

Annual Report of the Board of Governors to Parents 2011

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been Chair of Governors for the School Year 2010-11 and to have the opportunity to write the foreword to this Annual Report.

On behalf of the Governing Body may I firstly congratulate Mr. Paul Mainwaring, Head-teacher and all of the School Staff, teaching and non-teaching, for another successful and productive year, both academically and extra-curricular.

As the Chair of Governors it has been a particular pleasure to visit the school on a regular basis and to be present at many of the activities and events.

As a Governing Body we are wholly aware of the total commitment and enthusiasm shown by the teaching and support staff and of the positive leadership shown by the Head-teacher and Management Team. We also acknowledge the support the school receives in terms of finance, materials and of the time and expertise of various individuals. The continued support given by parents, grandparents and friends of the school is both valued and appreciated. The Management and Staff at the Cwmaman and District Schools' Support Office have also provided invaluable service to both the Governing Body and to the school and we are extremely appreciative of this.

To conclude, may I thank my fellow Governors for their hard work and commitment in supporting the school. I am sure the forthcoming year will prove exciting and positive in the continuing improvement and development of the school and its achievements. I am confident that the "New Build" in terms of improved resources and facilities will benefit both the School and Wider Community and I look forward to its ultimate completion.

J. Robert Jones
Chair of the Governing Body.



Ysgol Gynradd Tycroes Primary School

Governors Annual Report

September 2010 - July 2011

Pupil Numbers

In September 2010 one hundred and sixty pupils were registered at the school. This number increased steadily during the course of the year, resulting in a total of one hundred and seventy nine pupils on the school register by the Summer Term.

At the end of the Summer Term, twenty two pupils reached the end of Key Stage 2, and left the school to continue their educational careers in the secondary sector. All the pupils this year transferred to Amman Valley School.

Staffing

Staffing remained as before with no new Teaching or Support staff in school.

Mr Rob Randel attended a Welsh Sabbatical Course at Trinity College during the Spring Term.

Mrs Laura Thomas was appointed to teach year 6 in his absence. Supply cover to a total cost of £9,500 was provided through the Welsh Sabbatical scheme and was used to employ Mrs Carol Roberts and Miss Lowri Thomas to provide PPA cover, Reading support and MAT support.

Post Inspection Action Plan

The Senior Management Team consisting of Mr Mainwaring, Mrs Rees, Mrs Nerys Timothy Davies and Miss Val Davies met on a regular fortnightly basis. As a result responsibility has been shared amongst the 4 members of staff in areas of Self Review, Monitoring, Evaluating and Reporting and raising standards. This was one of the targets of the Post Inspection Action Plan.

All staff, both teaching and support staff, attended Behaviour Management training to meet the requirements of the Post Inspection Action Plan. Laura Thomas and I also attended Physical Intervention training over 2 days.

Links with Parents

Links with parents was a target following the Estyn Inspection and a main focus of last year. A Home/School contract was required and one was drawn up and agreed upon quite quickly. All parents and pupils now read and sign this agreement and all new pupils are required to sign upon entry. Another focus was to maintain a strong PTA and I am pleased to say that the present PTA has been consistently supportive since it was established last September. The members are keen and have organised a number of events, the highlight being the Sports Night in the summer.

We have also used Teachers2parents texting service to communicate effectively to parents through their mobile phones. This has proven to be an important means of communication and a way of establishing links with parents. It proved very effective during the period when there was snow on the ground and parents had to be kept up to date with changes and closures. A very positive response from parents highlighted the way it created a feeling of support and community.

We have also updated our website and this is proving to be a very effective means of communicating to parents and ensuring that links are open and positive. Again this powerful tool is immediate and flexible with information being shared instantly and updated regularly. The more parents access the site the more impact it will have and the better informed parents will be.

School Initiatives

Mrs Wendy Jones and I visited Ysgol y Ffin in Chepstow and Llansawel School Briton Ferry to observe good practice in the use of the Literacy scheme Read, Write, Inc. All staff attended 2 training days in Read, Write, Inc in order to initiate the scheme. Parents were invited to attend a launch evening with the Carmarthenshire County English Advisor Christine Ashcroft. The scheme was implemented in the Summer term.

Amman Valley is involved with Tycroes in a link with schools in Indonesia. The initial link involved Mr Mainwaring visiting West Java in October 2010. A reciprocal visit by 3 delegates to Ammanford took place between the 13th and 19th of February. We played host as a school to the 3 delegates on Monday 14th February. Mrs Sarie Brice, one of our parents, originally from Indonesia was our interpreter and her efforts were very much appreciated and went a long way in ensuring that our welcome and their stay were very successful. A 3 year plan has been drawn up and this signed has been accepted by the British Council.

Curriculum Matters

A visit was paid to the school by Mr Clive Phillips, Estyn Inspector, to see Sector Leading Practice in Literacy in Key Stage 1. He was in the process of preparing a report for Estyn and Tycroes had been suggested to him as a school with outstanding good practice in achieving high standards in Literacy.

Mrs Rhian Thomas and Mrs Nerys Timothy Davies were invited to address the Head teacher's Conference being held at the Aberavon Hotel in Port Talbot to outline their strategies and teaching methods in promoting Foundation Phase Literacy.

Special Educational Needs Provision

We currently have 30 pupils on the Additional Needs Register with no stated pupils in school. The ALN Policy was amended and updated to fulfil all requirements. Mrs Lynwen Lewis our SENCO arranged for planning meetings with our Educational Psychologist to ensure that all pupil needs were addressed. Additional Learning Needs files, IEPs, statutory test results and evaluations as well as pupil information has all been updated and completed. A number of year 6 pupils visited Amman Valley as part of the Transition process. The Speech and Language Advisor and the Educational Psychologists have visited the school to see a number of children. A Transition review was held at Tycroes for one child. Mrs Lewis continues to work hard to ensure that all documents relating to ALN pupils is in place and up to date. The Governing Body Members would like to extend their gratitude to Mrs Lewis for all her hard work. Mr Mainwaring attends the ALN Directors Panel.

School Policies

A number of School Policies have been reviewed in accordance with the school's annual timetable for policy review, and in line with national directives issued by the Welsh Assembly.

Health and Safety

Fire drills have been carried out on a regular basis throughout the year, and on each occasion, the building has been successfully evacuated in a short period of time. Fire alarms and extinguishers have been checked and serviced on a regular basis. All electrical equipment in the school has been professionally checked.

The dinner tables are also checked and serviced annually by a SICO engineer.

Pupils With Disabilities

The Schools Accessibility Plan written for 2007 - 2010 has been reviewed and updated.

Equal Opportunities

In line with the school's inclusion policy, every pupil is given the opportunity to participate in all aspects of school life. Activities within the classroom are differentiated to meet the needs of individual pupils so that they are fully able to access all aspects of the National Curriculum.

School Fund

Due to the generosity of the P.T.A. (£2,000) and the Local Aid Committee (£200) the school was able to purchase an Interactive Smart Plasma Screen for the Foundation Phase. The PTA also purchased the Maths Whizz programme to support pupils both in school and at home.

Donations to Charity

The school has made a number of donations to charity during the year. These have included the sum of **£188.00** from the Harvest Service to the **Carmarthenshire Children's Centre**, **£452.00** for **Red Nose Day Scheme**, **£125.00** to the **BBC Children In Need** and **£145.55** to the **Ray Gravell Charitable Trust**.

The school again took part in the international project "Operation Christmas Child" and donated shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts to the appeal.

Sporting Activities (January 2011- March 2011)

Every Thursday since January Angharad James has been leading dance sessions in preparation for the Urdd Creative Dance competition. Pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 are involved. Boys from Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Swansea City 6 a side football tournament at Parc Y Scarlets. Pupils from Year 4 attended 'Call of the Wild' - a residential centre, They stayed overnight and undertook activities such as team building activities, rack climbing and hill walking. Pupils from Year 5 attended 'Manor Adventure', where they undertook a two night visit. They undertook activities such as raft building, fencing and abseiling. Ten pupils from years 4 and 6 participated in the Dragon Sport Mini Decathlon. They experienced a range of events including javelin, high jump, target throw and triple jump. Bethany Randall participated in the Urdd gymnastics competition in Carmarthen where she came second and she also participated in the Brianne gymnastics competition where she came first. She has now been selected to represent Dyfed.

Sporting Activities (April 2011 - June 2011)

16 pupils from year 5 and 6 have been selected, by the school, to undertake the Sports Leaders Uk Young Leaders Award. This is a programme of leadership training for young people between the ages of 9 and 13 that supports them working with younger children, teaching leadership skills through a wide range of games and activities. A team of 16 pupils entered the Creative Dance competition in the Urdd Eisteddfod. They won the Cylch and Sir Eisteddfod and then progressed onto the Urdd final which was held in Felindre Swansea. They performed really well but unfortunately they did not progress onto the stage. Pupils, parents, staff and Garry Gosafe took part in a Walking Bus that was organised by Steffani and Connor who are the Junior Road Safety officers. The route started at Tycroes rugby club, through Teglan and Derlyn and to school. Pupils from years 3 and 4 participated in a TAG rugby festival in Llandeilo. They played against schools from other clusters and performed very well and won their matches. All pupils in KS2 participated in a decathlon where they experienced the 10 events and collected points for their houses. Pupils from years 5 and 6 participated in a hockey tournament in Ammanford. Boys from years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a Police Football tournament at the recreation ground in Ammanford. In the morning they lost their games and were put into the shield competition. However in the afternoon they found their form winning their games and beating Bro Banw on penalties therefore winning the shield. Alisha and Max both pupils from year 5 have been selected by the school to become Bronze young ambassadors. 10 of the Year 5/6 pupils participated in a Mini Decathlon in Amman Valley School.

National Curriculum Assessments

Key Stage 2:

Listed below are the results of teacher assessments in English, Mathematics and Science with Level 4 being the expected level of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2.

Also included below are the national comparative figures for Wales relating to teacher assessment in 2011.

| | | N (%) | D (%) | NCO1 (%) | NCO2 (%) | NCO3 (%) | 1 (%) | 2 (%) | 3 (%) | 4 (%) | 5 (%) | 6+ (%) | EL (%) |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| English | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 63.6 | 31.8 | 0.0 | 95.5 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 52.9 | 30.3 | 0.2 | 83.4 |
| Oracy | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 59.1 | 36.4 | 0.0 | 95.5 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 12.1 | 51.8 | 32.2 | 0.3 | 84.2 |
| Reading | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 68.2 | 27.3 | 0.0 | 95.5 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 12.7 | 48.7 | 34.1 | 0.4 | 83.2 |
| Writing | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 59.1 | 31.8 | 0.0 | 90.9 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 18.2 | 53.3 | 23.3 | 0.3 | 76.8 |

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|--------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Mathematics | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 59.1 | 27.3 | 0.0 | 86.4 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 11.7 | 53.8 | 30.9 | 0.2 | 84.9 |

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|----------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|
| Science | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 54.5 | 45.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 10.0 | 56.2 | 30.9 | 0.1 | 87.1 |

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|------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Welsh Second Language | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.3 | 54.5 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 18.2 |
| | Wales | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 10.1 | 35.2 | 44.9 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 51.4 |

Core Subject Indicator

Percentage of pupils attaining Level 4 and above in English, Mathematics and Science:

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|---------------|--------------|
| School | 86.4% |
| Wales | 80.0% |

Key Stage 1:

Listed below are the results of the teacher assessment that were undertaken in English, Mathematics and Science with Level 2 being the expected level for pupils at the end of Key Stage 1. The national figures relate to pupil assessments undertaken throughout Wales in 2011.

| | | N (%) | D (%) | W (%) | 1 (%) | 2 (%) | 3 (%) | 4+ (%) | EL (%) |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| English | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 66.7 | 18.5 | 0.0 | 85.2 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 12.5 | 61.2 | 22.9 | * | 84.1 |
| Oracy | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 59.3 | 37.0 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 9.5 | 61.3 | 26.6 | - | 88.0 |
| Reading | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 55.6 | 29.6 | 0.0 | 85.2 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 14.1 | 53.9 | 27.9 | 0.2 | 82.0 |
| Writing | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 55.6 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 66.7 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 15.5 | 65.3 | 14.9 | * | 80.2 |

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| Mathematics | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 81.5 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 88.9 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 10.1 | 64.3 | 23.7 | * | 88.0 |
| Using and Applying Mathematics | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 81.5 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 88.9 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 15.0 | 64.1 | 18.6 | * | 82.7 |
| Number and Algebra | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.5 | 74.1 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 81.5 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 11.0 | 64.5 | 22.5 | * | 87.0 |
| Shape, Space and Measures | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 51.9 | 44.4 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 9.1 | 65.2 | 23.7 | * | 88.9 |

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|--------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Science | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 63.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 7.8 | 63.4 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 90.4 |
| Scientific Enquiry | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 59.3 | 25.9 | 0.0 | 85.2 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 11.5 | 63.1 | 23.5 | 0.0 | 86.6 |
| Life Processes & Living Things | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 63.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 6.5 | 62.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 | 91.9 |
| Materials and their Properties | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 63.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 7.1 | 65.2 | 26.0 | 0.0 | 91.1 |
| Physical Processes | Tycroes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 63.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 96.3 |
| | Wales | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 9.0 | 64.7 | 24.4 | 0.0 | 89.2 |

Performance Indicator

Percentage of pupils attaining Level 2 and above in English, Mathematics and Science:

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|----------------|--------------|
| Tycroes | 81.5% |
| Wales | 82.7% |

Attendance Data

Listed below are details of pupil attendance for the period between September 2010 and July 2011:

| Terms | Percentage Attendance | Authorised Absence | Unauthorised Absence |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Autumn Term | 91.56% | 8.45% | 0.01% |
| Spring Term | 93.93% | 5.97% | 0.10% |
| Summer Term | 92.68% | 7.18% | 0.15% |
| ANNUAL TOTALS | 92.73% | 7.19% | 0.08% |

At the end of what has been another successful year for the school, the Governing Body wish to thank parent, staff and friends of the school for their continued support and commitment, and look forward to working together again during the course of the next school year.

Term Dates

| Term | Term Begins | Half Term Holiday | | Term Ends | Days |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Begins | Ends | | |
| Autumn 2011 | Monday, 5 th September | Monday, 24 th October | Friday, 28 th October | Thursday, 22 nd December | 74 |
| Spring 2012 | Monday 9 th January | Monday, 13 th February | Friday, 17 th February | Friday, 30 th March | 55 |
| Summer 2012 | Tuesday, 17 th April | Monday, 4 th June | Friday, 8 th June | Friday, 20 th July | 63 |
| Designated INSET Days: Friday, 2nd September, 2011 Monday, 16th April, 2012 | | | | | 2 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 194 |

N.B. Good Friday – 6th April, 2012
May Day – 7th May, 2012

Session Times

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

Mornings: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Afternoons: 1.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m.

Key Stage 2:

Mornings: 9.00 a.m. - 12.05 p.m.
Afternoons: 1.00 p.m. - 3.25 p.m.

Pupil Numbers and Staffing

| Teacher | Stage | Year Groups | Number Of Pupils |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Miss V. Davies | Early Years | Reception | 24 |
| Mrs. N. Timothy-Davies | Key Stage 1 | Year 1 | 14 |
| Mrs. R. Thomas | Key Stage 1 | Year 2 | 24 |
| Mrs. W. Jones | Key Stage 2 | Year 3 | 28 |
| Mrs. A. Davies | Key Stage 2 | Year 4 | 23 |
| Mrs. L. Rees | Key Stage 2 | Year 5 | 28 |
| Mr. R. Randel | Key Stage 2 | Year 6 | 25 |
| TOTAL | | | 166 |

Listed above are the pupils registered in Tycroes School on 2nd September, 2011.

YSGOL GYNRADD **TYCROES** PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADRODDIAD Y LLYWODRAETHWYR 2010/2011
GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

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COFRESTR CYFLAWN O'R LLYWODRAETHWYR:
FULL LIST OF GOVERNORS:

| ENW/NAME | STATWS/STATUS | DYDDIAD/TERM OF OFFICE TERFYNU/EXPIRES |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Cllr. D.T. Enoch | AAL/LEA | 01.01.2016 |
| Mr. J.R. Jones | AAL/LEA | 06.04.2012 |
| Mrs. E.E. Thomas | AAL/LEA | 01.01.2016 |
| Cllr. J.L. Griffiths | Awdurdod Llai/Minor Authority | 06.03.2015 |
| Mr. P. Mainwaring | Pennaeth / Headteacher | |
| Mrs. R. Thomas | Cyn. Athrawon/Teacher Rep. | 01.04.2014 |
| Mrs. H. Funnell | Cyn. Rhieni/Parental Rep. | 27.01.2013 |
| Mrs. J. Rowe | Cyn. Rhieni/Parental Rep. | 21.02.2012 |
| Ms Ll. Belcher | Cyn. Rhieni/Parental Rep. | 21.02.2012 |
| Mrs S. O'Malley | Cyn. Rhieni/Parental Rep. | 08.02.2013 |
| Mr. D.M. Davies | Cyn. Cyfethol/Co-opted Rep. | 31.12.2011 |
| Lle Gwâg/Vacancy | Cyn. Cyfethol/Co-opted Rep. | |
| Mr. D.M. Evans | Cyn. Cyfethol/Co-opted Rep. | 09.04.2014 |
| Mrs. A. Davies | Cyn.Staff/Staff Rep. | 15.03.2012 |

CADEIRYDD/CHAIRMAN: 2010/2011

Mr. J. R. Jones

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