

Governor Newsletter / Cylchlythyr Lywodraethwr

The Federation of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd & Ysgol Gellifor

By Sandy Mayall,
Chair of Governors

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Carers /
Annwyl Rieni, Gwarcheidwaid, Neiniau/Theidiau a Gofalwyr

Well the first thing I must say for the summer newsletter is the great news of the confirmation of our Headteacher, Mr Monteiro. As a governing body this is one of the most important decisions that we have to make and the process is a tough and rigorous one. We have been lucky enough to see Mr Monteiro in action for the past eighteen months as our acting Head and he has shown us the necessary qualifications that are critical to lead our schools. He is passionate about our schools and already has the support of the staff, children, parents and of course the governing body. He is forward thinking and this year alone has completed his National Professional Qualification for Headship, passed our rigorous interview process as well as his assessments to be an ESTYN peer inspector. No mean feat in just one year!

Together with his help, we as a governing body have been on a journey towards raising our standards and the processes towards our goals. We are more involved with the self evaluation and development of our schools and we have a shared vision for each school. We are continuing to prepare for an ESTYN inspection which is likely to take place at both schools at some point in the next academic year, which again is an ongoing process really from our last inspection and keeping abreast with the changes in education. The staff at our schools are wholly committed to your children, treating them as individuals and giving them the education they deserve. They ALL go the extra mile and I would like to say a big thank you to them all.

On behalf of all the members of the Governing Body I would like to say thank you to you the parents as well, for the time and effort you put into our schools to make them special.

I hope you all have a fabulous summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.



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Governor Objectives /

The Governing Body started the 2015-16 academic year with three clear objectives to bring about improvement for the effectiveness of the Governing Body which in turn would help support the school.

The first, to be effective we needed to have an improved attendance of Governors at our meetings, allowing all our members to have a proactive role in the development of the schools. We have seen a marked improvement in attendance over the course of the year at our full governor body meetings, sub committee meetings and working party meetings. Governors serve in a voluntary capacity and the time they give to these meetings is greatly appreciated.

Our second objective was for governors to make visits to both schools to monitor actions on our school development plan. This academic year nearly all of our sixteen governors have been into both schools and reported back to our meetings on strategies that are in place to raise standards within the schools.

Our final objective for this academic year was to establish a shared vision for both schools through gauging, pupil, parent, staff and governor opinions and feedback. The governors met through working parties to assimilate these values and have developed school visions for both Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor, which you can read below.

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What a year it has been! I am delighted to share the progress the schools, Mr. Monteiro, staff and the Governors as a whole have made.

Governors have general meetings to attend but also we are assigned to sub committees within the main body. Many of these committees are responsible for a variety of aspects which contribute to Ysgol Gellifor and Ysgol Bryn Clwyd's School Development Plans (SDPs).

Two years ago I chose to be part of the curriculum committee which significantly contributes to the SDP through looking at school planning and pupil work which covers the areas of the National Curriculum.

The curriculum committee also works with members of the schools senior leadership teams to identify pupil progress and National Test results are analysed to help identify areas for improvement. The committee also make sure special arrangements are in place for pupils with additional learning needs - whether that be a little extra help if they are struggling or opportunities to challenge the high flyers.

This year my attention has been with:

- Attending moderation meetings with staff which have looked at reading comprehension.
- Mathematics as a whole curriculum committee.
- Observation of Mathematics support strategies in school for over and under performing pupils.
- Shadowing the head teacher during a lesson observation.
- Meeting with the head teacher to discuss ITC skill development planned for next year.
- Communication and marketing of both of our schools
- Self Evaluation and SDP development

Other governors have had different areas to cover and we are all encouraged to view both schools and share best practice across the federation and beyond.

Next year I would like to propose a "Parent Governor Clinic" once a term so that all parents have access to the governing body and that we can truly represent the views of parents, carers, and guardians and share with you some of the progress the school has made in the last twelve months.

Tina Hewett (Vice-Chair)

The school visions below have been formed collaboratively with all stakeholders and with the guidance of Mr Monteiro. The vision statements clearly define the core ethos and values of each school as well as giving the head teacher measurable targets when planning for school improvement.

At Ysgol Bryn Clwyd our goal is to help your child to make memories that inspire a life long love of learning within a fun and supportive environment and a strong Welsh community. We nurture well-rounded, happy and educated children in a friendly and family-like environment to enable each child to achieve their personal potential.

At Ysgol Gellifor we bring excellence and enjoyment together to instil a life long love of learning, inspiring your child to learn without limits in a friendly and happy environment. We encourage and challenge our children to attain their potential, build friendships and engage with life and community with a growth mindset. Above all we create aspiration to achieve in an environment where children are still allowed to be children.

Attendance / Presenoldeb

	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3
Mr Richard Monteiro	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Sandy Mayall	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Tina Hewett	Present	Present	Present
Dr Liz Kneal	Apology	Present	Present
Mrs Vicky Lyon	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Amanda Brookes Jones	Present	Present	Present
Mr Gwilym C. Evans	Present	Present	Present
Mr Merfyn Parry	Present	Present	Apology
Mr Paul Evans	Present	Present	Present
Mr Aled Thomas	Apology	Apology	Apology
Mr Jason Hiley	Present	Present	Present
Mr David Lawton	Apology	Apology	Present
Mr Nick Hailes	Apology	Present	Apology
Mr Russell Jones	Apology	Present	Present
Miss Tina Leuty	Present	Present	Present
Dr Bethan Atkinson	Apology	Present	Present