the year. All our children benefit greatly from the enjoyment of the events and also the contributions towards trips and resources which would not be possible without such a committed team of hard workers.

Here are just a few examples of some of the events pupils, parents and members of the community enjoyed in 2019-20:

Bonfire Night, Buses for School Trips including a trip to the Theatre and castles, Christmas Fayre arranging for Mother Christmas to bring gifts for the children, Easter eggs for the children, Raffles, Resources for classrooms, Rags to Riches collections, refreshments at school events, Charity Days, Shows, etc.



Thank You

Llanbedr Church in Wales – Church Events

The school has good links with the Church and the community through the many events that take place during the year. Reverend Chris Bowler regularly takes Assembly in school and all school members engage in a daily act of worship. We are very fortunate to have an enthusiastic and committed team of dedicated individuals who come to deliver an open the book assembly for the children every Wednesday. The children really look

forward to taking part and we as a school are very grateful.. Here are a few examples of the activities and services that have taken place:

Harvest, Remembrance Day Service, Christmas Show and Service, Christingle, Numerous visits to Church and a Christening service.

