

2023/24

THE GOVERNING BODY'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



Headteacher

Ms M. Phillips

2023/24



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Mae'n bleser gennym gyflwyno Adroddiad Blynyddol Corff Llywodraethol Ysgol Y Berllan Deg sy'n unol â gofynion Rheoliadau Adroddiadau Blynyddol Llywodraethwyr Ysgol (Cymru).

Nid ydym yn bwriadu cynnal cyfarfod penodol i drafod yr adroddiad hwn os na fydd nifer sylweddol o rieni yn gwneud cais. Os hoffech chi fynychu cyfarfod o'r fath a wnewch chi nodi hynny ar bapur i'r ysgol erbyn Gwener 6ed o Ragfyr.

Gobeithio y byddwch chi'n mwynhau darllen am gyflawniad yr ysgol eleni eto. Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda chadeirydd y corff llywodraethol neu'r pennaeth os hoffech chi drafod rhywbeth yn benodol neu os hoffech chi gael rhagor o wybodaeth ynglŷn ag unrhyw agwedd o'r adroddiad.

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Governors of Ysgol Y Berllan Deg in accordance with School Governors Annual Report Regulations (Wales).

We do not intend to hold a specific meeting to discuss this report unless a significant number of parents ask for a meeting. If you feel you would like to attend such a meeting, could you please make a written request to the school by Friday 6 December

We hope that you will enjoy reading about our school's achievements during the year. You are welcome to get in touch with the chair of the governors or the headteacher should you wish to have additional information about anything, or if you would like to make a comment about this report.



Message from the Chair of Governors

It is my pleasure to present Ysgol y Berllan Deg's annual report to you once again on behalf of the School Governing Body. The purpose of this report is to present a summary of the school's main activities and achievements during the past academic year.

The report cannot provide a complete picture of the life of the school, or of the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm that children, teachers, and support staff bring to all its activities, but we hope you will feel that it does provide an informative snapshot of the school year.

The fantastic tradition of an end of year show once more brought the school year to a 'Showstopping' close. I think you would all agree that 'Matilda' was a huge success and allowed us all to reflect that when we come together, we can accomplish anything. A huge thanks must go to the creativity and untiring efforts of all the staff involved. Not only for delivering such a spectacle, but for giving their time without question, giving our pupils the opportunity of learning and positive support throughout the process.

On a wellbeing note, in addition to the 'On yard Gym', we saw completion of one phase of the Reception play area. It's a wonderful sight to see both pupils and parents alike taking up the challenge of the various equipment. We are now in the processes of re-painting activities on the yard itself.

The 'Ffrindiau Ysgol Y Berllan Deg' had a huge role in raising funds for many of the yard alterations, completely funding the reception play area. Their constant fundraising efforts and enthusiasm in arranging various events, providing us valuable income in what has been and continues to be a tough financial environment. The support from Ffrindiau, parents and school community has been a significant help. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Ffrindiau for their unwavering commitment and efforts in supporting the school community in so many ways.

We, as a Governing Body, together with the staff and with your support, strive to ensure that the children at Ysgol y Berllan Deg are happy and safe in school and are making the best progress they can in all aspects of school life. Supporting this we as a school were very pleased last year to be awarded the Silver Award for our Language Charter, but why stop there; this year we see the Gold Award presented, something for all to be extremely proud of.

Once more, one of our biggest challenges as governors this academic year continued to be balancing the school's budget due to the continued financial constraints. But having said this, a positive amount of grants have now been received and allowing us to catch up and forecast a little more clearly. Alongside that of Clwb Carco an added revenue this year has been the renting of the School Hall on weekends to a French Club, the two together hopefully show that we are always looking for ways in which to invest in and improve resources e.g. diversity within the curriculum to mention but one area.

We would never be able to do any of the above if it wasn't for the constant untiring efforts of the school's staff. I would like to thank Mari, all teaching and support staff and all those who go above and beyond every day to provide the education and opportunities for our learners.



Unfortunately, this year we saw the loss of one of the fantastic people who shape our children's future's. One of the school's greatest characters, and supporters of YBD in Mrs Storm-McBean. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm in and out of school, she will always be part of our community and in our fondest memories.

This report sees the end of my term as Chair of the Governors, and Sioned Cardew-Richardson as Vice-Chair. We would like to thank you for your continuing support and look forward to another successful year in the life of our school family.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and prosperous 2025.

Diolch,

Chris Gibbs



Term Dates 2024-2025

TERM	Term Start	Half-Term Start	Half-term End	Term End
Autumn	Monday September 2nd 2024	Monday October 28th 2024	Friday November 1st 2024	Friday December 20th 2024
Spring	Monday January 6th 2025	Monday February 24th 2025	Friday February 28th 2025	Friday April 11th 2025
Summer	Monday April 28th 2025	Monday May 26th 2025	Friday May 30th 2025	Monday July 21st 2025

INSET days (no school for pupils)

02/09/24 (Monday):	Training Day for Staff
03/09/24 (Tuesday):	Training Day for Staff
23/09/24 (Monday):	Training Day for Bro Edern Cluster Staff
04/10/24 (Friday):	Training Day for Staff
31/01/25 (Friday):	Training Day for Staff
21/07/25 (Monday):	Training Day for Staff
05/05/25 (Monday)	May Day



INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Chair of Governors

Mr Chris Gibbs
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Vice-chair

Mrs Sioned Cardew-Richardson

Headteacher

Ms Mari Phillips

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Angharad Walpole

Clerk to the Governing Body

Ms Eve Smith

Parent Governors

Ms Bethan Holliday Stacey

until 19/12/26

Mrs Alison Carter

until 18/10/28

Mr Christopher Gibbs

until 18/10/28

Dr Angharad Jones

until 18/10/28

Mr David Taylor

until 18/10/28

Staff Governors

Mrs Angharad Walpole (teaching staff)

until 09/09/27

Mrs Rhian Llewelyn Jones (teaching staff)

until 09/06/28

Mr Drew Merchant (non-teaching staff)

until 10/10/27

Community Governors

Ms Rhian Williams

until 23/09/28

Mr Wyn Griffiths

until 17/11/28

Mrs Ceri Ann Hughes

until 11/05/26

LEA Governors

Mr Rodney Berman

until 30/04/25

Mr Nick Webb

until 30/06/26

Mrs Samantha Vaughan

until 30/06/26

Mrs Sioned Cardew-Richardson

until 26/01/27



STAFFING September 2024

Nursery:	Catrin Williams-Jones
Reception (Pwyll):	Angharad Walpole
Reception (Rhiannon):	Heledd Symons / Rhian Thomas
Year 1 (Branwen):	Eleri Browning
Year 1 (Llŷr):	Betsan Jenkins
Year 2 (Manawydan):	Lucy Thomas / Sioned Wyn Jones
Year 2 (Pryderi):	Caryl Parri
Year 3 (Esyllt):	Kellie Atkins
Year 3 (Tristan):	Rhian Llewelyn Jones
Year 4 (Olwen):	Manon James
Year 4 (Culhwch):	Ffion O'Brien
Year 5 (Macsen):	Siân Ward / Medi Davies
Year 5 (Elen):	Lowri Glyn Jones
Year 6 (Math):	Adrian Williams
Year 6 (Mathonwy):	Lowri John
ALN Coordinator:	Non Roberts
PPA Teachers:	Amy Bull / Lucy Corbett

Teachers from the same year of teaching continue to receive PPA time together to ensure consistency, development, and ongoing discussion among teachers.

Learning Support Assistants:

Meryl Davies (0.8), Dewi Rhisiart, Lucy Corbett, Veronica Jones de Kiff (0.6), Maxine Curtis (0.8), Alyson Ray (0.8) Louise Holmes (0.6), Hannah Evans, Emily Blofield

NIFEROEDD YM MHOB BLWYDDYN MEDI 2024

Nursery:	21 morning
	21 afternoon
Reception:	49
Years 1:	41
Years 2:	54
Years 3:	40
Years 4:	55
Years 5:	56
Years 6:	48

Total of Fulltime Pupils (Reception – Yr. 6) = 343

Total Pupils (Nursery – Yr. 6) = 385



DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Macmillan Coffee Morning - £544

Year 3 pupils organized a successful coffee morning at the end of September 2023 raising £544 for the Macmillan charity.

Cardiff Food Bank

As part of our thanksgiving collection we collected 126.7kg of food for the Cardiff Food Bank in October 2023, which is enough for 110 local people to have a food parcel for 3 days..

Children in Need - £395

The School Council organized fun activities for Children in Need. Everyone came to school wearing spots or pyjamas and £395 was raised for the good cause.

Save the Children - £190

Everyone came to school wearing Christmas jumpers and raised £190 for Save the Children.

Christmas Concerts - £790 to Oasis/Ysgol Noddfa

It was a pleasure to see the school children take part in Christmas concerts on several occasions - the school choir in Christchurch Church, Llanedeyrn, the Reception children's concert, the Year 1 and 2 Christmas show (2 shows), the Nursery children's concert (2 concerts), Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 carol services at Glenwood Church, Llanedeyrn. A total of £790 was collected in the 2 carol services for Oasis and School of Sanctuary and Year 1 also collected toys and goods for the Llamau charity as part of their topic work.

FUNDRAISING IN MEMORY OF MRS RHIANNON STORM MCBEAN

On Wednesday June 12th we remembered Mrs Storm McBean by holding a coffee morning in the school hall with around 100 members of the school community and Rhiannon's family present. All the staff and pupils came to school wearing purple and also ran a fun run in her memory. We managed to raise over £2,800 for the Velindre Hospital charity and to buy a purple bench to place in the school yard in her memory.



CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENTS AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

St. David's Day Celebrations

A whole school eisteddfod was held this year with houses competing against each other in the hall. The ceremony of chairing the poet was held in the school hall in the afternoon and it was a pleasure to see a Year 6 pupil win for writing poetry on the subject of The Journey.

Curriculum For Wales / Links with Ysgol Bro Edern

All Bro Edern cluster schools have been working together for the past three years on creating a new curriculum in accordance with the Curriculum for Wales which is statutory since September 2022. Meetings with relevant members of staff are held regularly to plan different aspects of the new curriculum with the 4 purposes central to the schemes of work.

Food and Fitness / Appetite for Life (Promoting Healthy Eating and Living)

The school tries hard to promote a healthy lifestyle. If a lunch box is provided for pupils for lunchtime, parents are asked to support the school's healthy eating policy by not including chocolate, sweets and so on in the box. Pupils are encouraged to bring fruit to eat during the morning break time. Due to the increasing number of pupils with allergies pupils are not allowed to bring nuts to school.

Nursery to Year 2 pupils receive free milk every day. Again, following our policy of keeping healthy, we ensure that water is available to drink throughout the day. All children are asked to bring a water bottle to school with the child's name clearly written on it. The bottles are sent home to be washed daily and they are expected back at school every morning.

All the pupils continue to run their 'mile a day' in order to stay healthy and fit and to enable them to concentrate better in class.

World Book Day

All the pupils had fun celebrating reading with many fun activities organised, including exchanging books and the older children and teachers going to a different class to read a story. The purpose of the day was to promote reading and show that reading can be fun.

Welsh Music Day

We had a lot of fun celebrating Welsh music by listening to live music in the hall and taking part in a number of activities organized by the Dragons. The highlight of the day was a 'lip-sync' competition in the school hall with all Reception to Year 6 classes competing against each other

Eisteddfod yr Urdd

The school had success in this year's Urdd Area Eisteddfod with a number of pupils from this school winning and representing the area in the County Eisteddfod.

COGURDD

As part of the Urdd Eisteddfod competitions, the first round of the Year 4,5 and 6 cooking competition was held in the hall in October 2023 and a Year 5 pupil represented the school in the regional round.

Digital Workshops

Several companies, including Technocamps and Cardiff Met, came to the school to hold digital workshops for the pupils



School of Sanctuary

The leader of the council, Huw Thomas, came to present us with a certificate in an assembly at the school in October 2023 and Newyddion Ni (a children's news programme on S4C) came to interview the pupils. The school choir also had the opportunity to perform outside the Senedd at a School of Sanctuary conference in December 2023.

Residential Courses

Year 6 spent a week in Llangrannog with the schools in the cluster, Year 5 once again had the opportunity to stay for 2 nights at Abernant outdoor centre in mid Wales and for the first time Year 4 stayed for 1 night at the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay in March 2024.

Free School Meals

By the summer term 2024 all pupils in the reception classes, Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 were offered a free school lunch. It is the parents' choice is to accept the offer or provide their own packed lunch for their child.

Cardiff Welsh Schools' Senedd

The members of the school council were very fortunate to be able to attend Cardiff Welsh schools' Senedd during the year and it was decided that each school would organize a 'Welsh in the Community' event.

'Welsh In The Community' Coffee Morning

On Friday morning, 17 May 2024, a 'Welsh in the Community' coffee morning was held in order to promote the Welsh language. The morning was organized by members of the Dreigiau / Dragons and the School Council and it was wonderful to work with the pupils of the 'Tafodau Tanbaid' from Bro Edern who came to help. It was a lovely morning with the choir performing and members of the community having the opportunity to socialize over a cup of tea

Session For Parents About Neurodiversity

Mrs Bethan Jones (the authority's autism specialist teacher) hosted an interesting afternoon for parents on Neurodiversity in the school hall on Monday, May 20th. It was an opportunity for parents to know more about the neurodevelopmental pathway and what support is available from the school and the authority.

Visitors and Visits

It was good to see that a number of visits had been organized during the year including, Canolfan yr Urdd Cardiff (residential course) Sherman Theatre, St Fagans, Big Pit, Llangrannog (residential course), Abernant (residential course) Crucial Crew, Cardiff Met (Science workshop), Caerleon, Noah's Ark Zoo in Bristol, Cardiff Castle and Rest Bay beach in Porthcawl. The pupils also benefited from visitors to the school including safety workshops from our community police officer, and shows about the history of Wales by the Mewn Cymriad theatre company which included Dic Penderyn for Year 5, Buddug for Year 3, Betty Campbell for Year 6 and Mari Jones for Year 2 pupils.

STEM Week

A STEM week was organized at the school once again for March 2024 with each year holding Science and Technology activities based on the term's topic.

Language Charter Gold Award

The Dreigiau / Dragons were busy throughout the year aiming to achieve the gold award and we succeeded to win the accreditation in June 2024.



Year 3,4,5 and 6 Summer Show

Watching the Year 3,4,5 and 6 show at the All Nations Centre at the end of the summer term was thrilling. It was a high-quality show and we are very grateful to all the staff for contributing to the success of the show and giving the children such a memorable and valuable experience.

Energy Saving-LED Lighting

Following Year 5's success in a competition by Evans Electrical to create posters to promote energy saving, £5000 worth of LED lights were installed in the school to save energy in October 2023.



LINKS WITH PARENTS

FFRINDIAU

We are very grateful to the Ffrindiau for organizing various fundraising activities to finance new resources for the school including large climbing equipment in the Nursery/Reception yard, the school's new website and funding furniture for the new reading cwtsh for years 5 and 6. The Ffrindiau also organized a very successful summer fair on the school grounds on Saturday July 6th to raise money for the school. There was a wide variety of stalls including Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Cantamil bookshop. They have also been busy collecting and selling second-hand school uniforms, sports t-shirts in the colours of the school teams and bucket hats with the school logo on them for the summer.

OPEN AFTERNOONS FOR FAMILIES

Successful open afternoons were held for prospective parents and their children aged 2-4 in the autumn term of 2023 and the spring term of 2024 to try to attract more families to the school and to Welsh education.

Welsh Lessons For Parents

Welsh lessons for parents were offered free of charge to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents in the school library. These lessons were organized by Cardiff and the Vale College and we hope to be able to offer this again during 2025.

LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

Reading Volunteers

We are very grateful to the reading volunteers who continue to come to the school every Monday and Tuesday morning to read with Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Menter Caerdydd

The provision of childcare and Bwrlwm (a free 2-hour play session through the medium of Welsh) was very successfully held by Menter Caerdydd during most of the school holidays with a large number of children attending.

Sports Activities and Various Competitions

It was a pleasure once again to see teams representing the school in a number of local and regional sports competitions. The highlight for the boys was getting to go to a football tournament in Southampton to represent Cardiff after winning the regional competition.

The school's girls' netball team became national champions in May 2024 by winning the Urdd national tournament in Aberystwyth. The mixed team also played brilliantly and reached the semi-finals.

Year 3 pupils attended multisports and swimming lessons during a week in March 2024.

During the year, Year 6 attended a 4-night residential course at Urdd Llangrannog centre with other schools in the Bro Edern cluster and Year 5 attended Abernant Centre for two nights.

Year 6 benefited from cycling lessons organized by Cardiff council in October 2022.

All classes continue to run a mile each day. The intention is to keep the pupils fit and help them focus better in class.

International Links

Year 6 pupils had French lessons every two weeks from a teacher from Ysgol Bro Edern which is part of the transition process.



Welsh Government Free Breakfast Scheme

The breakfast scheme, funded by the Welsh Government, continued to go from strength to strength and is currently full. To ensure that as many pupils as possible have had places in this scheme, all parents had the opportunity to register online. The purpose of the scheme is to supply breakfast to those who would not otherwise have breakfast at home.

Special Educational Needs / Additional Learning Needs

Since September 2021, the Special Educational Needs framework has been replaced by a new and revised system called the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act.

Many children receive special educational needs education during their time at school. Some children have specific special needs, a physical disability or a particular ability (More Able and Talented) that must be extended. Our aim is to meet the requirements of each child through careful planning, using a range of visual, auditory and kinesthetic strategies that enable learners to reach their full potential.

Mrs Non Roberts is the school's Additional Learning Needs co-ordinator. During the 2023/2024 academic year most of the learning support assistants helped her. They work closely with the class teachers and external agencies to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. A number of different interventions are used to support and develop pupils' literacy, numeracy, emotional and social skills.

Equal Opportunities

We believe that every individual has the right regardless of their race, background, religion or disability to receive equal opportunities at this school. We are proud to be a school that welcomes pupils, staff and parents from different social backgrounds, race, gender, disability, belief, language, sexual orientation and age.

Accessibility Plan

As a school we understand the importance of effective learning and teaching which ensures the best experiences for all pupils in the school. We ensure that every pupil with a disability has the same experiences as everyone else in the school. We constantly evaluate our performance to ensure that the requirements of each child are met. The school has a specific policy and access plan.

Policies

The school regularly reviews and evaluates the success of the strategies used in the school. A full list of the school's policies is available at the school. If you would like to see or discuss any policy you are welcome to make an appointment to discuss this with Miss Phillips.

Health and Safety

The external doors are secured by having a special fob to ensure access. All visitors go to the school office first where they sign in and get a visitor badge.

The yard is suitable for pupils and adults with disabilities. The school has a comprehensive Health and Safety policy to ensure a safe environment for everyone within the school

Toilets

There are plenty of toilets around the school and they are cleaned at least once a day. If there is an issue due to the cleanliness of the toilets members of staff will deal with the issue as soon as possible.



School Bus

The 822 bus service through Penylan to the school has now been extended and is partly funded by Cardiff Council. You can book a place on the bus and get more details by contacting the Adventure Travel company on 02920442040. Using the bus is convenient and a good way to avoid traffic on the roads or the problem of parking outside the school. It is also a good way to help improve the environment locally by reducing pollution from cars travelling to and from the school.



EVALUATION OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PRIORITY 1 - Continue to embed processes and strategies in order to raise reading standards in Welsh and English

All the strategies implemented in 2022/2023 continued to be developed, and were implemented during the 2023-2024 academic year. This is reflected in the results of reading the online assessments this year in both languages showing good progress. Talking to Year 5 and 6 pupils following their visit to the Hay Literary Festival in order to promote reading for pleasure proved the effectiveness of this in terms of arousing their enthusiasm as they discussed the books they bought there. A new 'Reading Cwtch for Year 5 and 6 pupils has now been completed and is being used regularly by the pupils and this has raised the profile of reading with the school's older children.

PRIORITY 2 – Ensuring consistency in pedagogy throughout the school especially the pupils' independent skills

Feedback from the action research teams on what has or hasn't worked in the classroom (when trialling various strategies in terms of formative assessment) in a staff meeting was an opportunity to discuss how elements discussed for different ages can be developed in September 2024.

When looking at books and discussing pupils' work with them it became clear that a number of aspects of this priority had a positive effect on the pupils' learning e.g. strategies on how to improve their work and carry out tasks more independently.

PRIORITY 3 - Ensuring that all pupils develop into ambitious and capable learners, principled and informed citizens, healthy and confident individuals and enterprising and creative contributors by continuing to develop our provision for Curriculum for Wales

When looking at books and talking to pupils, almost every pupil was able to discuss their themes enthusiastically, showing a good understanding of what was learned and the relevance of this to them

PRIORITY 4 – Tightening the school's self-evaluation processes and arrangements for tracking each pupil's progress

We have now started to implement the principles of Schools as Learning Organizations in order to facilitate the school's self-evaluation processes and identify aspects to improve, starting with filling in a questionnaire asking the teachers' opinion on where we are as a school in the section 'Establishing a culture of research, innovation and exploration'. The staff's opinion on this aspect as well as other aspects will feed into the priorities of the School Improvement Plan 2024-2025.

PRIORITY 5 – Developing Leadership at all levels throughout the whole school

The school Senedd was established in the spring term which met regularly with me to discuss a number of whole school issues including organizing a fundraising day in memory of Mrs Rhiannon Storm McBean, discussing elements of the school improvement plan and being filmed by *Newyddion Ni* for S4C about the election. We will develop this further during the 2024-2025 academic year.

The school's governors' self-evaluation arrangements are in place.



THE WAY FORWARD - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024/2025

PRIORITY 1: Continue to work closely with the cluster to ensure we meet the requirements of the Curriculum for Wales and develop purposeful and exciting plans

PRIORITY 2: Develop Health and Wellbeing provision throughout the whole school

PRIORITY 3: Tighten the arrangements for whole school self-improvement processes including monitoring and tracking pupils' progress

PRIORITY 4: Continue to ensure continuity and consistency in terms of pedagogy throughout the whole school



MEMORIES OF 2023-2024 BY EACH CLASS

NURSERY

Nursery children have enjoyed playing Lego, learning Tric a Chlic letters and playing with friends.

Nursery children have enjoyed driving the bikes and scooters, playing with friends and being Helper of the Day.

Reception: Pwyll

We have enjoyed

- going on a school trip to Cefn Mably;
- planting plants and learning about insects in the Berllan Fechan;
- using the new climbing frame,
- singing and performing for Mrs Storm-McBean's coffee morning,
- predicting and testing which materials will keep Humpty Dumpty from breaking.

Reception: Rhiannon

1. We have enjoyed visiting Cefn Maby Farm.
2. We have enjoyed playing on the new play equipment in the small yard.
3. We have enjoyed planting seeds, weeding and watering in the Small Orchard.
4. We have enjoyed learning new songs and performing at our Christmas show and coffee morning.
5. We have learned how to speak Welsh and have enjoyed celebrating Seren and Sbarc Day.

BI.1: Branwen

In Year 1 we've had a lot of fun this year! During the first term we learned about different families and about people who help us. We have been very kind helping other people too e.g. making a collection for the Llamau and Children in Need charity. During the second term we were lucky enough to go for a walk to Maelfa to learn what is in our local area and learn about the different shops. Learning about healthy and unhealthy food was extremely interesting and we learned about the importance of washing our hands by doing an experiment with bread! During our last term everyone enjoyed learning about sea and beach creatures. We loved being able to go on a trip to Porthcawl beach and catch crabs and we saw several starfish and anemones in the sea pools. We have learned many facts about sea animals and how to look for them. We loved the story of Nellie the Jelly Fish and singing the Sali Sus song! Our pirate day was full of fun and we loved dressing up as pirates and singing our shanty! Creating a boat was a highlight for many of us and we had fun seeing which ones would float and carry treasure. Aled Afal and his friends helped us with our reading and writing and we have enjoyed our Tric a Chlic sessions, especially the songs! We have enjoyed being creative by creating, coloring and painting. We've used our imaginations to create amazing things in the construction area with the knex and blocks. More than anything we have enjoyed spending time with our friends, learning and playing.

BI1: Llyr

In Year 1 Llyr we have had a great year learning new things and creating unforgettable memories! This year, we have learned how to write sentences with the help of Aled Afal and his friends and everyone has enjoyed rapping and singing the songs Tric a Clic! By taking part in a 2D and 3D shape hunt, and adding money at 'Aled Afal Supermarket', we have learned important numeracy and maths skills. Recently, everyone had a lot of fun learning about sea creatures by learning their names and writing an interesting fact file about the animals. Our class had a wonderful time on our pirate day, where everyone had the opportunity to create pirate hats, treasure maps, and learn about famous pirates such as



Barti Ddu! We are a very creative class and have had many experiences that have taught us how to use new tools and techniques! We have imitated the work of the artist Ruth Jên by using water paint and oil pastels and creating art with bubbles was one of our favorite activities of the year. By conducting classroom experiments, we have learned how to be curious scientists. During our STEM week, we helped Supertaten rescue Tomato from the moon by experimenting with different sizes of tablets and water while building rockets. Understanding nature and spending time outdoors is very important to us! Planting, growing and tasting vegetables in our garden was very interesting! We have learned the importance of being kind and have collected items and raised money for the charity Llamau which helps homeless children and women. Educational trips were a highlight for many of us! Our trip to Rest Bay gave us the opportunity to discover sea creatures in sea pools and learn how to catch live animals such as crabs! Wow, what a year!

BI 2 Manawydan

We've had a lot of fun in year 2! We have enjoyed creating many craft things such as African masks, weaving and creating mountains with papier mâché. In our STEM lessons we have done a number of interesting experiments, learning about renewable energy, global warming and learning how to look after our world. We have also learned many new things in our maths lessons and used them to solve a large number of problems! We know a number of tables too! We enjoyed our wonderful trips around Cardiff, the Brecon Beacons and to Noah's Ark Zoo. Some of our other favourite things were learning African dance and performing the Banua song with percussion instruments. We also had fun performing our Rala Rwdins Christmas Show in front of our parents. We are looking forward to singing at the Summer Show at the All Nations Centre next year when we are in year 3!

BI 2 Pryderi

We especially remember these things:-

In the Christmas season, there was a trip, which was to go around Cardiff's famous attractions, learn about Laura Ashley, we acted in the Christmas Show and there was a trip to the theatre. In the Easter term, we went to the Brecon Beacons, we learned about the farm and we created a mountain in the style of Gwyn Williams.

In the summer term, we went to the zoo, learned about Africa and wove and created masks to raise money for Water Aid - £105!!

Over the year, we created a birthday card for everyone in Year 2.

BI 3: Esyllt

The highlight of Esyllt's class from year 3 was the opportunity to play the pBuzz at the All Nations Centre. The experience of playing with an orchestra was fantastic. We enjoyed our trip to Caerleon, where we had the opportunity to feast like the Romans and to look at the remains of the Romans. Our themes this year were the Celts and Romans and we learned a lot about their way of life and their influence on Wales. We enjoyed reading Cadi and the Celts, weaving paper, creating a mosaic and visiting Bryn Eryr in St Fagans. Roman chariots were created and raced around a track. The school came together to celebrate St David's Day and to celebrate Welsh Music Day. We enjoyed the 'lip sync' competition and we sang the song Gwena by Gwibdaith Hen Frân, and competed in a variety of competitions at the School Eisteddfod. We have developed many new skills during the year, including how to add and subtract in columns, cursive handwriting and cricket. Our favourite books were Escape From Pompeii, The Bog Baby and The High City. Also, we have been very lucky to get new English books and we enjoy reading the books during quiet reading time. We had a lot of fun planting in the Little Orchard. We had the opportunity to develop our swimming skills while having swimming lessons and sports. We enjoyed every second of these lessons, even though we were exhausted by the end of the week! To finish we must mention the performance of the show, Matilda. We had a lot of fun singing. It has been a wonderful year; we have enjoyed it in year 3.

BI. 3: Tristan



Our time in Year 3 has been excellent! We have enjoyed learning about lots of interesting subjects, especially the Celts and the Romans. During the year, we had the opportunity to visit the Roman fort in Caerleon. We really enjoyed visiting the Roman baths and the amphitheatre, as well as discovering lots of interesting artefacts in the museum.

We really enjoyed learning more about the Celts on our trip to St Fagans too. We also had the opportunity to partake in swimming lessons in Year 3. We really enjoyed improving our swimming skills, and enjoyed the sports sessions in Cardiff Met too! We have welcomed many visitors to our classroom during the year. The building satellites out of Lego workshop was an excellent opportunity for us to develop our STEM skills, and we also enjoyed learning about Micro:bits with Technocamps.

We also enjoyed the opportunity to relax during a yoga session with Mrs Price and Mrs Booth. We have also enjoyed taking part in and celebrating many special events during the year such as Dydd Miwsig Cymru, the school Eisteddfod, our sports day, and raising money during the coffee morning. In Year 2, we were in different classes. We have really enjoyed the experience of being mixed up before coming to Year 3 as it has given us the opportunity to make lots of new friends. Learning to play the pBuzz with our teachers and Mr Roberts as well as developing our musical skills was an excellent experience too, and we were lucky enough to have the chance to perform with the CAVMS Youth Jazz Orchestra in the All Nations Centre! We finished our time in Year 3 by practising and performing as part of the chorus in our KS2 show, Matilda, and it was an excellent experience!

Bl. 4: Olwen

We have enjoyed many wonderful experiences in year 4. We had a special time visiting the Urdd centre in Cardiff Bay, especially when traveling on the speed boat around the Bay and when visiting the Senedd and the chamber! We also enjoyed having the opportunity to visit the Glamorgan Cricket stadium - the workshop on the history of cricket in Wales and the cricket lessons were fantastic.

During the first term, we had a special experience of learning how to play the jSax in our weekly lessons, everyone was very excited when performing for parents following our last lesson. We loved rehearsing and performing the Matilda show.

In our science lessons, we had the opportunity to plan many interesting experiments, our favourite was creating a catapult and measuring distance - some were able to throw very far! We've enjoyed creating colourful artwork emulating Tomos Roberts and Quentin Blake. We have done a lot of interesting math work and enjoyed working on Sumdog.

We enjoyed our 'Defense and Attack' theme, especially learning about Welsh castles and the history of Gwentllian. Our trip to Cardiff Castle was fantastic, we learned about the history of the castle and how the Bute family lived. The weapons workshop was amazing and we had the chance to hold a heavy sword! Our favourite class books this year were Cyfrinach Castell Coch, The Worst Witch and The Hodgeheg. One of the highlights of the year was our class party with lots of food and great games.

Bl. 4: Culhwch

This year the children have enjoyed learning about Welsh castles and creating their own castle out of clay. They enjoyed visiting the Bay Centre and the Senedd and writing a blog about the Bay after returning to school.

They enjoyed learning about the body and doing creative work about the body as well as having the visitor Dr Roberts in to answer questions. They had also responded positively to the 'Trees for Change' project when learning about climate change.



Everyone enjoyed doing the Big Maths tests on the Chromebooks weekly and were very proud of their progress as well as doing the Problem of the Week.

Everyone enjoyed developing their IT skills creating various presentations, i-movies, working together on Minecraft Education and having a microbits workshop and Technocamps

The children have enjoyed all the experiences of gardening, having j-sax warm-ups, French club, the sports and taking part in the Matilda Show.

BI. 5: Maccsen

This year we have enjoyed a number of new experiences. Some of our favourite things were going on a residential course for the first time to Abernant and having the opportunity to try paddle boarding, fencing, abseiling and activities on the lake.

We have also enjoyed going to see Peter Pan at the Sherman Theatre, going to Gwyl y Gelli and listening to authors talk about their books, going on an underground trip to Big Pit and having a Victorian lesson at Ysgol Maestir, St Fagans. We have also learned new skills while having Jsax lessons, taking part in a Technocamps workshop using Lego spikes and taking part in a Chemistry workshop. We have enjoyed our sessions with Cardiff Met, where we have had the opportunity to develop our hockey, rugby and tennis skills. It has been an exciting year for us learning about the industrial Revolution, developing our digital skills using Mircobits and creating a website. To finish the year we had fun performing as part of the Matilda chorus.

BI. 5: Elen

We have had a year full of unforgettable experiences in class 5 Elen this year. Without a doubt our trip to Abernant will remain in the memory the most. From the delicious food, to being brave and going for it to learn challenging new skills such as paddleboarding, having fun sharing rooms with our best friends to the neatest room competition, every minute was full of new challenges and fun! An amazing experience for everyone. Another trip that really inspired us was our trip to the Hay Festival. We all loved immersing ourselves in the world of books and having the opportunity to listen to famous authors such as Maz Evans and hear the poetic raps of Alex Wharton. The teachers were in their element seeing everyone reading and rapping on the bus on the way home. Everyone's imaginations were fired!

We were lucky enough to have several other trips, down to the coal mine at Big Pit, a Victorian school in St Fagans and a trip to the Sherman Theatre to see Peter Pan! We have been learning in class too, really! Learning about the planet and the seas and about children's rights during the Victorian Age was an eye opener for us all. Great fun was had creating 'Dragons' Den' year 5 and creating inventions and presenting them to each other hoping for an investment or two!

We enjoyed performing in Matilda and we are so excited that it will be our turn to star next year!

It has been a very busy year and we have really enjoyed working together with our friends. We have taken every opportunity presented to us and made Mrs Parry a very proud teacher. On to year 6!

BI. 6: Math

We have had a great time in year 6. One of the most memorable aspects of the year was our work on the Docks and Cardiff Bay. It was an eye-opener as we explored the rich history and multicultural culture of these areas including the performance of 'Betty Campbell' by the Mewn Cymriad company, where her stories and life came to life.

STEM week was amazing! We were delighted with the work and workshops held by Cardiff University and TechnoCamps. Everyone enjoyed taking part in Coke and Mentos reaction experiments and creating our own chocolate bar. The STEM Club did particularly well to take victory in the Cardiff County Lego League competition.



We also had experiences to enrich our work in class. The Crucial Crew workshop developed our essential life skills, while our history trip to Cardiff Bay opened our eyes to the vibrant and colorful history of our city. The highlight of the whole year for everyone was a week full of activities in Llangrannog where we had the opportunity to go karting, skiing, trampolining and make new friends from the Cluster schools and the Happy Night and the Disco were full of fun and excitement. The Hay Festival was also an inspiring highlight, where we had the opportunity to meet and hear from real authors.

Some of us displayed our talents at the Urdd Eisteddfod and various sports games and competitions throughout the year. The girl's netball team performed brilliantly as they were crowned National Champions in the Urdd Competition.

The Christmas concert at Glenwood Church was encouraging and we showcased our talents in the 'Matilda' show. We loved singing the songs 'Briws' and 'Gwrthryfela - so much fun and full of energy!

Year 6 was an amazing and unforgettable way to end our time at Berllan Deg. Every moment was full of learning, laughter, friends, and memories that will live with us forever.

BI. 6: Mathonwy

We have developed many skills this year, including creative linguistic, scientific, historical and digital skills. We've been learning a lot about the Development of the Docks and Cardiff Bay, and the history was brought to life on the Betty Campbell show by Mewn Cymeriad. We learned more about the buildings of the Bay on our walking tour with Cardiff Bay Tours before having a session about water safety with the Fire Brigade and watching the short play Y Naid by the Na Nóg company. We have a great opportunity to develop our creative skills with an art lesson with our parent and local artist Rachel Rasmussen.

We developed many STEM skills during STEM Week. We had a workshop about planets from Cardiff University, we had a lot of fun at the Technocamps workshop. Tirion, Gwilym and the Lego League crew were busy preparing for the competition and they became Champions! Everyone developed a number of skills in the TASC Wheel and experiments, such as the club experiment and Coke and Mentos, but the favorite was the task of creating a chocolate bar.

We have also developed our reading skills in various ways including the morning Reading Circle. Everyone dressed as their favorite book character on Book Day. We have enjoyed a number of class novels this year including 'Y Crwt yn y cefn' and 'The Lost Bear' and 'Ta ta Tryweryn.' contemporary such as Jeff Kinney - a dream come true for many in the class.

One highlight of the year was a whole week in Llangrannog where we had the opportunity to go karting, skiing, trampolining and make new friends from the schools in the cluster and the Noson Lawen and the Disco were full of fun and excitement with everyone singing 'Yma o Hyd' at the end of the night. It was nice to have a few French lessons with Madame Jones and the transition days with Bro Edern were also a valuable experience in making new friends and meeting new teachers.

We had a year of celebrating our Welshness this year. We are very proud of Mared and the Dragons who worked diligently to win the Language Charter Gold Award. The school celebrated St David's Day in the hall and the charring ceremony was a highlight for Ioan for his poem about a refugee's journey. A number of the children this year had competed in the Urdd Eisteddfod singing and speaking and competing in the Art & Craft competitions. We learned about the history of Tryweryn and having the opportunity to listen and ask questions to Mr Roberts, son of Mrs Martha Roberts, former headmistress of Ysgol Capel Celyn was an extremely valuable experience.

Sport is important to many in the class. A number of rugby, netball, football and cricket games were enjoyed during the year representing the school. The sports sessions at Cardiff Met were a lot of fun with great indoor facilities - a great facility with all the rain we've had this year! The



football team (and Mr Williams) loved going to Southampton to represent Cardiff City FC. A group from year 6 also went to film the Tekkers program - a great experience to be in a TV studio playing games through the medium of Welsh. But the highlight of the year for Mrs John was taking the girl's netball team and the mixed team to the Urdd tournament in Aberystwyth and indeed the girl's team was the winner - the best team in Wales! We also had a lot of fun on Sports Day when Year 6 took on an important role as Court Captain, Tywi was the winner this year!

The School Council and the Eco Council were also busy throughout the year and Erin and Megan were always ready to lead and contribute during a number of meetings. The garden is now a great success with the children loving planting, weeding and selling under the guidance of Mrs Bull. We had a day to raise money for the Velindre Hospital charity in memory of the beloved Mrs Storm McBean. Everyone dressed in purple, her favorite colour, and collected sponsorship by running around the field.

There are a number of performers among us and the Year 6 crew have been loyal to the Shakespeare Club. It was a pleasure to host our Christmas concert at Glenwood Church and there was a lovely atmosphere there. The choir also sang at The Senedd. Many benefitted from instrumental lessons at the school and everyone enjoyed the guitar service. A highlight for Year 6 this year was the Matilda Show. The songs 'Pan wydda nfr' 'Briws' and 'Gwrthryfelwn' will remain alive in the memory for a long time. It has been an unforgettable year; we have enjoyed every moment in year 6.



CARDIFF COUNCIL/GYNGOR CAERDYDD SCHOOLS OUTTURN OF EXPENDITURE / CANLYNIAD GWARIANT YSGOLION 2023-2024

Governing Body / Corff Llywodraethu of: Ysgol-y-Berllan Deg

	Governor Approved Budget/Cyllideb a Gymeradwywyd gan y Llywodraethwyr		Actual Expenditure/ Gwariant Cyflawnedig	
	£	£	£	£
Staffing costs/Costau Staff				
Teaching Costs/Costau Addysgu	1,120,037		1,119,660	
Special Needs Teachers/Athrawon Anghenion Arbennig	38,044		37,803	
Teachers for statemented pupils/Athrawon ar gyfer disgyblion sy'n destun datganiad	0		0	
Short Term Supply/Llanw Byr Dymor	0		3,851	
Long Term Supply/Llanw Hir Dymor	34,188		45,911	
Special Needs Support Staff/Staff Cymorth Anghenion Arbennig	0		0	
Nursery Assts/ Teachers Aides / Adult Helpers/Cynorthwyyr Meithrinfa/ Cymhorthion Athrawon / Cynorthwyyr	260,877		223,789	
Foreign Language Assistants/Cynorthwyyr Ieithoedd Tramor	0		0	
Technicians/Technegwyr	0		0	
Mid Day Supervisors/Gorychwylwyr Canol Dydd	21,187		16,615	
Library Staff / Attend Officer/Staff Llyfrgell / Swyddog Presenoldeb	0		0	
Administrative Staff/Staff Gweinyddol	55,988		54,704	
Non teaching supply costs/Costau llanw staff heb fod yn athrawon	0		0	
Training Costs/Costau hyfforddi	8,813		6,508	
Other Staff Costs/Costau staff eraill	40,410		93,142	
Performance Management/Rheoli Perfformiad	2,000		1,957	
Total Staffing Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Staff		1,581,544		1,603,941
Premises Related Costs/Costau Eiddo				
Caretaking Staff/Staff Gofalwyr	35,943		37,399	
Domestic Staff/Staff Domestig	14,536		13,165	
Grounds Staff/Staff y Tir	3,215		3,346	
Cleaning Costs/Costau Glanhau	53,026		50,620	
Energy Costs/Costau Ynni	52,134		45,148	
Rates/Cyfraddau	42,265		42,265	
Repairs and Maintenance/Atgyweiriau a Chynhaliath	17,085		14,808	
Water/Dŵr	10,518		13,491	
Total Premises Related Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Eiddo		228,722		220,241
Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant				
Pupil Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant Disgyblion	0		6,529	
Staff Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant Staff	200		105	
Vehicle Costs/Costau Cerbydau	0		0	
Total Transport Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Cludiant		200		6,634



Supplies and Services/Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau			
Teaching Materials/Adnoddau Addysgu	12,500		14,004
Equipment, Furniture, Materials & music tuition/Offer, Dodrefn, Deunyddiau a hyfforddiant cerddoriaeth	100		3,575
Library Books & Materials/Llyfrau a Deunyddiau Llyfrgell	0		0
Catering Costs/Costau Arlwyo	4,500		3,623
Unallocated / Savings to be found/Arian heb ei ddosbarthu / Cynilion	-80,056		0
Communications Equipment and Services/Offer a Gwasanaethau Cyfathrebu	4,150		5,873
Consultants Fees/Ffioedd Ymgynghorwyr	0		0
Examinations Fees/Ffioedd Arholiadau	0		0
Games & School Activities/Gemau a Gweithgareddau Ysgol	1,700		35,274
Clerk to Governing Body/Clerc y Corff Llywodraethu	1,674		980
Other office costs/Costau swyddfa eraill	1,185		1,529
Printing & Stationery/Argraffu a Deunydd Ysgrifennu	13,519		10,575
Pupil Exclusions/Gwaharddiadau Disgyblion	0		0
Subsistence and expenses/Cynhaliath a threuliau	0		1,600
Total Supplies and Services/Cyfanswm Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau		-40,728	77,032
Central Services/Gwasanaethau Canolog			
School Meals/Prydau Ysgol	0		0
Service Level Agreements/Trefniadau Lefel Gwasanaeth	16,802		15,431
Total for Central Services/Cyfanswm ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Canolog		16,802	15,431
Income/Incwm			
Additional Central Funding/Nawdd Canolog Ychwanegol	-241,531		-24,393
Community Education/Addysg Cymunedol	0		0
Donations/Rhoddion	0		-51,709
Lettings/Gosodiadau	-9,690		-9,740
Other Income/Incwm arall	0		-765
Grant Income/Incwm rhent	0		-241,393
Sales/Gwerthiannau	0		0
School Meals Recharge/Talu am Brydau Ysgol	0		0
Training and Tuition Income/Incwm Hyfforddiant	-4,200		-7,671
Total Income/Cyfanswm Incwm		-255,421	-335,672
Interest and Other/Llog ac Arall			
Interest on investments/Llog ar fuddsoddiadau	0		0
School Investments/Buddsoddiadau Ysgol	0		0
Withdrawal Investments/Buddsoddiadau Dileadau	0		0
School Deficit/Gwariant Ysgol			
Temporary Loans/Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0		0
Temporary Loans/Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0		0
Interest/Llog	0		0
Total Interest and Other/Cyfanswm Llog ac arall		0	0
Total Net Expenditure/Cyfanswm Gwariant Net		1,531,119	1,587,608
Less Uninvested Balance Brought Forward/Llai'r Balans na fuddsoddwyd a ddygwyd ymlaen		-62,849	
Less earmarked Rates/Llai'r Cyfraddau a glustnodwyd		-42,265	-42,265
Contribution to / from balances/Cyfraniad i / o falansys			-119,338
Revised Net Expenditure/Gwariant Net Diwygiedig		1,426,005	1,426,005



Summary/Crynodeb	
Total resources available in 2023-2024 / Cyfanswm adnoddau ar gael yn 2023-2024	£
School balances Brought forward from 2022-2023/Balansau ysgol a ddygwyd ymlaen o 2022-2023	62,849
School Loans Brought forward from 2022-2023/Benthyciadau Ysgol a Ddygwyd ymlaen o 2022-2023	0
Prior Year Adjustment/Cyn Addasiad Blwyddyn	0
Total delegated resources/Cyfanswm adnoddau dirprwyedig	1,468,270
Total/Cyfanswm	1,531,119
Actual Expenditure/Gwariant Cyflawnedig	1,587,608
Less change in investments/Llai'r newid mewn buddsoddiadau	0
Less Movements in Temporary Loan/Llai'r Symudiadau â Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0
Less variance in earmarked rates/Llai'r amrywiant â chyfraddau a glustnodir	0
Total balance carried forward to 2024-2025/Cyfanswm Balans a ddygwyd ymlaen i 2024-2025	-56,488
Statement of Balances Held/Datganiad Balansau	£
Uninvested Balance as at 31st March 2024/Balans na fuddsoddwyd ar 31 Mawrth 2024	-56,488
Invested Balance as at 31st March 2024/Balans a fuddsoddwyd ar 31 Mawrth 2024	0
Outstanding Loans as at 31st March 2024/Benthyciadau dros ben ar 31 Mawrth 2024	0
Total Balances held as at 31st March 2024/Cyfanswm Balansau ar 31 Mawrth 2024	-56,488

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