



Ysgol Heulfan

The Governors' Gazette



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The Annual Report to Parents

Working together to be the best we can be!

Autumn Term 2022 (for Academic Year September 2021 to July 2022)

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

During 2021-2022, we continued to be impacted by Covid19 but things did improve. Our Teachers enjoyed spending more time in class with the children and we re-introduced outdoor events such as Sports' Day. We continued to focus on well-being and invested additional funds to purchase new resources and to increase levels of staffing. 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



Meeting

A meeting was not held last year (2020-2021) 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 28th October 2022) if you would like to request a meeting with Governors to discuss this Annual Report.

We continue to have regular visitors to school to discuss our approaches and to share good ideas. We spent a lot of time during 21-22 preparing for the introduction of the New Curriculum for Wales ... exciting times ahead.

We are proud holders of the Eco Schools Platinum Award.

Who's Who on the Governing Body?

The Chair of Governors:

Mr Charles Rigby

The Headteacher:

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:**
Autumn Term 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

Governors did not receive any funds for travel expenses or any other expenses for 2021-2022.

Mr Dennis Wynne

Feb. 2025

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

Inside ... What did we achieve? A look back: 2021 - 2022

Our School Prospectus

The Ysgol Heulfan Prospectus is updated on an annual basis. If you require a copy, please contact the Headteacher. Towards the end of the school year (July 2022), we posted our Curriculum Rationale on the school website. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Please contact school if you would like a paper copy of the Prospectus/Curriculum Rationale.

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School Improvement



During 2021-2022 we continued to work on our school improvement agenda and introduced many exciting ideas such as:

In the Moment Marking
In the Moment Monitoring

Teaching Assistant Project
Reflective Teacher

Attention Autism
Positive Eye

We work tirelessly to ensure a whole school approach in all we do but we are well aware that not all aspects are appropriate for our resourced provision. We have different approaches to ensure we meet the needs of all our children and therefore adapt some whole school approaches.

During 2021-2022 we introduced our School Improvement Portfolio and recorded our plans and successes. The Portfolio shows our journey towards the introduction of the New Curriculum for Wales and allowed us the opportunity to involve the whole of the school community. We look forward to continuing with our Portfolio during 2022-2023.

2021-2022: What did our parents share with us?

"I want to thank all staff for this year. Teachers went above and beyond with everything. Thank you."

"Nothing is too much trouble and Mrs Thomas is always available to speak to if needed."

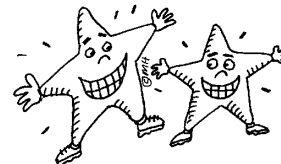
"The school is so accommodating, patient and understanding. The staff go above and beyond to help and support us as a family."

"My son is asking for more days when parents can come into class to join in with lessons or just to see where they sit. They are very proud of their classrooms."

"I am so pleased with the progress my child has made. Thank you."

"I have so much trust in this school. I am so glad that my son moved here in Year 3."

"I am very pleased. My son tells me about his day with a smile on his face."



Sporting News 2021 - 2022:

Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we did not participate in sporting events during 2021-2022. 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 policies are up to date. We have a cycle of review and update all documentation on a regular basis.

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 (2021-2022) 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 2021 onwards.



Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Over the next few years, changes are taking place with regards to Special Educational Needs which will now be known as Additional Learning Needs. A child with ALN will have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of other children of the same age or they will have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the education facilities normally provided.

Previous categories of Special Educational Need are now replaced with Universal Provision and Additional Learning Provision.

Universal Provision: our school has differentiated, high quality teaching and learning which is supplemented with targeted support for individuals or small groups. At this phase, there may be short or long term targets for children and these are regularly tracked and monitored.

Additional Learning Provision: a small number of children may require ALP. This will involve the needs of the pupil being identified in a person centred way and could lead to enhanced and alternative provision being provided to support the pupil in making progress. The children who access ALP are classed as having additional learning needs and will require an Individual Development Plan.

The named Governor for Additional Learning Needs is Mrs R. Harman. The school's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator is Mrs L. Morris.

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."
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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.

Working together to be the best we can be!

Finances



Summary Statement for the financial year: Mainstream 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	1,425,705	1,473,996	48,291
PREMISES	82,206	98,173	15,967
TRANSPORT	2,116	700	-1,416
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	84,926	72,082	-12,844
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	120,856	120,868	12
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	118,341	118,341
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,715,809	1,884,160	168,351
Other Income	-276,896	-276,896	0
Balance As At 1 st April 2021	-437,307	-258,531	178,776
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	1,001,606	1,348,733	347,127

Summary Statement for the financial year: Y Canol 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

EMPLOYEES	667,207	665,842	-1,365
PREMISES	0	2,000	2,000
TRANSPORT	0	0	0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	12,744	8,500	-4,244
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	67,937	67,937
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	631,600	697,751	56,151
Other Income	-352	-285	67
Balance As At 1 st April 2021	-55,954	-56,954	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	622,645	687,040	64,395

YSGOL HEULFAN – SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 1st APRIL 2021 – 31st MARCH 2022

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 2022 - £19,977.00

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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 2022 - £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 Miss Stapley (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 2022, 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.

