

Ysgol Carreghofa



Annual Report to Parents 2019-2020



Introduction from the Chair of Governors.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our annual Governor's Report to Parents. As with everything at the moment, it is in a slightly different format to usual! Society has been presented with some colossal challenges over the past though months, which have impacted significantly on the way in which our school's function.

Obviously, home schooling has been a substantial change from normality. I would like to thank all those pupils and parents who have worked hard at home to keep working on the tasks that the school has set. I would also like to commend all the staff at Carreghofa CP School for the phenomenal job that they did in adjusting to these changes. The start of the lockdown was a very stressful time for everyone, with great uncertainty. Staff had to establish new ways of working and design a whole new curriculum in a very short space of time. Finding the right balance of tasks which is suitable for all learners is extremely complicated and time consuming and I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication during this time.

It has been lovely to see many of the pupils starting to return to lessons and begin the long process of getting things back to normal. Again, this has involved a huge effort by the school staff which has been much appreciated by the pupils.

It is easy to forget that two thirds of this academic year has taken place in school as normal. Events like the Harvest and Christmas celebrations seem like a very long time ago! I believe that Carreghofa offers a rich and vibrant education to our children, providing them with a huge range of experiences that help them to develop broad interests. While there is still likely to be some disruption to schooling in September, the Governors are hopeful that as many children as possible will be back in school to enjoy these experiences first-hand.

The end of term is also a sad time for the school as there are several members of staff who are leaving us this year. Mrs West, Mrs Rhodes, Mr Richards and Mrs Haycocks have all been valued members of the school community for a number of years. The governors would like to thank them for their contributions to school life and wish them luck and happiness in the future. I know they will be missed by both pupils and colleagues.

I hope all our pupils, families and staff are safe, well and happy and looking forward to resuming normal school life in the near future!

Dave Bass
Chair of Governors.

Head Teacher

Mrs Claire Pritchard

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Charity Donations

The children have raised money for various charities this year. In September, a MacMillan coffee morning was held. Later money was raised for Sports relief and Children in need. I'm sure you all remember the great excitement of when the Rickshaw came through the village. Money was also donated to Llanymynech Church from our first whole school carol service.

Language of Education

Education throughout school is taught as English first language with Welsh being taught as a second language.

Staffing

Dosbarth Gwyrdd

Mrs S Williams, Mrs Pritchard
Mrs H Owen

Dosbarth Glas

Mrs R Hill, Mrs B Rhodes,
Mrs Griffiths, Mrs L Williams

Dosbarth Oren

Mr T Roberts, Mrs D Kynaston

Dosbarth Coch

Mrs. J Van Lill, Mrs West

School Secretaries

Mrs E Edwards

Lunchtime Staff

Mrs Parker,
Mrs Haycocks,

Caretaker

Mr T Richards

Cleaner

Mr Huw Williams
Mrs S Williams

The School Day

8.00 a.m. Breakfast club (£1 charge)

8.15 a.m. Breakfast club (Free)

8.45 a.m. Door open

8.55 a.m. Registration

9.00 a.m. Morning sessions start

12.00 p.m/ 12.05pm Lunchtime

1.00 p.m. Afternoon sessions start

3.15 p.m. Home time

The Chair of Governors can be contacted either via school or at home address:

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| Representative | Name | Appointed/Elected by | Terms of Office |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Parents: | Mrs K Poyser | Parents | 08/05/2017 - 07/05/2021 |
| | Mrs S Walker | Parents | 24/06/2019 - 23/06/2023 |
| | Mrs H Owen | Parents | 08/05/2017 – 07/05/2021 |
| | Mr N Dixon | Parents | 24/06/2019 - 23/06/2023 |
| Teacher | Mr T Roberts | Teaching Staff | 29/02/2016 – 28/02/2024 |
| Headteacher | Mrs C Pritchard | | |
| Non-teaching Staff | Mrs B Rhodes | Non-teaching Staff | 26/06/2018 – 25/06/2022 |
| Community | Mrs A Graham | Governing Body | 23/05/2017 – 22/05/2021 |
| | Mr D Bass | Governing Body | 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2020 |
| | Miss J Griffith | Governing Body | 16/01/2018 – 15/01/2022 |
| | Vacancy | | |
| Appointed | Cllr A Jones | LEA | 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2020 |
| | Dr R Dover | LEA | 15/03/2019 – 14/03/2023 |
| | Mr G Hunter | LEA | 02/10/2019 - 03/10/2023 |
| Clerk : Mrs Olga Pugh, Llyn Du, Meifod, Powys, SY22 6YD 01938 500419 or through the school | | | |

Sporting Achievements

With all the challenges that our little school has faced this academic year, we have still managed to achieve loads within our sporting activities.

In September, year 5 & 6 attended Tag Rugby in Meifod. They did really well, one team getting through to the semi-finals. This achievement made Mr. Roberts very proud, as he had never seen Carreghofa pupils achieve this before! Our cross country was cut short this school year, we were only able to do two of the four races we would normally attend. We had a good team of KS2 children attend, and the year 5 & 6 boys were looking good to be the overall winning team!

We also hosted a Sports Ambassadors event where pupils from Carreghofa promoted sport, health and well-being. Two pupils from other cluster schools attended the training and were given the skills to take this back to their schools too! This January year 6 achieved their cycling proficiency. All of them demonstrated the necessary skills to be safe cyclists! Well done!

Year 5 & 6 had the opportunity to take part in indoor athletics. They had the chance to take part in loads of different activities, these included javelin, long jump & balance beams.

Llanfyllin high school held the Dragon Netball for year 5 & 6. There was amazing sportsmanship from both teams that attended. One team won the tournament and were to go through to the next round, which sadly had to be cancelled. But you could see how much the pupils enjoyed the experience.

Sadly, numerous sporting events had to be cancelled, Year 5&6 football and netball, Year 3&4 football and netball, Powys Cross Country, including our residential! However, we know that all pupils would have put in 110% at everything! We wouldn't be able to attend these events without the help of staff and parents, so we thank you all for your commitment!!

PTA

Unfortunately the Covid-19 outbreak hampered the PTA's fundraising efforts this year. Our annual Summer fayre has been cancelled and our new annual event 'The Colour Run' also had to be cancelled. But we have held very successful discos, bingo, Easter competitions and also dragon bags collections – even one during the lockdown! The funds that we have raised have been spent on a much-needed reading scheme for the school at a cost of £2500. We have also purchased a t-shirt for all children to show them how proud we are of the way they have dealt with these very different times.

Hopefully, next year we can restart our fundraising events and continue our vital work to support the school.

Information Communication Technology

The school believes that ICT should always be a priority in order to keep up to date with an ever-changing digital world and provide the children with the necessary digital skills for later life.

The school has a wide range of equipment throughout. Following on from the success of last year, where a device was available for every year 6 child, every child in year 5 and 6 was allocated their own Chromebook. This has enabled them to complete the majority of conventional written work in a digital way. The success of this approach was noted by Powys, ERW and during last year's Estyn inspection.

The school makes the most of the national learning platform, Hwb. Through Hwb, the children have access to many different programmes and software, including Microsoft Office. The platform is accessible for children of all ages and has been a key tool during the Distance Learning phase this year.

The children have the opportunity to have their say in a committee specifically aimed at ICT. The Digital Leaders help to maintain equipment, teach others how to use it and have raised awareness of the importance of online safety.

The school continues to invest time and money into developing the ICT equipment to ensure all the equipment is current, accessible and relevant to the children's education.

School Prospectus

During the annual review of the prospectus, the Governors have made the general yearly updates of staff, clubs and Governors list. They also made the following changes:

- Updated the timetable
- school committees section was updated.

Art, Music and Drama

Although we have had a disrupted school year, the children had great opportunities in the first half of the year to express themselves through Art, music and drama.

Many children have the chance to take up lessons to learn to play a musical instrument. These include piano, drums and guitar.

We began the year celebrating Harvest with singing and reciting at St Agatha's Church. Later we held our whole school Carol service at the church, where the parents and community were brought together to celebrate the festivities of Christmas. It was so lovely to see the church packed full! This year it was Foundation phases turn to show off their singing and dramatic moves when they zoomed off to the moon in the performance of 'Out of this world Christmas'.

Theatre Severn was another great success with the performance of Aladdin. The children had great fun watching how the professionals strut their stuff on the stage.

At the beginning of the year, Year 5 & 6 had a great opportunity to work with The Mid Wales Music Trust and Symphonia Cymru. A group of adults came into school and helped the children compose and act out the dramatic story of 'Fidelio'. A few weeks later the whole school had a trip to Theatre Hafren to watch their fantastic performance and experience watching a small orchestra perform.

Our annual Eisteddfod was a big hit again this year. What a superb opportunity for all the children to showcase their many artistic, dramatic, musical talents as they sang, danced, recited and performed in front of the whole school.

Welsh

The School continues to develop the children's Welsh language skills and knowledge of the Welsh culture. In collaboration with a Powys Welsh peripatetic teacher, Welsh second language for the Juniors is taught through the Powys Scheme of Work whilst Welsh Language Development in the Foundation Phase is taught using excellent resources appropriate for the younger learners, such as 'Fflic a Fflac'. The school has a specific committee, the Criw Cymraeg, who's aim is to promote the Welsh language inside and outside the classroom. The committee has arranged new Welsh signs for the playground as well as help organise the school's annual Eisteddfod. The school are always after volunteers to help with Welsh reading and if any Welsh speakers are able to listen to readers, please get in touch with the school.

Policies & Guidance

The Governors have a rolling review timetable for all policies and many policies have been updated and agreed this year. Please ask at the school office if you would like to see any.

Policies & Guidance Documents agreed by the Governing Body 2019-2020:

17th September 2019

- Safeguarding
- Child Protection
- Additional Learning Needs

26th November 2019

- Schools Service Safeguarding & Area
- Child Protection
- Outdoor Play
- School Session Times
- Forest Schools Management
- Health & Safety
- Fire Risk
- First Aid
- Whole School Food
- Intimate Care
- Lone Worker
- Critical Incident
- Transition for Llanfyllin High School Feeder Primaries
- Performance Management

05th May 2020

- Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Policy

8th July 2020

- Inclement Weather Policy
- Flexible Working Policy for Staff in Schools
- Fairness and Dignity at Work Policy
- Equal Opportunity Policy,
- Disciplinary Procedure for Teachers
- Disciplinary Procedure for Other School Staff
- Disciplinary Procedure for Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers
- Complaints Policy
- Code of Professional Conduct Policy
- ESafety Policy for Staff working in Schools
- Sickness Absence Policy
- Grievance Policy for School
- Staff and Teachers Pay Policy

Accessibility

Carreghofa CP 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, more frequently a present. Cleaning equipment is available throughout the day for use if needed.

Additional Learning Needs

The ALN coordinators are Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Van Lill. The ALN policy was last reviewed in September 2019.

Individual Education Plans are reviewed regularly and shared with the pupils and their parents. Support staff are used effectively in class for individual and group support and children are withdrawn for targeted intervention programmes, such as memory booster and phonics. Children receive ongoing support from various agencies - Physiotherapists, Speech and Language therapists, Occupational Therapists, Vision and ICT specialists and the School Nurse. Consultations with Educational Psychologists take place when required to discuss individual children's needs and support is accessed from the Powys LIST team (Learning Inclusion Support Team) when necessary.

Security, Health & Safety

Safety continues to be a high priority and the school ensures all the following safety measures: locked gates, regular fire drills, visitors signing in and electrical testing amongst others.

School Dates

| Autumn Term 2020 | No of School Days | Non-Pupil Days |
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| Wednesday 2 nd September To Friday 23 rd October | 39 | Tuesday 1 st September |
| Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October | | |
| Monday 2 nd November To Friday 18 th December | 35 | Monday 21 st December Tuesday 22 nd December |
| Spring Term 2021 | | |
| Tuesday 5 th January To Friday 12 th February | 29 | Monday 4 th January |
| Half Term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February | | |
| Monday 22 nd February To Friday 26 th March | 30 | |
| Summer Term 2021 | | |
| Tuesday 13 th April To Friday 28 th May | 34 | Monday 12 th April |
| Half Term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June | | |
| Monday 7 th June To Friday 16 th July | 30 | |
| Good Friday: Friday 2 nd April 2021 | | |
| Easter Monday: Monday 5 th April 2021 | | |
| May Day Bank Holiday: Friday 3 rd May 2021 | | |
| Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 31 st May 2021 | | |
| Royal Welsh Show: Monday 19 th July to Thursday 22 nd July 2021 | | |

Although Powys identifies non-pupil days for all of its schools, schools are able to vary these on a catchment basis. It is therefore recommended that in addition to consulting the Authority's school calendar, you also check the school calendar published by your local school as this will include any local variations. Please note, Welsh Government is intending on making the Autumn half term into a 2 week half term, this will alter the half term dates above.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>The reporting attendance has been suspended for this year due to COVID 19. School will be compulsory again from 14th September 2020. We were on target with our attendance if we had followed the path we were on. Please remember school starts at 8.55am</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Curriculum Overview</u></p> <p>To ensure a broad and balanced curriculum which covers statutory requirements, teachers plan carefully using a topic-based approach to provide exciting lessons that inspire children. We have used Hwb and Microsoft Teams to support the delivery of distance learning.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>School's Priorities</u></p> <p>Over this year the school set the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop independence in Literacy and Numeracy *Develop Outdoor Learning Area *Improve pupils' handwriting and presentation * Improve pupils' punctuality *Improve Self Evaluation Process |
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Community Links 2019

The school has had a very exciting and busy year thanks to the efforts of the staff members and input from the local community. Once again, the school attended at St Agatha's Church to celebrate Harvest and Christmas with friends and families. The links with the community continued with community members visiting the school regularly to read with the children. A big thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Parker, Leila Price and "Auntie Wendy". The school has enjoyed its regular visits from Mr D Mayor who led some energetic assemblies.

We started the year with our special "Roald Dahl" day where the children wore fancy dress based on the characters and the books. The children thoroughly enjoyed a day of activities based on the books of the great Welsh author.

March saw our fantastic school Eisteddfod. A big thank you to Lucy and Karen for judging the Cog Urdd, thank you to Nick and Cheryl for judging the off-stage competitions, and a thank you to Christine and Bev for judging the live events. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Year 6 children from over 20 different primary schools (including Carreghofa) attended the annual LifeLine event, based on the long-standing Rotary Project "Crucial Crew", which brings vital safety messages including sessions on bullying, internet dangers, farm safety, cycling safety and road safety.

Dosbarth Oren continued with their "Carreghofa Enterprise" which have operated throughout the year. The class were split into different committees who were responsible for different elements, this year they were, - Carreghofa Clothing, Carreghofa Chickens, Carreghofa Fruit, Carreghofa Events (plan & organise) Carreghofa Community.

In December, the school attended our annual pantomime which this year was Aladdin at the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury, a great time was had by all.

Pupils from Dosbarth Oren were included in a musical project and were able to be part of a team that performed at The Hafren Theatre at Newtown and the rest of the school were able to attend and take part in the audience.

We hope with the lifting of lockdown we can continue to build our links with the Community in Carreghofa.

Extra curricular Clubs

A variety of popular after school clubs have taken place on Wednesdays.

These are always well attended, and children enjoy a healthy snack beforehand.

These include-

Netball

Football

Ball games

Coding

Gardening

Art and Craft

Singing

Circuit training

Hand ball

Dodge ball

Hula Hooping

ICT

URDD

Healthy Eating and Drinking

Over the year Eco Committee and well-being have been encouraging children to bring in healthy lunchboxes and to try and reduce the amount of single use plastics used in their lunch boxes. The children are only allowed to drink water in class and are encouraged to make healthy choices in their lunchboxes and with school dinners.

Fresh milk is available daily for all children in the foundation phase. Fresh fruit and vegetables are prepared every morning for the children at a cost of 30p per day, during 'normal' times. Through this morning snack, Breakfast club and Powys Catering lunches we meet the appetite for life minimum standards. Breakfast Club is available from 8am every morning providing a healthy and nutritious breakfast each day.

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| Pupil numbers | 100 |
| Total Delegated Funds | 395,937 |
| Salaries and Wages | 375,297 |
| Premises | 45,722 |
| Supplies and other expenses | 31,730 |
| Additional Income | 31,574 |
| Governors spending | 0 |
| Net Expenditure | 407305 |
| Planned Overspend | 11,098 |

How is the school funded? The LA provide the school with a budget for each financial year based upon a number of factors mainly pupils on roll. The Governors then work with the Head Teacher to allocate these funds to best meet the needs of the pupils and to meet statutory requirements. This is then reviewed monthly by the Head and Termly by the Governors.

Data Collection/ GDPR

The school collects information about pupils and their parents/ guardians on admission to school and for specific purposes during the school year. Every attempt is made to make sure this data is stored safely. All individuals have rights of access to personal information held on them when requested in writing. New privacy notice is in place and available from Reception.

