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ANNUAL GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS 2024-2025

It is with pleasure that the Governors' Annual Report for the 2024-2025 academic year is presented. Apologies that we haven't shared this report sooner with you. As a result of the Standards and Organisation of Schools Act operational from May 4th, 2013, it is no longer an obligation for Governing Bodies to hold an annual meeting unless 10% of the school's parents express an interest to have such a meeting.

It is a statutory requirement that every Governing Body must prepare a report each year on its work and the way in which the Governing body, Headteacher and the Local education Authority have carried out their duties. The purpose of the annual report is to involve parents more closely in the life of the school.

Members of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body consists of 11 persons. The following table gives details of the present membership of the Governing Body at the end of July 2025 and the years of contract.

Parent Governor	Mrs Rachel Jones	2020 – Dec 24
Parent Governor	Mrs Eleri Roberts	2023 - 2027
Foundation Governor	Reverend Carol Thomas	2024 - 2025
Local Education Authority	Mr Hefin Williams	2012 - 2025
Local Education Authority	Mr Ifor Lloyd	2016 - 2025
Community member	Mrs Glenna Humphrey	2023 - forward
Co-opted member	Mr John Wheway	2016 -2025
Foundation Governor	Dr Ceridwen Churchill	2020 - 2025
Teaching Governor	Mrs Rowena Pegg	2011 - 2025
Parent Governor	Mr Ywain Williams	2018 - 2025
Headteacher	Mrs Carys Wellsbury	2012-forward
Clerk	Mrs Sara Pierce Jones Business Manager	2022 forward

Staffing and Organisation 2023-2024

Mrs Carys Wellsbury	Headteacher and PPA teacher
Mrs Sioned Evans	Year 3,4 teacher
Mrs Rowena Pegg	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 teacher
Mrs Gwawr Davies	Part time teacher
Miss Anest Jones	Year 5/6 teacher
Mrs Eira Vickers	Classroom Assistant FS
Miss Esyllt Williams	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Bethan Hughes	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Gayle George	Caretaker
Mrs Eifiona Birkhead	Cook
Ms Becka Barham	Cook assistant

Financial Statement- Expenditure of funds received from the Local Education Authority

The school is responsible for running its own budget which is delegated to it by the Local Education Authority. The financial year is 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. Here's a summary of the financial statement. No expenditure was noted for Governors.

Budget 2024-2025 £418,605	Expenditure 2024-2025 £413,370	Difference + or – +£5,235
Balance to carry over to 2025/2026 budget = £5,325 1%		

PTA fundraising

We must thank the PTA for their continued hard work during the year arranging many interesting activities to raise funds towards the school. The PTA funds are used to purchase extra resources that are required by the school to present the curriculum and they also pay for some school trips when there's enough funds. We thank the PTA for their generosity

Annual Open meeting

An annual open meeting has been held during 2024-2025 on 22/5/25 to discuss the changes in the staff structure for September 2025 due to financial cuts. 21 parents attended the meeting.

School Prospectus

The prospectus was revised and updated for 2024-2025 in compliance with statutory requirements. Copies are available in school at all times and is published on the school website i.e. www.ysgolbetwsynrhos.com

School Development Plan 2024-2025

PRIORITY 1:

Literacy: Develop the fluency of pupils' oral skills and to challenge them to achieve to their full potential with their literacy skills.

PRIORITY 2:

Develop a joint understanding of progress in Numeracy and Mathematics across the Creuddyn cluster.

PRIORITY 3:

Ensure that the pupils are able to apply and develop their digital skills by planning challenging learning experiences within the Science and Technology area of learning.

Curriculum organisation

Ysgol Betws yn Rhos is a Welsh primary school Category 1 for 3-11 year old pupils. Welsh is the language of the day-to-day business of the school. Welsh is used as the language of communication with the pupils and for the school's administration. The school communicates with parents in both languages. 3-7year old pupils are in the school's Foundation phase. The pupils transfer to Key Stage 2 when they are 7 years old.

The school continues to develop its processes to establish the New Welsh Curriculum deeper into the teaching and learning. We have enriched our teaching and learning and have worked hard to establish whole school themes. At Ysgol Betws yn Rhos we continue to teach Language, Literacy and Communication as well as Numeracy and Mathematics as separate subjects during the morning sessions. We strongly feel that we need these sessions to develop pupils' key skills and to ensure progress with their literacy and numeracy skills. These sessions deepen their understanding by applying their skills to the other areas of learning and experiences of the curriculum as part of our teaching sessions through thematic work during the afternoons.

Additional Learning Needs and Provision for Specific needs.

The school's ALN policy enables the school to identify children who may need additional help. Most of the children will be catered for within the classroom. Occasionally, children with severe learning difficulties require one to one support for some of the time. The LEA may provide this after a statement of Educational Learning needs has been agreed with parents. At the present time, no child has a Statement for additional learning needs. Other SEN pupils who experience difficulties but who do not warrant a statement have an Individual Development Plan devised for them. These children may then receive modified work within their class. Targets are also set for some pupils that will benefit from intervention to develop to their full potential.

11/2 hours is allocated to the ALN Coordinator each week as administrative time and to pursue individual sessions with ALN pupils.

Pupils with Disabilities and Additional Learning Needs.

The school in line with its Equal Opportunities Policy has an open-door policy for children with disabilities or Additional Learning Needs. Admission will be agreed between the school, the parents and the LEA providing our facilities and structure enable access for the child. The school is equipped with a ramp into one classroom and a disabled toilet. The School's Accessibility plan has been updated during the year and an updated Disability Equality Scheme is in place. No new alterations were necessary this year. School has an Equality Plan which is up-dated as necessary. We have been through the Estyn Inspection and there were no issues to report.

A current Accessibility Plan exists at school. The building is accessible for the disabled, and one specific toilet is available for their use.

The pupils have toilets in the main building and in the hall. The hall has two toilets that are suitable for boys and girls.

There are separate toilets for boys and girls in the main building. There is one cubicle and 1 urinal in the boys toilets.

The girls toilets has three cubicles. The Foundation phase have 2 shared toilets between boys and girls and 2 sinks.

All other toilet blocks have 3 wash hand basins. Anti-Bacterial soap is provided and an automatic hand dryer to dry hands.

All toilets are cleaned at the end of a school day.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-2025

Mr Ywain Williams was elected chair at the first meeting of the Governors in the Autumn 2024

and Mrs Eleri Roberts as the Vice Chair.

The Work of the Governing Body.

Throughout the year, the Governing Body has continued to meet regularly every half term attending full meetings and contributing to sub-committees as needed.

Policies Reviewed during the year.

Admissions, Safeguarding and Child protection, Health and Safety, Salaries, Recruitment and selection, Performance Management, Headteacher spending agreement, Equal opportunity, More able and talented, Accessibility plan, Assessment policy Lockdown policy, Complaints policy.

Monitoring

School staff have monitored the teaching and learning during the year. Some of the Governors visited school this year for Learning Walks.

School Attendance 2024 - 2025

Number of full time pupils 69 and 7 part time = 76

Yearly attendance: 93%

Unauthorised absences: 0%

School Security and Safety

The current level of security that is in place is sufficient to meet the needs of all pupils and staff. The safety system is reviewed regularly. A fire drill is held every term. All portable electrical appliances were inspected during the year. The school has 3 first aiders and the correct procedures are followed whenever first aid is administered.

- The Intruder alarm system and Fire Alarm are regularly serviced.
- There were no issues following the last school inspection.

Staff Training Days 2024-2025

2/9/24- HWB Digi Festival

3/9/24 – Planning and preparing in school

14/10/24 – Trauma informed school training

6/1/25 – Planning and preparing in school

13/6/25 – Wales National Education Show – Venue Cymru , Llandudno

21/7/25 – 2 twilight sessions during the year

Links with the community

The school has strong links with the community. Church Harvest and Easter services, Eisteddfod yr Urdd and Calan, Betws Show are supported annually. Christmas concert, Sports and summer farewell service as well as Parent/teacher events are arranged each year.

Provision for sport and Sporting aims

The village hall, sports hard court and field are used for Physical education purposes throughout the year. We have taken part in numerous football, netball and cricket tournaments during the year.

Targets set by the school for 2025-2026.

1. Prepare regular opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing skills across the curriculum.
2. Continue to develop the Science and Technology provision to extend pupils skills.
3. Develop the Foundation stage learning environment inside and outside to enrich the provision and to improve learners independence.

School Complaints Procedure

Complaints should always be brought to the attention of the Headteacher first, who may be contacted by telephone, by letter or by appointment. Usually, problems can be resolved quickly and informally within the school. Where this is not possible, parents may contact Chair of Governors by sending an email to swyddfa@betwsynrhos.conwy.sch.uk or the school's LEA link officer.

Teaching Hours and School Day.

Morning session:	9:00 - 12:00pm	Meithrin	9.00 – 11.00am
Afternoon- Foundation Stage	1:00 - 3:00pm	KS2	1:00 – 3:30pm

Term dates 2025-2026 are attached.

Academic Year 2025-2026

Autumn term 2025

- **INSET day:** 1/9/25, 2/9/25 and 24/10/25
- **Term starts:** 1st September 2025
- **School closed for half term:** 24 October 2025
- **2nd half term starts:** 3 November 2025
- **End of term:** 19 December 2025

Spring term 2026

- **INSET day:** 5/1/26
- **Term starts:** 5 January 2026
- **School closed for half term:** 13 February 2026
- **2nd half term starts:** 23 February 2026
- **End of term:** 27 March 2026

Summer term 2026

- **INSET day:** 24/4/26 and 20/7/26
- **Term starts:** 13 April 2026
- **May bank holiday:** 4 May 2026
- **School closed for half term:** 22 May 2026
- **2nd half term starts:** 1 June 2026
- **End of term:** 17 July 2026

Llwyddo gyda'n gilydd!
Succeeding together!