

Report to Parents



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Ysgol Craig y Don Annual Governors' Summary Report to Parents 2016

All Governing Bodies are required to produce an annual report to parents. This is a summary report, however a full report is available on request.

An Annual Parents meeting can also be held to discuss this report if a satisfactory number of requests are received.

Any parents either wishing to see the full report or wanting to request an annual parents' meeting should contact the school office or the Chair of Governors, Mrs Louise Martin-Young.

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A Message from the Chair

I am proud to be the Chair of Governors for Ysgol Craig y Don and I am delighted to present the Annual Governors' report to parents. The report describes the work, activities and achievements of the school for the academic year 2015 to 2016.

We aim to provide vibrant and relevant learning experiences which will equip each of our pupils for any challenge that the future brings.

Our mission statement is **"Enabling all to thrive and blossom as successful and complete individuals."** We aim to deliver this within a happy, secure and stimulating learning environment, where the contributions and energy of all members of our school community are welcomed and appreciated.

The whole staff team and the Board of Governors value each and every child that attends our school. We are committed to improving the school from the playground to the classrooms to ensure that all pupils are challenged and encouraged to achieve their full potential.

Diolch yn fawr. Mrs Louise Martin-Young.

Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG)

The PDG is a Welsh Government initiative that aims to provide financial support for the main areas of national priorities for schools:

- 1 – Improving standards of literacy & numeracy
- 2 – Reducing the impact of poverty on education attainment.
- 3 – Raising standards in Numeracy

The total allocation of PDG to this school for 2015/16 was £50,250 and was used to:

- Provide support programmes
- Develop leadership capacity across the school
- Provide in-class support for identified groups of pupils

Monitor the attendance of identified pupils and to work with them and their families to improve attendance rates.

Make effective use of tracking data, CAT4 tests, FFT profiles and teacher assessments to monitor pupil and progress and to focus interventions more effectively.

Invest in resources and staff training in creative use of media technology to enhance and enrich the learning experience of the target groups of pupils in literacy and numeracy.

Our School Development Plan identifies how we use the PDG to support our more vulnerable pupils. It also shows how we allocate other finances to support school progress, including the EIG (Education Improvement Grant).



School's Opportunity for Sport

PE at Ysgol Craig y Don focuses on developing the pupils' physical literacy (or physical competency) and life skills. At this age it is important for children to acquire, practice and maintain the basic movement skills of agility, balance and coordination which in turn enables them to carry out basic movement skills such as walking, running, skipping, hopping, crawling, rolling, turning, catching, throwing, jumping, landing, kicking, trapping, aiming, hitting and many more.

With this grounding they then have the confidence and motivation to participate in activities and sports which require all these basic skills.

PE lessons at Craig y Don provide new and varied opportunities to learn new skills and develop existing ones. Pupils are challenged and they experience regular success, which in turn boosts their self-esteem and gives them the confidence to participate in activities both in and out of school.

The pupils thoroughly enjoy their PE lessons, they work effectively as individuals and in teams, and put in their best effort at all times.

In addition to developing their fundamental movement skills, body management and ball/racket skills pupils also get the opportunity to participate in and learn about outdoor adventurous activities including:

- Orienteering and map reading
- Problem solving and teambuilding
- Bouldering (climbing)
- Shelter and tent building

With Ysgol Craig y Don being in an area of such natural beauty, we feel it is important to show the pupils what activities are possible and available to them in their immediate outdoor surroundings.

Last year pupils and staff at Ysgol Craig y Don put together a short film to showcase physical literacy in our school. You can find a link to this movie at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvY-5rnzzdM>

Current Governing Body

If you would like to contact a member of the Governing Body, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Carol Walsh at the school office.

Mrs Louise Martin-Young, Chair of Governors

Mrs Sandra Helme, Vice Chair

Mr Iwan Jones, Headteacher

Ms Elaine Gelling, Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Gwenda dos Santos, Staff Representative

Mrs Bethan Roberts, Staff Representative

Mr Andy Brazier

Dr Caroline Hinds

Mr Daniel Wilde

Mr Frank Bradfield

Mr Gareth Jones

Ms Miriam Lindsay Pearce

Mr Richard Wigzell

Councillor Gerry Davies

School's Attendance Data

Attendance Data for the Academic year September 2015-August 2016.

Whole school attendance = 94.2%

Authorised Absences = 5.6%

Unauthorised Absences = 0.2%

School's Performance Data

Here are the school results at the end of Year 2 and 6 for 2015/16. Whilst pupils progress at different rates, the expected attainment for pupils is Outcome 5 at the end of Year 2 and Level 4 by the time they reach the end of Year 6. These tables show the %age of pupils achieving at least these standards in the core subjects. No pupils failed to register due to absence or other reason and no pupil was dis-applied. We are very pleased with these results and acknowledge the hard work over the last twelve months by pupil and staff with the support of our parents.

FOUNDATION PHASE				KEY STAGE 2			
	SCHOOL 2016	LOCAL AUTH 2016	WALES 2016		SCHOOL 2016	LOCAL AUTH 2016	WALES 2016
LCE	90	86	88	ENG	90	89	90
MDT	92	88	90	MATHS	92	89	90
PSD	96	95	95	SCI	90	91	91
FPI	88	83	87	CSI	88	86	88

School's Achievements 2015-2016

Highlights

St David's Day Coffee Morning - Eisteddfod competitors show-cased their singing skills and we celebrated all things Welsh. The Nursery Class also entertained their families in a St David's Day Singalong.

Year 6's two night residential stay in **Cardiff** where they immersed themselves into our Welsh heritage, history and culture including visits to the Welsh Assembly, Big Pit, San Ffagan and Wales' Millennium Stadium.

Year 4's one night residential stay in **Glan Llyn** had a sprinkling of extra fun on the last day in the form of snow!

Formula 1 Challenge – this was the first year for our school to enter this competition and we were delighted that one of our three teams won the Best Team Image Award.

Diabetes UK. More than £4000 was raised in support of this worthy cause. Mr Jones ran the London Marathon with the support of the pupils in school who gave him useful tips for the event itself. Some of these can be found in the Classes sections in this Prospectus and they are great reading. Mr Jones would be the first to agree that he has possibly let his fitness go since his playing days and he might be a couple of pounds over his fighting weight. However, with everyone's support he showed what can be achieved with some determination, effort and a decent supply of plasters.

We raised a significant amount of money this year for several other charities including Water Aid, McMillan Biggest Coffee Morning, Breast Cancer care and also donated clothing to the Salvation Army.

By using the new **School Film Kit**, we were the proud winners of the Conwy Physical Literacy Film award for our short film Physical Literacy in Our School (available on our website). The kit was also used to create DVD's of our Infants Christmas plays which proved to be popular.

PTA Activities. We continue to be very lucky to have such a committed PTA. Money raised was used to buy storage solutions throughout the school and to give the Under 5's polytunnel a facelift. Fund raising included film nights for Juniors and Year 1 & 2, children produced Christmas cards which were bought by their families, Christmas and Summer Fairs, Sponsored Walks, own-clothes days, selling mother and father's day gifts.

Junior Sports Day was held successfully for the first time on the all-weather Llandudno football pitch.

We launched our **new website** in January and it continues to be a showcase of our school life.

Looking to the current year 2016/17

MangaHi – this is being introduced to children from years 1 to 6. It has already proved to be a big hit with all the pupils who seem to have found a very competitive mathematical streak!

Google Chrome Books/Google Educational. We have purchased 30 chrome books and subscribed to Google Classrooms. We will be piloting the Google Classroom facility with Year 3 in the first instance before rolling the platform out to the rest of the school. .

Class Representatives. We are hoping that each class will have at least two Class Reps who are willing to help on activities such as school trips and PTA events. Please contact the school if you are interested.

European Language Day – for the first time this year, we will celebrate European Language Day year - an opportunity for the children and staff to learn about the different languages that are spoken by children in our school. Year 6 will also be having some Spanish lessons with a teacher from Ysgol John Bright.

E-Safety Evening Session. For the first time, we will be hosting an E-safety evening session for parents with North Wales Police's cyber-crime unit. This is the opportunity for you to find out more about the apps that your children may be using and about any risks involved.



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