



GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

SCHOOL YEAR 2008/2009

1. The Governing Body – September 2008

Chair – Mr Gruff Morris	-	Gwynedd Council Representative (August 2008-2012)
Vice-chair – Mrs Ffion Hughes	-	Parents' Representative (August 2006-2010)
Correspondent – Miss Gwyneth Evans		

Membership

Cllr Llinos Mërks	-	Gwynedd Council Representative (August 2008-2012)
Mr Iwan ap Llyfnwy	-	Co-opted Member (August 2007-2011)
Mrs Ulla Weber-Jones	-	Gwynedd Council Representative (August 2007-2011)
Mr Elfed Roberts	-	Co-opted Member (August 2008-2012)
Mr Medwyn Williams	-	Co-opted Member (January 2007-2011)
Mrs Carys Parry Jones	-	Parents' Representative (2007-2011)
Miss Karen Roberts-Jones	-	Parents' Representative (2007 -2011)
Mr Stephen Williams	-	Parents' Representative (August 2007-2011)
Mrs Judith Owen	-	Teachers' Representative (September 2005-2009)
Mrs Wilma Jones	-	Auxiliary Staff Representative (August 2007-2011)
Mrs Glenys Williams	-	Headteacher

Please send all correspondence to the Headteacher.

2. Meetings

During the 2008/2009 educational year, the Governors met six times. Matters discussed at those meetings were:

Written reports by the Headteacher
Written report by the Deputy Headteacher
Written reports relating to the Special Educational Needs provision
Finance
School Development Plan

Initiative to Promote Healthy Schools
 Seven Key Questions for Inspection – March 2009
 Redundancy
 Teachers' Threshold
 Professional Developments 2008-2009
 Pupil Attendance
 Ysgol Nefyn as a Green School
 School Appraisal Sheet for Parents
 Policies
 Training for Governors
 Performance Management
 Setting targets for Headteacher and Deputy
 School Building
 School Handbook
 Parents' Annual Report
 Service Level Agreements
 Self-evaluation
 Use of the school by the community in the evenings
 Educational Visits
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 School Council
 Risk Assessments
 Raising Standards at the School
 Schools' Organisation
 Visits from Education Officers
 Ysgol Nefyn celebrating 150 years
 Summer 2008 SATs results

Events

A taste of some of the year's events:

10/9/08	Reception/Y1/Y2 – Neuadd Dwyfor – 'Llyfr Bach y Plant' show
16/9/08	Y5 – visiting the Church
19/9/08	Y5 – trip to Porthdinllaen
22/9/08	Walk on the beach/to Pwll William (Y1/2/3/4/5/6)
29/9/08	Kerbcraft – Y1
3/10/08	Y2/Y3/Y4 – visiting the allotments and buying produce
4/10/08	Y5/Y6 – School Council members – Nefyn Pensioners' Club – song and chat
13/10/08	Y2/Y3/Y4 – Cefnamwlch - business link/Plas Glyn y Weddw - art
21/10/08	Y6 trip – Cae'r Gors / Llanberis
21/10/08	Y5 – visiting Capel Isa
4/11/08	Catchment Area Rugby Tournament – Y3/Y4
11/11/08	Catchment Area Rugby Tournament – Y5/Y6
13/11/08	Operation Christmas Child boxes being collected
14/11/08	Children in Need Day
17/11/08	Three Y6 pupils – Keep Wales Tidy awards ceremony
8/1/09	Countryside Council – whole school
29/1/09	Y2/Y3/Y4 – the museum at Llanystumdwy
24/1/09	Cwmni'r Frân Wen – 'Martha Drafferthus' - Y1/Y2

27/1/09	Bags2School – collection
27/1/09	'Hei Hogia Bach' show – Basic Skills Agency – under the auspices of the Read a Million Words Together project
28/1/09	Christina Jones – 'Clywed' – the importance of the library at Nefyn
29/1/09	Susie – Service
3/2/09	Auntie Nia – Service
9/2/09	Mr Knowles – Whist
10/2/09	Nesta – mother of Bryn Terfel
10/2/09	Robert Roberts – Service
24/2/09	Cwmni'r Frân Wen – 'Martha Drafferthus' – Y1/Y2
27/2/09	Urdd Eisteddfod
3/3/09	Planting trees on the school field
3/3/09	Auntie Nia – Service
3/3/09	Lis – Police Officer – School Council
10/3/09	Gwenllian – recycling – all day
11/3/09	Luned Parri – art – Reception/Y1
12/3/09	Luned Parri – art – Reception/Y1
12/3/09	Robert Roberts – Chapel Service
13/3/09	Luned Parri – artist – Y5/Y6
17/3/09	Catchment Area Hockey Tournament – Y3/Y4
18/3/09	Anna Williams – the garden – Y1-Y5
19/3/09	Elfed – to talk about his business – Y5
25/3/09	Lis – Police Officer – School Council
31/3/09	A visit to Coleg y Bala – Y2/Y3/Y4
31/3/09	Catchment Area Hockey Tournament – Y5/Y6
3/4/09	Swimming Gala
20/4/09	Y6 – Presentation on tasting Fair Trade Chocolate/discussing musical instruments
21/4/09	Auntie Nia – Service
23/4/09	Y6 (½ the class) – Ysgol Botwnnog
5/5/09	Menai Jones – Head of Ysgol Glan y Môr - Y5
12/5/09	Auntie Nia – Service
3/6/09	Bardsey – Y3/Y4
4/6/09	Luned Parri – artist
9/6/09	Auntie Nia – Service
10/6/09	Wedding at the Church – Y2/Y3
12/6/09	Luned Parri – artist – Y5
16/6/09	Catchment Area Athletics Tournament – Y3/Y4
17-19/6/09	Y6 – Glan-llyn
18-19/6/09	Y5 – Rhyd-ddu
22/6/09	Gwynant Parri – to take class photographs
23/6/09	Catchment Area Athletics Tournament – Y5/Y6
24/6/09	Y6 – visiting Ysgol Botwnnog
1/7/09	Y5 – visiting Ysgol Botwnnog
13/7/09	Cycling test – Y6
Visitors	
8/9/08	and every Monday morning for 6 weeks Meilir Owen teaching Physical Education to Y5
9/9/08	Auntie Nia – Service – Coleg y Bala
16/9/08	Auntie Susie – Vicar – Service
25/9/08	Alaw Jones – discussing caring for pet animals – Infants and Junior classes
6/10/08	Boomerang TV company – to film 'Cyw' with Nursery, Reception, Y1/Y2
7/10/08	Auntie Nia – Service

14/10/08	Auntie Susie – Service
15/10/08	Lis – Police Officer – School Council
20/10/08	Meurig Williams – Police Officer - Y2/Y4/Y6 – behaviour/drugs
21/10/08	Uncle Robot – Minister – Service
24/10/08	Dilwyn – Y5 – Archives
7/1/09	Llinos Mërks – classes – fire-fighting equipment
12/1/09	Rhys Hywel – PESS - Y3/Y4 – Physical Education
13/1/09	Auntie Nia – Service
19/1/09	Ulla – Food and Nutrition Group – Healthy Eating
24/1/09	Llinos and Carys – to watch a performance of ‘Martha Drafferthus’/visit the classes to observe
2/3/09	Elfed – visiting the classes and observing
13/3/09	Robert Roberts – Chapel Service

Courses / Training / Meetings

10/9/08	Glenys Williams – mentor training
11/9/08	Gwyneth Evans – Foundation Phase Swimming Pilot Scheme
23-26/9/08	Glenys Williams – Focus on Solutions
23/9/08	Meirwen Williams – Language Co-ordinator
25/9/08	Gwyneth Evans – Foundation Phase Swimming Pilot Scheme
29/9/08	Glenys Williams – Primary/Secondary Liaison meeting
30/9/08	Glenys Williams – Catchment Area Headteachers’ meeting/Regional meeting
7/10/08	Meirwen Williams – Language Co-ordinator
8/10/08	Glenys Williams – Focusing on Solution
23/10/08	Glenys Williams/Cllr Llinos Mërks – North Wales Schools’ Governors meeting
10/10/08	Glenys Williams – Catchment Area Headteachers’ meeting
10/11/08	Gwawr Howel – Contemporary Art
13/11/08	Glenys Williams – Headteachers’ Conference
18/11/08	Meirwen Williams – Language Co-ordinator
20/11/08	Meirwen Williams – Language Co-ordinator
26-28/11/08	Gwawr Howel/ Alison Thompson – HADA Course – Mathematics, Technology and Science
3/12/08	Glenys Williams – Focusing on Solution
12/1/09	Judith Owen/Bethan Roberts-Jones/Karen Pritchard/Gwyneth Evans – Foundation Phase Course
20/1/09	Glenys Williams – Catchment Area Headteachers’ meeting/Regional meeting
21+22/1/09	Meirwen Williams – Leadership Course
22/1/09	Glenys Williams – Working Group on Improving SEN
23/1/9	Gwyneth Evans – HADA Swimming Course
29/1/09	Judith Owen – NPQH
4/2/09	Gwawr Howel/Judith Owen – ‘Martha Drafferthus’ workshop at Ysgol Cymerau
26/2/09	Meirwen Williams – Moderating with Language Co-ordinators
26/2/09	Glenys Williams – Catchment Area Headteachers’ meeting/Regional meeting
27/2/09	Judith Owen – NPQH
27/2/09	Gwawr Howel – Geography – HADA Course - Aiming for Excellence
16+17/3/09	Gwawr Howel/Alison Thompson – HADA – Design and Technology, Science, Mathematics
26+27/3/09	Glenys Williams – First Aid Refresher Course
28/4/09	Judith Owen – NPQH
28/4/09	Glenys Williams – Catchment Area Headteachers’ meeting/Regional meeting
20/5/09	Judith Owen – NPQH

Friends who help out at the school

Auntie Audrey – Y3 and Y4 (Tuesday afternoons) – English language
Auntie Ella – Y3 and Y4 (Wednesday afternoons) – Language and Sewing
Auntie Jessie – Y2 and Y3 (Friday mornings) – Language and Reading

3. Class Arrangements

In September 2008 there were 136 pupils on the school register in the care of four full-time teachers, one 0.8 teacher, one full-time senior assistant, two classroom assistants, two full-time SEN classroom assistants, three part-time SEN classroom assistants, and the Headteacher.

4. School Buildings

The condition of the building continues to cause concern to the Governing Body. During the year, damage was caused to one of the classroom windows and to the external door of the sports store; a police officer visited the site. The kitchen roof leaked, was inspected on the outside and it was believed that water had been blown under the chimney stack.

5. Additional Learning Needs

Responsible for co-ordinating the provision was the Headteacher, Mrs Glenys Williams. A special register of children encountering difficulties with their work is kept and in September 2008 there were 22 children on that register. Our psychologist is Elenid Glyn.

At Ysgol Nefyn arrangements are made for all staff to deal with the work and differentiated work is arranged for children who have ALN.

Work was done on Individual Education Plans and Individual Work Programmes that were prepared for each pupil on different stages of the register. Formal reviews were held twice during the year. Also there were regular informal meetings and reviews between the ALN Co-ordinator and the teacher. The 'Asesu Da' (Good Assessment) scheme (CRISP) is used to assess and provide for the children's ALN. There will be an opportunity for children to self-assess and also to attend meetings concerning ALN.

Miss Karen Roberts-Jones is the member of the Governors responsible for Additional Learning Needs and Child Protection at the school.

Every attempt is made to ensure that there is easy access to the school for pupils with disabilities and that prompt action is taken should any problem arise.

6. Attendance for the Year

	Infants	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	93.9%	95.1%	95.6%	94.9%	95.2%
Absences	6.1%	4.9%	4.4%	5.1%	4.8%
Authorised					
Unauthorised	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0	0

7. Social

2/9/08	Y5 – Second-hand clothes shop on the street – every afternoon – profit towards the Ganolfan
10/10/08	Coffee afternoon towards Christian Aid – Y2/Y3/Y4
23/10/08	Body Shop and Gill's Jewellery – Parents' Evening
23/10/08	Nursery/Reception/Y1 – singing for the residents of Plas Hafan
4/11/08	Y6 and Auntie Lis – Police Officer – Pensioners' Club at the Ganolfan
9/11/08	Remembrance Sunday Service – St David's Church
1/12/08	Y5 – organising and holding a Coffee Afternoon – at, and in aid of, the Ganolfan
10/12/08	Christmas Fair
16/12/08	Christmas Service at the Church
17/12/08	Y1/Y2 – Christmas Party at the Woodlands Hotel, Ederm
18/12/08	Y6 – Carol singing – Londis and Plas Madryn
19/12/08	Y3/Y4 – Christmas Party at the Ganolfan
19/12/08	Y5/Y6 – Christmas Party at the Nanhoron Hotel
5/2/09	School Council members at Plas Hafan with Auntie Lis – Police Officer – a talk with the senior citizens
4/09	Members of the Golf Club holding golfing sessions with Y6 pupils every week for six weeks
3-10/7/09	A week to celebrate 150 years of Ysgol Nefyn Summer Fair/Sports/Concert/Bingo/Treasure Hunt/Eisteddfod

A Whist Drive and Bingo are held every week at the school

We continue to send news of events at Ysgol Nefyn to three local papers every month.

Free Breakfasts Scheme

The Breakfast Scheme takes place every day at 8.00 a.m. The number of children attending the Club varies.

8. Safety Arrangements at the School

The children's safety at school is reviewed weekly by the Headteacher and Deputy and the teachers and remainder of the school staff are asked to inform the Headteacher should any situation arise at the school likely to cause danger to children or possessions.

There is a numbered lock on each school entrance and these numbers are changed occasionally so that the children do not become familiar with them.

No vehicles are allowed to move within school grounds between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. unless an adult walks in front of the vehicle to ensure safety.

All confidential documents or information are kept under lock and key at all times, and it is ensured that we burn any information that requires disposal.

Fire drills are held at least once a term.

9. Policy Review

The school draws up and reviews policies during the educational year and submits any changes to current policies to the Governors for discussion and acceptance; this also applies to new policies.

10. Implementing and Reviewing Specific School Strategies

Each strategy used by the school is open for discussion by the Governors at each meeting. Any new strategy has to receive the approval of the Governors before being put into action.

11. Progress in meeting Sports Objectives, and Sporting Achievements

The Physical Education Curriculum was taught by the Senior Assistant and by the relevant teachers in both key stages. Swimming was taught by a member of school staff and three other instructors at each session.

12. Successes during the Year

During March 2009, ESTYN conducted an inspection of Ysgol Nefyn. We take pride in the fact that we were awarded grades 1 and 2 in every aspect inspected at the school.

An attempt was made to ensure that there was an equal opportunity for all pupils to achieve to the best of their ability by being a dyslexia-friendly school.

A grant was received for work on Careers' Education and Business Partnership – Gwynedd and Anglesey Arts Agency Grant – in order to expand knowledge and understanding to ensure that children are educated through fieldwork in the future.

The school managed to retain the Green Schools' Gold Award.

The school succeeded in retaining the Green Flag in the Green Schools' Scheme.

We were very pleased with the development of our school website and had very positive feedback from parents.

Many congratulations to all the pupils of Ysgol Nefyn for gaining the Green Flag for the school (Eco-Schools Scheme). Being involved with Eco-Schools has given us the opportunity as individuals and as a school to truly assess our role within society and the wider world, and to consider environmental values that will have a positive effect on our future. Numerous links are forged with the wider community.

The children managed to gain the second prize in the Keep Wales Tidy competition held in Cardiff.

Many successes were achieved at Nefyn Show this year. Y5 pupils won first prize for a joint project to make a model on the topic of 'Our Area' using recycled materials.

The children's Business Enterprise Week proved hugely successful. The Christmas cards designed by the children of Y6, recipe books prepared by Y5 children, calendars by Y3 and 4 children, herbs from the garden sold by children in Y2 and 3 and Christmas wrapping paper and gift tags prepared by children in Y1, Reception and Nursery, drew the parents to their stalls. All their hard work resulted in great success.

A week of diverse activities was held with the community and parents to celebrate the school's 150th anniversary.

We managed to acquire a bicycle shed for the school field, a safe path down the field and pelican crossing in front of the school with a grant from the Safe Routes to School Scheme.

13. Information relating to Performance and Targets

Year 2 Children

Usually children of this age work at level 2. Some children within the age range will possibly encounter difficulties with some aspects of the work and will perhaps work at level 1. On the other hand, some children will successfully reach level 3.

Year 6 Children

Usually children of this age range will work at level 4, but as above some will work at a lower or higher level.

It must be stressed that there is a wide range at every level.

Below are the results of the school's statutory assessments for Stages 1 and 2 and the national comparative information.

School Targets

KS1	TARGETS LEVEL 2+			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
WELSH	77.7%	85.7%	91.7%	85.7%
ENGLISH				
MATHEMATICS	77.7%	85.7%	91.7%	85.7%
SCIENCE	88.9%	100%	100%	92.9%

KS2	TARGETS LEVEL 4+			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
WELSH	76.5%	96.3%	92.6%	89.2%
ENGLISH	82.4%	95.6%	77.8%	85.7%
MATHEMATICS	76.5%	81.5%	77.8%	82.1%
SCIENCE	88.2%	92.6%	92.6%	82.1%

14. Teacher Assessments and SATs Results

Key Stage 1

SUBJECT	Working towards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Welsh	-	-	50%	50%
Mathematics	-	-	91.7%	8.3%
Science	-	-	100%	-

Key Stage 2

SUBJECT	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Welsh	-	7.1%	67.9%	25%
Science	-	17.9%	60.7%	21.4%
Mathematics	-	17.9%	67.8%	14.3%
English	-	14.2%	42.9%	42.9%

When considering the school in the light of the above results we look at the children's abilities individually and the progress achieved by them during their period at the school. Targets are designed for each child individually according to the professional opinion of the teaching staff. Those targets will set a challenge to the teacher as well as being a realistic aim for the child.

See appendix showing results in detail.

15. Sex Education and Personal Education Policy

A copy of the sex education policy is available from the school's Headteacher.

16. Parent/Teacher Association

We thank the parents for their support during the year. The Association's balance sheet for the past school year is included as an appendix to this report.

Acknowledgement

The Governing Body wishes to thank all the school's staff for their conscientious work during the year and to thank the parents for their constant support.

The Headteacher would like to thank the Governors for their generous help and their thorough discussions on each occasion relating to the school. The Headteacher would like to acknowledge in particular the Chairperson's willingness to give of his time to acquire a full understanding of each situation relating to the running of this school.