



Ysgol Heulfan

The Governors' Gazette



The Annual Report to Parents

Working together to be the best we can be!

Summer Term 2022 (for Academic Year September 2020 to July 2021)

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

During 2020-2021, we had another difficult year with lockdowns and cases of Covid19. Our Teachers enjoyed working remotely with the children and we provided lots of help and support for them once everyone returned to school. We continue to focus on well-being and have invested additional funds to ensure we have opportunities for lots of support for the children. School has not stood still and we have been working hard towards the introduction of the New Curriculum in September 2022 ... we look forward to seeing our new ideas in action.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - our dedicated staff, delightful children and loyal parents for their support. I am very proud of Ysgol Heulfan and I look forward to more exciting initiatives in the future. Let's continue to work together to be the best we can be!

Mr Charles Rigby

Chair of the Governing Body
c/o Ysgol Heulfan, Sunny View, Gwersyllt



A meeting was not held last year (2019-2020) to discuss the Annual Report as no parents requested one. We will arrange a virtual meeting this year if at least 10% of our parents request one. Please telephone school (by Friday 15th July 2022) if you would like to request a meeting with Governors to discuss this Annual Report (in September 2022).

We continue to have regular visitors to school to discuss our approaches and to share good ideas. We are looking forward to the introduction of the New Curriculum for Wales in September 2022 and spent the academic year 2020 – 2021 piloting new ideas and trying things out.

We are proud holders of the Eco Schools Platinum Award.

Who's Who on the Governing Body?

The Chair of Governors:
The Headteacher:

Mr Charles Rigby
Mrs Julia Thomas Haigh

Parent Governors: These are elected by parental vote and serve for a 4 year term.

Mrs Elaine Eyke Oct. 2025
Miss Emily Fennah Oct. 2025
Mr Allan Longshadow Oct. 2025
Mrs Rachel Harman Dec. 2022

***NEXT PARENTAL ELECTIONS:
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Teacher Governors: These are elected from the teachers by the teachers.

Ms Kathy Jones Oct. 2025
Mrs Lesley Morris Oct. 2025

Staff Governors: These are elected from members of staff.

Ms Karen Jones Oct. 2022

Wrexham LA Governors: These are appointed by the Local Authority.

Mrs Tina Mannering Sept. 2025
Mrs Avril Lloyd Dec. 2024
Cllr Phillip Vaughan Rees July 2024

Community Governors: Invited to join the Governing Body by other members due to their specialist skills which are felt to add to the expertise of the body as a whole.

Mrs Sharon Cooke Dec. 2024
Mrs Karen Williams Oct. 2022
Mr Charles Rigby April 2026

Mr Dennis Wynne Feb. 2025

Clerk: Mrs Emma Thomas c/o Ysgol Heulfan, Sunny View, Gwersyllt, Wrexham. LL11 4HS

Governors did not receive any funds for travel expenses or any other expenses for 2020-2021.

Inside ... What did we achieve? A look back: 2020 - 2021

Our School Prospectus

The Ysgol Heulfan Prospectus is updated on an annual basis. If you require a copy, please contact the Headteacher. We have information packs for Y Canol, Nursery and Reception. We also have Information Booklets for the Infant and Junior Departments.

Please contact school if you would like a copy of any of the above items.

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School Improvement

During 2020-2021 we continued to have disruption due to Covid19. We continued to work on areas identified during 2019-2022 and these included:

- Sharing information re: the New Curriculum with stakeholders.
- Enhancing teaching and learning in reading and writing.
- Whole school projects in writing.
- Well-being (pupil and staff).
- Feedback for pupils (focus on verbal feedback).
- Staff development (related to the New Curriculum).
- Updating our Staffing Structure and staff responsibilities.

We were visited by two Inspectors from Estyn on Wednesday 12th May. The engagement visit focussed on Covid19, preparation for the New Curriculum for Wales and the Additional Learning Needs Bill. We received positive feedback after the visit which was shared with all staff.

2020-2021: What happened in Y Canol?

We did not meet all of the targets in our School Improvement Plan as it was only operational for six months:

1. To further develop standards in reading and writing across the Provision.
2. To further develop standards in Numeracy (with extended use of Maths Challenges).
3. To develop and extend the PSE Skills Framework.



Our subject monitoring and evaluation programme focused upon:

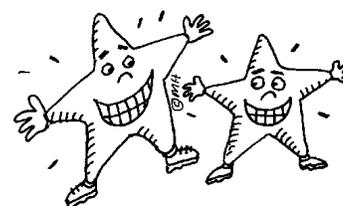
Design & Technology English Geography
History Drama

Subject development plans were drawn up for each subject and all aspects have been achieved.

Training days were used to good effect and focused on:

- Tracheo Training
- Epilepsy/Asthma and Epi pens
- Health Competencies
- Speech & Language

Our School Improvement Plan was updated for 2021-2022 building on achievements from 2020-2022.



Sporting News 2020 - 2021:

Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we did not participate in sporting events during 2020-2021. The children enjoyed a range of activities during P.E. lessons and playtimes.

Healthy Eating

As a 'Healthy School' we are committed to encouraging all our pupils to lead a healthy lifestyle. We have regular 'Health Weeks,' make use of the school gym for playtimes & lunchtimes and encourage children to bring an item of fruit in their lunch boxes. We provide a healthy snack for break times (fruit) and the children have access to drinking water during the day. Energy drinks/other drinks with a high level of sugar are not permitted in school.

School Council

We did not hold formal School Council Meetings with representations from different year groups however we had School Council Meetings with Year 6 pupils. We consulted our Year 6 pupils about all aspects of school improvement.

**Our Strategic Equality Plan is up to date:
2020 - 2024.**

**All actions planned in our previous
Action Plan have been achieved.**

**Our Playgroup Plus (for Nursery
children) and After School Club
continue to be popular.
Our Breakfast Club continues to thrive.
Open from 7:55 a.m.**

Policy/Document Update



All of our Policy Documents for the Curriculum are in place. All of our Non-Curricular policies are in place.

We have updated our School Prospectus and School Improvement Plan. All of our Schemes of Work (Foundation Phase to Key Stage 2) are written on a termly basis and we have detailed annual plans.

Please contact school if you would like a copy of any of our Policy Documents or if you require any additional information.

Updates

In our Annual Report to Parents (2020-2021) we are not required to publish information relating to the following:
School Performance
Absence Targets

Our school building is in good repair. Over the past few years, all classes have been decorated and almost all have had new carpets. We have good toilet facilities which are cleaned on a regular basis by our Cleaning Staff (after school) and Caretaker (during the school day). Since July 2020, additional cleaning takes place during the school day with regularly touched surfaces being a focus.



We have an active School Council and Eco Committee. The groups meet on a regular basis to discuss important school issues. The Headteacher has overseen the running of the School Council from Sept 2020 onwards.



Special Educational Needs

In July 2020 we had 64 pupils on our Special Educational Needs Register. The stages were as follows: 9 on School Action, 17 on School Action Plus and 1 on School Action Plus (extended resources). The majority of the pupils needed specific help with language and/or number work. Mrs Lesley Morris and a team of Teaching Assistants supported pupils with S.E.N. In July 2020, there were 37 pupils in Ysgol Heulfan who had a statement of S.E.N.

Mrs Janet Jones was the Link Governor for S.E.N. The school works closely with outside agencies.

We have an effective system for identifying and supporting pupils with additional needs. We have frequent meetings to discuss the progress of our pupils and we identify any additional children requiring support with their learning. We aim to meet the needs of every child in our school.

All staff are appropriately trained in order to deliver a range of initiatives to improve literacy and/or numeracy or to focus on pupil well-being. In addition, we have an open door policy for children and they can request our help at any time during the school day.

Teaching & Learning

We have Resourced Provision for approximately 35 pupils (4 classes). There is collaborative working and award winning levels of inclusion across the school.

Pupils are taught in single or mixed age classes and we use a variety of teaching methods. All teachers have received training on 'Effective Learning' and we have a whole school approach which includes sharing the learning intentions, negotiating success criteria, evaluating learning, effective questioning, self/peer evaluation and talking partners. We have visitors on a regular basis to view our lessons and the strategies used.

The Admission of pupils with disability

We aim to reduce/eliminate all barriers of access to the curriculum and work towards full participation in the school community for pupils and prospective pupils with a disability. We will comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and will:

- Not discriminate against disabled pupils in admissions, exclusions or in the provision of education.
- Not treat disabled pupils less favourably.
- Take reasonable steps to avoid putting pupils with disabilities at a disadvantage.

Please contact school if you would like a copy of our Disability Equality Scheme or our Accessibility Policy.

"Ysgol Heulfan is an exceptionally caring and inclusive school. The headteacher and senior leaders are highly effective and provide inspirational leadership. As a result, almost all pupils make strong progress, often from very low starting points and those that are more able achieve highly."
Estyn Report

Links with the Community

We work closely with the local community:

- ❖ We attend the Remembrance Service every year.
- ❖ We have excellent links with the local Church and Vicar.
- ❖ We contribute to the local Harvest project at the Church.
- ❖ We make regular use of the local library.
- ❖ We work in partnership with Ysgol Bryn Alyn.
- ❖ We have excellent links with the local PCSOs.
- ❖ We place posters/School Prospectus in local shops and in the library.
- ❖ We continue to use our website and school app.
- ❖ We have completed litter picks in the locality.
- ❖ We make substantial use of Alyn Waters Country Park and local supermarkets to link with the children's topics.

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Finances



Summary Statement for the financial year: Mainstream 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	1,350,851	1,442,949	92,098
PREMISES	74,384	86,100	11,716
TRANSPORT	413	1,450	1,037
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	36,720	54,726	18,006
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	95,632	95,692	60
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	44,067	44,067
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,558,000	1,724,984	166,984
Other Income	-391,657	-281,745	109,912
Balance As At 1 st April 2020	-74,014	-74,014	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	1,092,329	1,369,225	276,896

Summary Statement for the financial year: Y Canol 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

EMPLOYEES	621,970	679,033	57,063
PREMISES	0	2,000	2,000
TRANSPORT	0	0	0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	9,630	4,000	-5,630
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	2,718	2,718
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	631,600	697,751	56,151
Other Income	-872	-70	802
Balance As At 1 st April 2020	-14,087	-14,087	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	616,641	673,594	56,953

YSGOL HEULFAN – SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 1st APRIL 2020 – 31st MARCH 2021

MAINSTREAM

BALANCE B/FWD £17,063.54

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
		Banking charges	15.63
Trips/Visits	3379.60	Fees	313.00
Fund raising	333.00	Insurance	323.86
Uniform	285.00	Capitation	33070.02
Funding	1980.08	Petty Cash	476.76
Imprest	50.33	Membership/fees	648.00
Commission	361.56	Equipment	5678.09
Placements	400.00	Supplies	2230.38
Capitation	38962.83	Snack	2177.17
Snack	2008.58	Other	333.00
Other	418.39		
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>£48,179.37</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>£45,265.91</u>

BALANCE AS AT 31st MARCH 2021 - £19,977.00

Y CANOL

BALANCE B/FWD £10,894.51

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Cash	2,068.42	Books/Equipment	524.43
		Snacks	0.00
		Trips/Visits	0.00
		Subscriptions	0.00
		Cash Withdrawal	1400
		Other	581.42
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>£2,068.42</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>£2,505.85</u>

BALANCE AS AT 31st MARCH 2021 - £10,457.08

All Accounts are independently audited on an annual basis.

Following the 2020 – 2021 Audit, the following comment was made by the Auditors:

“We are pleased to report that, in our opinion, all accounts and controls were found, again, to be operating to a very high standard. As such, we have no significant issues to bring to your attention from our audit.”

Term Dates (2022 – 2023) Timings of the School Day

Infants – 8:55 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

8:55 a.m. – 12 noon (playtimes are organised via
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ongoing Outdoor Play).

Juniors – 8:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

8:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

The times above may change slightly as the children play in mixed year groups to allow more time on the yard.

Our Playgroup Plus (for Nursery children) and After School Club are available: usual rates apply. Further information can be supplied by Mrs Griffith (Playgroup Plus) and Ms Thomas (After School Club). After 5:30 p.m. there is a late collection charge of £15 per child.

AUTUMN TERM

Training Days: 1st & 2nd September 2022
School Opens – Monday 5th September 2022
School Closes – Friday 28th October 2022

School Opens – Monday 7th November 2022
School Closes – Friday 23rd December 2022

SPRING TERM

Training Day: 9th January 2023
School Opens – Tuesday 10th January 2023
School Closes – Friday 17th February 2023

School Opens – Monday 27th February 2023
School Closes – Thursday 30th March 2023
Training Day: 31st March 2023

SUMMER TERM

School Opens – Monday 17th April 2023
May Day: Monday 1st May 2023
School Closes – Friday 26th May 2023

School Opens – Monday 5th June 2023
School Closes – Wednesday 19th July 2023

Training Day: 20th July 2023

**We are awaiting confirmation of one additional Training Day for 2022-2023*

Additional Information:

English is the main language used in Ysgol Heulfan however we encourage all pupils and staff to be bilingual. We teach Welsh as a Second Language from Nursery to Year 6. We encourage pupils to use the Welsh language in class and around school. Our pupils enjoy singing the Welsh National Anthem in the school Assembly and they participate in the St. David's Day Parade. We work closely with feeder Secondary Schools to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils and to facilitate continuity in the Welsh language.

In July 2021, our Year 6 pupils transferred to one of the following schools: Ysgol Bryn Alyn, St Christopher's and Castell Alun.

We are always encouraging and developing the partnership we have with parents; we hope you have enjoyed reading our Annual Report. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

