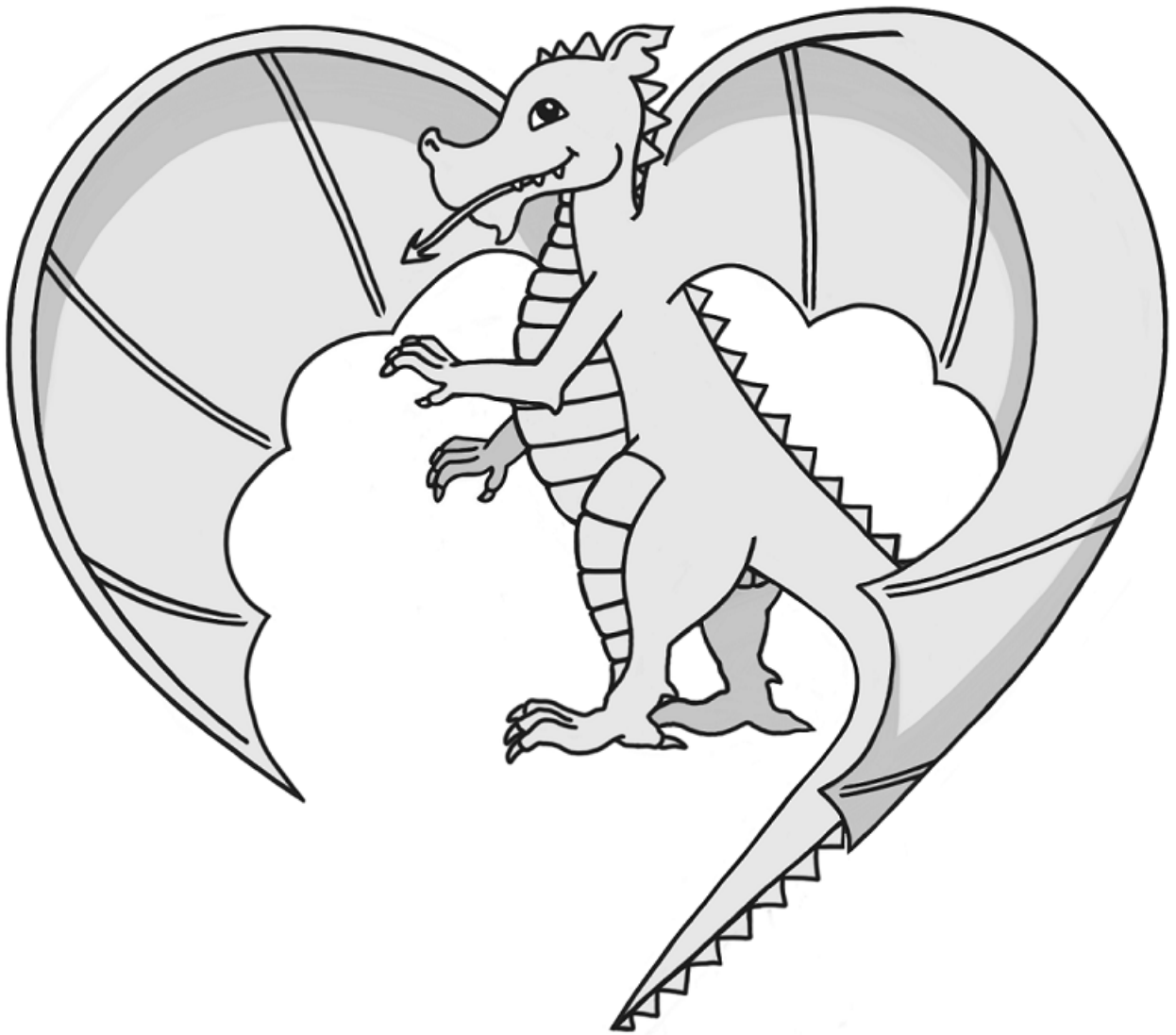


**Governing Body
Annual Report to Parents**



Academic Year 2021/22





Ysgol y Ddraig

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November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Governors' Annual Report to Parents

While schools reopened to all children after the Covid lockdowns, pupils, staff and parents all had to deal with ongoing restrictions, the need for isolation and the subsequent impact on attendance and staffing levels. As ever, the whole YYD community showed immense adaptability and resilience throughout the autumn and spring terms, enabling things – slowly – to get back to something like normal.

The summer term was dominated by the news of our forthcoming inspection – the very first for YYD! Staff worked tirelessly to prepare for Estyn's visit, with an across-the-board desire to show the school in its best light. We were very grateful for the involvement of parents in completing Estyn questionnaires and in attending the meeting with inspectors. Governors also completed questionnaires and met the inspection team. Estyn's very favourable report was a gratifying confirmation that we are going in the right direction as a school and delivering an excellent education for our learners.

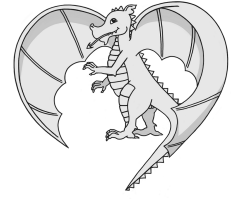
The summer term also saw the restart of many activities that had been stopped by the Covid restrictions. At the end of term we also said goodbye to Mr Golding and appointed our new headteacher, Miss Cadman, and new deputy headteacher, Mrs Brooks, ready to build on our strong legacy into the future.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Lloyd James, Chair of Governors



Ysgol y Ddraig



Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2021-22

As governors, we are responsible for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement and we have a legal responsibility to exercise our functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the school's pupils. This report is a summary of the steps taken by the Governing Body in the discharge of these functions in the last academic year. The report covers the year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022.

1. Members' details

The Governing Body comprises members of the local community, parents, staff and representatives of the Local Authority. This helps to ensure that the Governing Body has a sufficient diversity of views and experience, but does not mean that governors of a particular category "represent" that group on the Governing Body. All governors are voluntary and are elected for a 4-year term of office. Information on Parent Governor Elections will be sent to parents at the appropriate time.

Chairperson

Rebecca Lloyd-James

Headteacher

Ty Golding

Parent Governors

Nicola John
Shaun Chadwick
Claire Wensley
Sian James
Dave Berrey

Local Authority Governors

David Thomas (Vice-Chairperson)
John Durrant
David Powell

Community Governors

Rev. Phil Hibbert
Father Edwin Counsell

Teacher Representatives

Rebecca Cadman (Advisory)
Nicole Cogbill
Jodie Davies

Local Authority Representative

CLlr Sally Hanks

Staff Representative

Julie Roberts

Clerk

Abigail Rees

2. Performance Information

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, Welsh Government suspended the requirement for schools to report on national testing and end of phase/key stage assessments.

3. Pupil Figures as at September 2021

Year Groups	Number of Children
Nursery	20
Reception	38
Year 1	32
Year 2	36
Year 3	38
Year 4	36
Year 5	50
Year 6	55
Total	305

4. Transfer to Secondary School

Year 6 pupils transferred to the following secondary schools in July 2022:

Llantwit Major Comprehensive	58
Cowbridge Comprehensive	0
Other	1

5. Budget/Financial Statement

The out-turn statement for the school for the year April 2021 to March 2022 can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Report.

The governors noted the formula allocation to the school and were involved in drawing up a proposed budget for the coming year along with the Headteacher, School Business Manager and School Finance Support officer from the Local Authority (LA).

The Personnel and Finance Sub Committee of the Governing Body meet at least once every term in order to monitor the school's budget and make recommendations to the full Governing Body for spending and allocating funds. Governors approved the purchase of the various service level agreements from the LA and outside bodies.

6. Information for Parents/Carers and the School Prospectus

We seek to keep parents and the community informed of the school's activities. Parents receive a Newsflash once a week which provides relevant information, including: important dates, details of special events, trips and visits. In addition, weekly class news is shared via a Home Learning letter.

We also communicate with many of our parents by email. If you are not receiving information in this way, please provide us with your email address as soon as possible and give consent for us to contact you with school news via email.

The website www.ysgolyddraig.co.uk is also a useful tool for communicating information about the school.

In addition to this Annual Report, there is a School Prospectus full of useful information which is updated every year and is available to all new or prospective parents considering sending their child to Ysgol y Ddraig, and to existing parents who request it. The Prospectus is also available to view on our school website.

7. Estyn Inspection

The school was inspected by Estyn in May 2022. The recommendations are reflected in the current version of the School Improvement Plan and/or there are specific action plans linked.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2022-06/Inspection%20report%20Ysgol%20y%20Ddraig%202022.pdf>

8. Curriculum Statement

The purposes of learning and the new Curriculum for Wales are to create:

1. Ambitious, capable learners.
2. Healthy, confident individuals.
3. Ethical informed citizens.
4. Enterprising and creative contributors.

Learning experiences at Ysgol y Ddraig are planned to ensure that children can 'Achieve, Challenge, Enjoy' and aim to ensure children reach their full potential.

We keep abreast of all National Curriculum reform and developments, implementing any change as appropriate for our children and the school.

All children are taught a wide range of skills, knowledge and understanding through areas of learning and subjects delivered in a cross-curricular way through topics.

Termly progress reporting to parents and carers continued this academic year. The reports aim to further include and improve dialogue between learners, teachers and their parents.

Staff have focussed reading and research to the 'Cultures of Learning' which will inform policy and practice in further developing our Ysgol y Ddraig approach alongside Curriculum delivery and design.

Ysgol y Ddraig staff continued to develop pedagogical approaches to support all learners in line with Curriculum Reform throughout the academic year.

The school published its ACE (Achieve, Challenge, Enjoy) curriculum on the school website in July 2022.

9. The Welsh Language & Cynefin

Welsh is taught throughout the school providing progression for children developing Welsh as a Second Language. The scheme of work for Welsh is structured to allow children to speak Welsh as much as possible to reinforce the idea that Welsh is a living language. Welsh is also taught as part of school life on an incidental basis, in the format of greetings and instructions etc.

We actively promote an awareness and pride in our Welsh culture and our heritage in order to establish a genuine sense of Cynefin, through our curriculum and community experiences.

Welsh is taught within lessons, through daily snappy Welsh sessions and through incidental use. The Welsh language is promoted and taught in the school in line with Welsh Government requirements, we are lucky enough to have some members of staff who are fluent in Welsh. Staff who wish to further improve their Welsh fluency are actively encouraged and supported by the governors to do so. 97.3% of children are first language English/Welsh and 2.7% of children are other European first language.

10. Policies

All school management policies are reviewed regularly by staff and governors. Children (through the Senedd or other pupil action groups) and parents are consulted where appropriate. Review dates are recorded in the policies. Changes are brought to the full Governing Body for information and agreement. All policies are available for parents to view on request.

11. School Improvement Plan

Parents/Carers and children in Year 3 to Year 6 were asked to complete questionnaires in the Summer Term. We continue to involve all stakeholders in the self-evaluation process. Teachers who are Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE) Leaders consult learners, link governors and parents and colleagues before drafting a curriculum review and plan for priorities for the development for the year.

The School Improvement Plan is available to view via the school website.

The three year School Improvement Plan focusing on 2021/22 contained action plans for:

- High-quality professionals including Curriculum Reform
- Equity and wellbeing
- Inspirational leaders

Every term the Headteacher provides all governors with a detailed analysis of steps taken, progress made and the way forward.

12. Community Links

We have strong links with the community. Prior to Covid-19 we were involved in visits to the local churches and library. Use of the local environment in projects are an important part of the curriculum. Visits by members of the local community are regular aspects of school life. These were maintained online during the academic year.

The school provides work experience for pupils from nearby comprehensive schools and colleges. Ysgol y Ddraig has formed an alliance with Cardiff Metropolitan University and contributes to Initial Teacher Education by providing placements for student teachers.

13. Support for Charities

The children, parents, staff and governors of the school enjoy supporting a range of charities every year in a variety of ways. It is an important part of the pupils' development in citizenship and, wherever possible, pupils are involved in the organisation of the event.

Event	Charity supported	Donation
Children in Need	Children in Need	£265.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath	Veterans	£19.00
Velindre Chicks	Velindre Hospital	£500.00
Non Uniform Day	Llantwit Christmas Illuminations	£56.64

14. Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities resumed during the Spring and Summer term. Extra-Curricular clubs for Year 1 - 6 included - Craft Clubs, Multi-Sports and Netball. These were re-introduced on a limited basis following the pandemic.

Our Year 6 leavers were able to enjoy an end of year trip to the Supajump and a residential trip to Llangrannog in February.

Our Year 4 and 5 classes visited Manor Adventure for 3 days, for many this was their first experience of a residential trip.

The school hosted a range of holiday clubs during the academic year 2021-2022.

Food & Fun Club 25 th July to 11 th August	38 children overall	<i>Run in conjunction with Big Fresh Catering, VoG Parents attended final session -Sporting activities – dance, relays -Food – nutrition sessions -Enrichment (craft, STEM, forest schools) -LEGO challenge</i>
Summer of Fun Forces Fitness 10 x 2.5-hour sessions delivered	61 attendees who Sessions open to cluster primary schools	<i>Military Style Tasks and Team Building Challenges: - Team Games, Dodge Ball, Basketball, Handball - Water Challenges - Inflatable Obstacle Course Challenges - Gladiator Pupil\ Stick Challenges - Boxing and Self Defence sessions</i>

15. Healthy School & Sporting Achievements

Ysgol y Ddraig is a Healthy School and holds the National Quality Award as part of the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Schemes.

Big Fresh are the providers of school meals. Drinking water is provided throughout the school day. Children are able to bring to school pieces of fruit as healthy snacks.

During the summer term, Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a programme of swimming lessons at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

Inter-schools tournaments resumed on a limited offer during the Summer term.

16. Learner Achievements

Please keep us informed of your children's interests outside school as we strive to celebrate all sorts of ability, talent and success.

17. Additional Learning Needs

The Welsh Government has passed new legislation, called the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act, and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Code, which will replace all of the legislation and guidance about special educational needs. As part of the Act the Welsh Government has replaced the term 'special educational needs' (SEN) with 'additional learning needs' (ALN).

ALN will cover those who:

- have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age
- have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream maintained school or Further Education Institution.

There are four main areas of ALN:

- Cognition and Learning
- Sensory and Physical
- Communication Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Miss Bale is the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) and Mr John Durrant is the Governor Representative for Additional Learning Needs.

All children are provided with learning that is appropriate to their stage and ability. Children are identified for Additional Needs support by a variety of independent and on-going teacher assessment. If necessary, and in consultation with parents, children are included on an Additional Learning Needs Register to track their progress. This is updated regularly and is audited. Where possible and appropriate, children are supported by their class teachers and learning support assistants within the classroom as this provides the most effective support. There are specific interventions, where children are supported on a one to one or small group basis. Regular contact is maintained with other schools and agencies through regular meetings attended by the ALNCo.

The school procedures are constantly reviewed in line with the ALN Code of Practice, working with outside agencies such as the educational psychologist, behaviour support staff, specialist teachers and other external agencies when required. Parents are always part of any decision making to involve outside bodies and are kept informed of progress and changes.

18. Toilets

There are adequate numbers of toilets including access to disabled toilets in our school. The toilets are monitored through the school day by staff and cleaned daily to a high standard by our cleaning team.

19. Session Times (Under normal operations)

School sessions are as follows:

9.00am – 11.30am	Morning Nursery Session
8.50am – 11.50am	Morning Session for Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3
8.50am – 12.20pm	Morning Session for Years 4 - 6
12.40pm – 3.05pm	Afternoon Session for Reception, Years 1 & 2
12.40pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon Session for Year 3
1.10pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon Session for Years 4 - 6

School Term Dates

2022/2023

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 Sept 2022	Monday 31 Oct 2022	Friday 4 Nov 2022	Friday 23 Dec 2022	75
Spring 2023	Monday 9 Jan 2023	Monday 20 Feb 2023	Friday 24 Feb 2023	Friday 31 Mar 2023	55
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April 2023	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 Jun 2023	*Monday 24 July 2023	64
TOTAL					195

Monday 5th Sept 2022 and *Monday 24th July 2023 will be designated INSET days for all LA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ****It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Monday 24th July 2023 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.***

All schools will be closed on **Monday, 1st May 2023** for the May Day Bank Holiday and on Monday, 8th May 2023 marking the coronation of King Charles III.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Sunday 25 December 2022
	Easter	Good Friday 7 April 2023 Easter Monday 10 April 2023
	May Bank Holidays	Monday 1 st May 2023 Monday 19 th May 2023

APPENDIX A

COST CENTRE CODE	COST CENTRE DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	ANNUAL BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CONT. TO FUNDS		1,636.01
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CONT TO CAPITAL OUTTURN		1,636.01
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	EMPLOYEES	1,463,416.00	1,445,252.97
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	TEACHING EMPLOYEES	940,136.00	893,731.92
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	NON TEACHING EMPLOYEES	279,322.00	285,092.95
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	GRANT EMPLOYEES	243,958.00	266,400.28
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	OTHER DIRECT EMPLOYEES		27.82
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	124,612.00	146,502.31
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101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	PREMISES	136,462.00	126,677.12
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CLEANING AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIES	45,100.00	39,612.51
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	ENERGY	13,600.00	13,852.88
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	GROUND MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	1,080.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	RATES	38,253.00	38,253.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	REPAIRS & MAINT OF BUILDING	33,429.00	32,757.56
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	WATER SERVICES	4,080.00	1,121.17
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	277,354.00	141,622.22
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	COMMS AND COMPUTING	16,350.00	15,329.38
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	EQUIP, FURNITURE & MATERIALS	35,100.00	42,678.67
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	GRANTS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	134,249.00	63,534.69
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	MISC EXPENSES	74,655.00	350.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	PRINTING STATIONERY & OFFICE EXPS	7,000.00	5,702.54
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	SERVICES	10,000.00	14,026.94
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	TRANSPORT	2,000.00	290.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CAR ALLOWANCES	2,000.00	290.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	-31,524.00	-80,070.18
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	CHARGE FOR SERVICE		-25,255.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	DONATIONS		-40.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	SALE OF PRODUCTS		-23,241.15
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	SECONDMENT INCOME	-31,524.00	-31,534.03
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	GOVERNMENT GRANT	-355,012.00	-503,380.76
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-7,892.00	-8,842.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	WG GRANTS	-347,120.00	-494,538.76
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-57,752.00	-86,526.14
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-57,752.00	-86,526.14
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	INTRA DEPARTMENTAL RECHARGE		-1,320.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	SEG WEG EIG INCOME		-1,320.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	OTHER GRANTS		-20,000.00
101005	Ysgol Y Ddraig	INCOME FROM OTHER LAs/HAs		-20,000.00
		Total 101005	1,559,556.00	1,170,683.55

Vale of Glamorgan Ysgol Y Ddraig Outturn Report 2021/22 Balance Sheet Summary

COST CENTRE	BSLEVEL3	OPENING BALANCE	MOVEMENT	CLOSING BALANCE
910050 - Ysgol Y Ddraig	Schools Employees and misc balances	336,677.55	52,194.45	388,872.00

