

Ysgol Carreghofa School

2012/13

Governors Annual Report to Parents

Governors

Chairperson: Mr Chris Backshall Don Yvette, Carreghofa Lane, Llanymynech

Vice Chair: Mrs Carol Jones Greenacre, Carreghofa Lane, Llanymynech

Clerk: Mrs Olga Pugh Llyn Du, Meifod, Powys

| Representative | Name | Elected/appointed by |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Parents | Mrs A Graham | Parents |
| | Mrs H Owen | Parents |
| | Mr N Dixon | Parents |
| | Mrs A Wyatt | Parents |
| Teacher | Mrs C Pritchard / Mrs D Jones | Teaching staff |
| Head teacher | Mrs R Humphreys / Mrs C Pritchard | |
| Non-teaching staff | Mrs S Williams | Non-teaching staff |
| Community | Mr C Backshall | Governing Body |
| | Mrs P Martin | Governing Body |
| | Mrs M Ingram | Governing Body |
| | Mr D Bass | Governing Body |
| Appointed | Mr A Jones | LEA |
| | Mrs J Bridger | LEA |
| | Mrs C Jones | LEA |

Session Times;

8.00 a.m. Breakfast club (50p charge) 12.00 p.m. Lunchtime
8:15 a.m. Breakfast club (Free) 1.00 p.m. Afternoon sessions start
8.45 a.m. Door open 3.15 p.m. Hometime
8.55 a.m. Registration
9.00 a.m. Morning sessions start

School Dates

Please see attached sheet for the forthcoming year's school dates

Friends of the school

The FFCS have had a busy year fund raising for the children, events have included regular school discos, Farmers' Markets, Easter Bingo, Jubilee Ball, Treasure hunt, sponsored walk and Summer Event. So far this year they have raised just over £5000!

This money has been used to enhance many things for the children in school particularly the fantastic touch screen plasma in class 1, reduced cost to parents for the coaches for school trips, a visualiser to show pieces of work to the whole class and colourful playground rule boards. They have also agreed to purchase fixed playground equipment for the front playground.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the small committee who constantly support the school by organising events to raise vital funds. Without them children would have far fewer opportunities and resources. Thank you also to all those who have helped by supporting events, giving up time, energy and money!!

Art, music and Drama

Over the past year, the children of Carreghofa have been involved in some wonderful creative activities. Every project in the Foundation Phase and at Key Stage Two has a clear creative focus enabling children to enjoy and understand each topic by expressing their ideas. There has also been a range of trips and a programme of enrichment activities over the course of the year.

In October, children in the Foundation Phase took part in an exciting project organised by Arts Connection in which they worked together to make a large circus big top and a clown face out of felt. The children were delighted when they saw the framed finished pieces and were very proud of what they had achieved.

In November, Vagaondi puppets ran a bi-lingual puppet project with class 4. The children used puppets they had made themselves to tell the story of Carradog's last stand. The children delighted friends and family with a performance of the play during good work assembly and also performed it with children from four other schools on the large stage at Llanfyllin, which was a most enjoyable experience for all of those involved. Classes 3 and 2 also had the opportunity to take part in a similar project, with class 3 winning a prize of £300 from the Welsh Heritage committee for theirs.

In December, Key Stage 2 children were invited to watch a production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by the students of Llanfyllin School, which was most entertaining. The children performed their Christmas plays at the end of term, the Foundation Phase production of 'Sparkle' took place at St Agatha's church and the Key Stage two performance of 'Santa's on strike' was held in the village hall. There was also the annual whole school trip to the pantomime at Theatre Severn to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

On the first of March an Eisteddfod was held in celebration of Saint David's Day. This provided the children with the opportunity to show off their creative skills by entering a wide range of competitions. They made a fantastic effort, participating in singing, dancing and recitals and bringing in some wonderful collages and dragon sculptures.

There are further opportunities for children to participate in creative pursuits such as sketching and craft activities during after school clubs also peripatetic drum lessons are now available at a cost to parents.

Musical instruments purchased last year with money from the Mary Hignett grant have been used extensively, particularly by children in the foundation phase during Amser Enfys.

Children have had enormous fun over the year developing their confidence and creative ability and look forward to another exciting programme of activities next year.

Al Graham, Parent Governor

Welsh Second Language

The school enjoys access to a very good range of resources with which to teach Welsh second language. Foundation Phase children enjoy watching Fflic a Fflac on a weekly basis and complete activities to consolidate the Welsh they have learned. Key stage two have access to the excellent Powys scheme of work and fortnightly support from the peripatetic teacher Miss Gwenan Hughes. Welsh is taught in short sessions daily in key stage two, backed up with use of Welsh in the classroom in general conversation. Foundation Phase staff use Welsh daily during all activities.

Mrs Janet Van Lill completed a Welsh language Sabbatical course in the Autumn term which has been successfully transferred into the classroom. She passed all her exams associated with the course and is furthering her study through an evening course. Mrs Dawn Jones attended a two day 'Improving Welsh language Skills' course at Llandrindod Wells.

Welsh Second language has been an area that the school has reviewed during the year. Lessons were observed, books and planning scrutinised and children's opinions gathered, amongst other information gathering activities. The information was used to evaluate what is going well and what needs improvement. An action plan for improvement has been drawn up which will be implemented during the next academic year.

We have several volunteers who visit the school regularly to hear children read in Welsh. The evaluation of Welsh second language enabled us to confirm that this has had a positive impact on standards. Carreghofa School extends thanks to our volunteers who give up their time to help us.

The puppet projects mentioned earlier told a story bilingually which has enabled our children to apply their Welsh skills in a creative context.

During the eisteddfod everyone enjoyed using their Welsh language skills and earning points for their class. Eventual winners were class 4.

Sporting Achievements

Carreghofa Primary school has had another successful year in sports although not as many fixtures were completed due to the bad weather for the majority of the Spring term. Rugby is growing in popularity in school and two teams represented Carreghofa in the COBRA tag rugby tournament in September. Both teams enjoyed lots of success with one team narrowly missing out on a semi-final place. The netball team has gone from strength to strength, recently reaching the area finals which were held at Welshpool. Thanks to Mrs Savage, Mrs N. Kynaston and Mrs D. Kynaston who accompanied the children.

The cross country events were enjoyed by many of our pupils but again, were hit by the bad weather. There were some very strong performances by pupils at Carreghofa. Well done to all those who ran in very cold and wet conditions.

The year 5 and 6 trip to Towers Outdoor Education centre was very successful with everyone having a great time. As always on trips and sports events, children from Carreghofa were very well behaved and represented our school very well.

We are proud that the school is able to offer very good provision for swimming lessons with each child having the opportunity of at least two half terms' lessons each year. Swimming standards are good. The school competed in the local swimming gala with Grace Bowyer and Haydn Law getting through to the area finals.

Key stage two were able to take advantage of free hockey workshops offered by PESS. Carreghofa has been selected as a pilot school for the new multi skills programme. This is a programme for P.E. which develops children's skills in games. Mrs Dawn Jones has had training in delivering the programme and the pilot will start in September.

There have been a number of after school sports clubs running during the year. Mrs Savage and Mrs Rhodes have run a netball club. Mr Nick Dixon ran climbing club. Rugby club has been very popular as has hula hooping. Indoor hockey club proved to be popular especially as the weather was so cold. The school is grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to run clubs.

Information Technology

There have been several ICT developments over the last 12 months. The school has invested in new computer hardware in every classroom, including new classroom laptops for all classes. The pupils in class 1 now benefit from an interactive whiteboard that they are able to use during lesson. Two notepad computers have been purchased for use by pupils with additional learning needs. The PC-based intervention programs - project X, Star spell and RM maths has continued to benefit children's learning.

Parents and pupils have been offered CEOPs internet safety training so that children are able to develop their ICT skills in a safe environment.

The school hopes to continue to prioritise the development of ICT resources over the next 12 months. We hope to install a digital projector and other audio/visual equipment in the hall to give pupils an area where they can watch multi-media presentations. We also hope to purchase more digital cameras which have been a very convenient way for pupils to record work.

By prioritising IT we can ensure that all children will have the opportunity to develop good ICT skills to benefit their work in all curriculum areas and to help them to become effective independent learners.

Dave Bass. ICT link governor.

Links with the Community

This has been a year of active involvement in the community by students, staff and P.T.A. members.

There were two Bags to School collections which were well-supported by the community. Thank you.

On Sunday, August 18th during the Folk Weekend in the village, we hope we will be representing Wales by parading our puppet dragon down the Main Street.

The young pupils in the Foundation Phase were studying "Around the World" topic and Bengal Spices and Golden Valley kindly donated food which added spice to the occasion!

A Road safety survey (speeding and seatbelts) was undertaken by children with Local police.

The lovely new raised beds and greenhouse were put to use as the pupils worked in partnership with Andy Gear's company Sudexo in growing vegetables. This company is encouraging the children to grow their own food. They support the school with prizes and materials for events, sending a chef in to teach cooking, buying and decorating a Christmas tree, helping to produce products for the farmers market and much, much more. They are a huge asset to the school and we very much appreciate their support.

Once again the community supported the school by collecting Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury's vouchers. Thank you to everyone for these which make a welcome addition to our sports and cookery supplies.

The school held another successful Farmers' market this year with local producers in attendance.

At Christmas the children enjoyed singing for the Good Companions.

As this is being written, a "Writing for real", Newspaper project is about to take place. Children will be writing about news in the community, conducting interviews, selling advertising and selling the newspaper. We hope you have bought a copy by the time you read this.

Finally, Y6 leavers will be enjoying a farewell meal at Bengal Spices.

It had been an active year for links with the local community. We are lucky in the support we receive from individuals, organisations and businesses. Thank you all!

Policies

Governors reviewed and where appropriate amended and/or updated the following policies:

ESDGC

Whistle Blowing Policy

Performance management

Behaviour and Discipline

E-safety

A full review of policies will take place as part of the Bronze Award

Governors Targets

At the first meeting of the governing body in this academic year, held on Thursday 18th September 2012, it was agreed that the targets to work towards would be as followed:

To improve community links

To achieve the Quality Mark Bronze Award for Governing Bodies

Only a limited progress was made towards achieving these targets due to the unforeseen resignation of the head teacher and the resultant need to involve a new head teacher in this work especially that associated with the Bronze Award. Work on the Bronze Award will be resumed in September 2013.

Additional Learning Needs

The Additional Learning Needs (formerly Special Educational Needs) policy was reviewed and amended in November 2012.

The Additional Learning Needs coordinator is Mrs Pritchard. Support staff are used in class and for group withdrawal, working with the intervention programmes Catch Up, project x, toe by toe and Springboard.

Individual Education Plans are reviewed regularly and shared with parents.

Consultations with Educational Psychologists take place when required to discuss individual children's needs and on-going support is available from physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and the school nurse to meet the needs of individual children.

Accessibility

Carreghofa C P school is fully accessible to wheelchair users. There are 2 disabled toilets; one adult's and one child's. Toilets are cleaned daily by cleaning staff. Cleaning equipment is available throughout the day for use if needed.

Healthy Eating and Drinking

Carreghofa School has a water only in class policy. Children are encouraged to have a healthy drink at lunch time.

Children are encouraged to bring healthy lunch boxes, the school meals meet the appetite for life policy.

Snack in school are fruit and milk for foundation phase and fruit for key stage 2.

Changes to the Prospectus

- *A selection of photos have been changed
- *The page organisation has been changed
- *The school aims have been updated
- *Class organisation updated
- *Governors curriculum committee went through the whole document and made minor changes to the document

Attendance

Autumn Term: 93.3%
 Spring Term: 93.86%
 Summer Term: 94.84%

Budget 2013/14

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| Pupil numbers | 108 |
| Total Delegated Funds | 400,999 |
| Salaries and Wages | 338,458 |
| Premises | 42,018 |
| Supplies and other expenses | 24,086 |
| Additional Income | 500 |
| Net Expenditure | 404061 |
| Planned Overspend | 3062 |

Assessment Results

Summary of the national Curriculum Assessment Results at the end of Key Stage 2 as Percentage of those Eligible for Assessment – School (2012) & national (2011)

| Teacher | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ | TOTAL 4+ |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|----------|
| | | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| English | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 58.3 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 91.7 |
| | Wales | 0.6 | 2.5 | 11.0 | 52.2 | 32.4 | 0.5 | 85.2 |
| Oracy | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 50.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 83.3 |
| | Wales | 0.6 | 2.1 | 10.9 | 51.3 | 33.8 | 0.6 | 85.7 |
| Reading | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| | Wales | 0.6 | 2.5 | 11.3 | 48.2 | 35.9 | 0.7 | 84.8 |
| Writing | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 75.0 |
| | Wales | 0.7 | 3.3 | 16.0 | 53.3 | 25.4 | 0.6 | 79.3 |
| Maths | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 58.3 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 83.3 |
| | Wales | 0.5 | 2.0 | 10.0 | 53.9 | 32.5 | 0.4 | 86.8 |
| Science | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.3 | 41.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| | Wales | 0.4 | 1.6 | 8.8 | 55.5 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 88.5 |
| Welsh 2 nd Lang | School | 8.3 | 16.7 | 33.3 | 25.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 41.7 |
| | Wales | 1.6 | 7.0 | 28.6 | 50.7 | 10.7 | 0.2 | 61.6 |

Summary of the core subject indicator results for FP & KS2

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| KS2 Core Subject Indicator (achieving lev4+ in English, Maths and Science) | |
| School | 83.3 |
| Wales | 82.6 |
| FP Core Subject Indicator (achieving outcome 5+ in English, Maths and PSE) | |
| School | 64.0 |
| Wales | 80.0 |

Summary of the national Curriculum Assessment Results at the end of Foundation Phase – School (2011) & national (2010)

| Teacher Assessment | Outcome | N | D | W | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | A |
|---|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|
| | | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| Personal and social development, well-being and | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 36.4 | 54.5 | 0.0 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 52.3 | 38.4 | 0.2 |
| Language Literacy and communication | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 45.5 | 18.2 | 0.0 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 12.7 | 57.9 | 25.2 | 0.3 |
| Mathematical Development | School | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 54.5 | 9.1 | 0.0 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 10.5 | 62.5 | 23.9 | 0.3 |

