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Annual Report of the Governing Body to Parents 2015/2016

Dear Parent

In accordance with the Education Act (No 2 1986) we as Governing Body are required to present an annual report to parents, which outlines our work and activities. It is no longer a statutory requirement to hold an open meeting to discuss this report but if you wish to discuss any aspect of this report, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

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1. Chairman's Address

The Governors report to the parents is a legal requirement in which the governing body provides you with statistical information relating to the last academic year. All our Governors work for the benefit of the school and I thank them for their efforts and support.

We have attempted to make the report as reader friendly as possible but the reality is that the written word cannot tell the full story.

We were delighted with the Key Stage results attained by our year 2 and 6 pupils last year, and also by the progress made by the majority of pupils throughout the school. The progress our children have made is a credit to themselves, their teachers and all support staff that help them.

Throughout the year, you as parents have the opportunity to see what Ysgol Sant Curig is all about. From weekly class assemblies to the Christmas concert, from the breakfast club to "Clwb Carco", from after school clubs to Urdd competitions and sporting events. Without doubt, the highlight of the year was the schools performance of "Oliver" which was held at the Barry Memorial Hall. A night to remember for all who attended and I am very grateful to all members of staff and pupils for their hard work and dedication. These are just some of the activities that give our children a better educational experience.

Finally I would like to thank you as parents for your support. As long as we work together we will hopefully create a bright future for our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

2. School Handbook

A full copy of the school handbook is available from the school office. It is reviewed on an annual basis and we hope to re-write the handbook during 2016/2017.

3. Events and Achievements/Sports

As usual, many activities have taken place this year including School Clubs (Urdd, Cooking, Gardening, Rugby, Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Netball, Art, Computer, Reading, Dancing, Ball Skills, Science and Problem Solving), Harvest Festivals, Christmas, Easter and Goodwill Day assemblies along with the Urdd Eisteddfod.

In addition:

- Year 5 pupils went to Llangrannog for a week's residential course and Year 6 pupils went to Abernant.
- Pupils re-cycled Christmas cards again this year.
- Year 6 was fortunate to be able to use the Welsh National Swimming Pool for this year's swimming lessons and Year 4 attended Barry Leisure Centre for their swimming course.
- Year 6 business week proved to be a success once again. Pupils raised £475 which was used to fund their end of year visit to Cardiff Bay with time to enjoy a game of Tenpin Bowling and lunch.
- Class visits to; Imperial War Museum London, Artist Mundi Exhibition in Cardiff Museum, London Transport Museum, Sant Curig Church and Porthkerry Park, exhibition of small animals, Big Pit and Senghennydd, Cardiff Bay Barrage, Noah's Ark Zoo, The Breacon Beacons, St Fagans, Hit the Surf at Barry Island Beaches.

We took part in many sporting events last year and the children did very well. Events included;

- Many football competitions for boys.
- Year 6 girls, Cardiff and Vale champions for the second year in succession.
- Urdd Athletics competition.
- School Sport's Day events
- Gymnastics - Tumble and Vault, Schools team represented Cardiff and the Vale in a UK wide competition.
- Urdd and Vale of Glamorgan cross country competitions.
- Urdd Swimming Competition.
- Year 6 and Year 4 received swimming lessons.
- Urdd Cricket Festival.
- Nursery and Reception "Sbonc a Sbrî" activities.

4. Eisteddfod

Pupils competed in both the Urdd and the School Eisteddfod again this year. The following lists some of our achievements;

- *Parti deulais* (two-part harmony)
- Solo Party
- Duets
- Solo singing
- Solo recitation
- Choir
- Exceptional success in the Urdd Art and Craft competition.
- Cogurdd

5. Working with Others

- Literacy, Numeracy and Pedagogy and digital professional learning communities have been established for some time and the school has benefitted fully from the work that has taken place in order to enrich our pupils learning experiences.
- We have benefitted from the valuable experiences of working with six other schools, both English and Welsh medium who form our School Improvement Group (SIG). Members of our staff have worked with staff from SIG schools on a variety of themes for example, pedagogy, writing and numeracy.
- The school is a member of the Consortium's Federation of Welsh Medium Schools (Mertthyr, RCT, Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan).
- The school lead the Consortium's HUB initiative for school to school learning on behalf of all Welsh Medium Primary Schools in the Vale of Glamorgan and many schools have benefitted from sharing good practice lead by members of our partnership.
- The school took part along with other schools in Barry in a project to celebrate the birthday of the author Roald Dahl.

6. More Able and More Able and Talented pupils

- Our talented mathematicians took part in a Vale of Glamorgan competition for exceptional mathematicians. Days were held for talented mathematicians from years 3-6 to enable them to work collaboratively with other talented mathematicians from Vale of Glamorgan Welsh schools.
- Writers Squad days were held for our talented writers.
- Talented leaders were chosen to be members of our School Council, Eco Council and Sports Council.
- Several activities took place for pupils who shone on the sports field.
- Lunch time sessions were held twice a week to challenge our more able pupils in the core subjects.
- Our more able and talented key stage two pupils took part in a radio workshop.
- Some of year 2 pupils visited St Fagans Primary School to work with other year 2 pupils from schools in our SIG (school improvement group) to look at provision in the Foundation Phase.

7. School Development Plan – Priorities 2015/2016

PRIORITY	SUCCESS CRITERIA	EVALUATION
Raise standards in reading across the school in both languages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% year 6 pupils to reach level 5 reading in both languages. 35% of year 2 pupils to reach outcome 6 in Language to include reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% of year 6 pupils reached L5 in Welsh and 48% in English. 38% of year 2 pupils reached outcome 6 in Language including Reading.
Raise standards in teaching from good to excellent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of excellent teaching observed to be at least 20%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of excellent teaching was observed in 10 out of 13 lessons – 77%. Elements of good and excellent teaching were observed in every lesson.
Establish a nurture class for Key Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxall profile analysis to show definite improvement in both developmental and diagnostic strands. At least 20% of pupils to show at least 20% improvement in one term. NBAR/SELFIE data to show improvement. INCERTS core subject data showing ½ a level progress in a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85% improvement in self-confidence and self-worth (11/13 children improved). 60% and more of pupils attending nurture class improved in aspects such as attachment, self-awareness, less negative towards others, more concentration and focus and better relationships with both peers and adults. Clear evidence of pupils able to become more confident/sociable and more able to work independently back in main class. 43% of nurture class pupils who were tested have made improvements of 6+ months in their reading ages and 28% have made 3+ months progress.

8. Governing Body and Policies

The Governing Body is responsible for the effective management of the school. A Governor's term of office is normally 4 years and the full Governing Body is constituted as shown below. A series of meetings were held during the year with the Governing Body meeting its statutory obligations. Governors undertook a range of training and development activities including financial management, health and safety, energy efficiency, anti-bullying guidance, performance management, managing exclusions as well as attending the Annual Governor Conference. More information on the role of the Governing Body, training and development undertaken, and minutes of the meetings are available from the Governors' Clerk.

In the meetings, various matters were discussed including school activities, school budget, school aims and objectives, Head Teacher's reports and plans to develop the Foundation Phase and the new Skills Framework at KS2. Progress on the School Development Plan was regularly reviewed with an update provided at each meeting.

The full range of policies has been adopted by the school and are reviewed according to LEA guidance. All policies are kept on school site.

Members of the Governing Body 2015 / 2016

Governors Roles	Name
Chair (Ysgol Sant Curig, College Road, Barry, CF62 8HQ – 01446 744222)	Mr A Humphreys
Vice Chair	Mrs B Owen
Headteacher	Mrs S Owen
Parent Governors	Mr M Hayward, Mr J Edwards, Mrs C Coombes Mr L Mack, Miss E Sullivan
Local Education Authority Representatives	Mr D Horgan, Dr S Rh Williams, Mrs M Thomas, Mrs H Cooper
Staff Representatives	Mr R Jones (observer) Mrs C Jones, Mrs N Thomas Miss S Jones, Mrs R Lee
Community Members	Mr A Humphreys, Mrs B Owen, Mrs M Dodd
Clerk to the Governors – (Ysgol Sant Curig, College Road, Barry, CF62 8HQ – 01446 744222)	Miss B Hayward
Director of Education Head of Schools MAR (All / LEA)	Mrs J Hill Mr M Glavin Miss C Curtis

9. Who's Who – School Staff /Class Organisation and School Session Times

Members of Staff 2015/2016	
Head Teacher	Mrs S Owen
Deputy Head Teacher	Mr R Jones
Teachers	Mrs H Francis, Miss N Davies Mrs S Sampson, Miss M Jones Mr A Williams, Miss S Jones Miss S Watkins, Miss C Lewis Miss A Withey, Mrs C Walsh Mrs E Morrison / Mrs L Weighell Mrs D Jones / Mrs L Delve Mrs N Lewis, Mrs N Thomas Miss H Saar
Administrative Assistants	Mrs N Hallett, Miss C Paget and Miss B Hayward
Learning Support Staff	Mrs J Buckland, Mrs E Parry Mrs C Jones, Miss S Jones Mrs M Jones, Miss H Sparkes Mrs R Lee, Mrs H Ruck Mrs J Bowen, Mrs C Willicombe Mrs S Humphreys, Miss L Richards Miss J Martin, Mrs S Jenkins Miss Rh Carter, Miss K Press Mrs M Williams, Mrs H Lewis Mr O Dalton
Caretaker	Mr I Ellis
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs C Mason, Ms K Rosser, Mrs C Roberts, Mrs J Thomas, Mr O Dalton
Kitchen	Mrs Chris Jones
Music Teachers	Mr S Napper, Mr L Bradshaw, Mrs E Henry, Mrs C Wood, Mrs J Preece and Mrs A Lawson-Jones.

<u>Class Organisation 2015/2016</u>	
Nursery	Miss H Saar
Reception	Miss N Lewis Mrs E Morrison/Mrs L Weighell
Year 1	Mrs N Thomas Mrs D Jones/Mrs L Delve
Year 2	Miss A Withey Mrs C Walsh
Year 3	Mrs S Sampson Miss S Watkins
Year 4	Mr A Williams Mr Rh Jones
Year 5	Mrs H Francis Miss N Davies
Year 6	Miss M Jones Miss S Jones
<u>School Session times</u>	
Morning	9.00am - 11.30am (Nursery) 8.55yb - 12.00yp (Infants) 8.55yb - 12.30yp (Juniors)
Afternoon	12.45yp - 15.15yp (Nursery) 13.20yp - 15.20yp (Infants) 13.40yp - 15.20yp (Juniors)

10. The following charities were supported;

Sport relief, Children in Need, Marie Curie, Poppy Appeal, The Wallich, NSPCC, Macmillan, Vale Food Bank and Velindre Hospital.

11. Curriculum, Recording and Assessment

The main language of the school is Welsh. We expect the children to communicate in Welsh at all times apart from during English lessons. All lessons are taught through the medium of Welsh and co-ordinators are responsible for different aspects of the curriculum i.e. Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Art and Crafts, P.E., Music, Technology, I.T. and R.E., English is introduced as a subject at Year 3. Various themes are studied from Reception to Year 6 ensuring all aspects of the curriculum are taught. Sex Education is taught as part of the National Curriculum. We also utilise teaching material from the Health Education Council, for the older children. Unless we are otherwise informed by parents, Religious Education is taught in a non-denominational way with every child attending a morning service. As part of the curriculum, other religions are studied.

Work is regularly assessed and discussed by the staff. We organise open evenings three times a year during the Autumn, Spring and Summer term for parents to discuss their child's work. The staff are available on other occasions to meet with parents should the need arise.

12. Healthy Eating

Pupils are encouraged to eat healthily on every occasion. We are a member of the Vale of Glamorgan Healthy Schools Network and received recognition for reaching stage 5 of the scheme. We shall be applying for the Healthy Schools Quality Mark during 15/16. Pupils are encouraged to drink water during lesson time to avoid dehydration. Our Foundation Phase pupils are given the opportunity to purchase fruit on a daily basis and are also given a free drink of milk. We do not allow pupils to bring in unhealthy food such as crisps, chocolate, fizzy drinks etc.

13. Links with the Comprehensive Schools

We have an excellent relationship with Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and the link teachers have visited the school during the year to meet Year 6 pupils and parents to assist with the transition to secondary education. The children also visited Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg on various occasions, both sporting and cultural. We work in partnership with the other Welsh Medium Schools in the Vale and YGBM to implement the agreed Primary / Secondary Transition Plan. Regular meetings are held between all Welsh Medium schools in the Vale and YGBM to discuss pupils' work in the core subjects in order to ensure consistency in standards.

14. Internal Transition Arrangements

- Parents of new Nursery pupils are welcomed to school and given the opportunity to attend a coffee afternoon prior to their child starting school.
 - Transition meetings are held as follows; Reception to Year 1, Year 1 to Year 2, Year 2 to Year 3, Year 3 to 4, Year 4 to Year 5 and Year 5 to Year 6.
- These meetings take place during the last half term of every academic year.

15. Community Links

The school works closely with the emergency services such as the Police and the Fire Brigade. Our Schools Police Community Officer has an annual programme of visits which addresses issues such as Stranger Danger, Road Safety, Drugs and Internet Safety.

We have a close relationship with the Tabernacle Chapel and the town's Library is used occasionally. We visit neighbouring care homes for the elderly annually as well as take part in local religious services. The school has close contacts with 'Menter Bro Morgannwg' and our Foundation Phase pupils took part in 'Gwyl Fach y Fro' which was held at Barry Island.

16. Teachers

Staff meetings were held on Tuesday evenings to discuss matters relating to the curriculum and daily life of the school. Many developmental activities have been held including in-service courses on reading and spelling, ICT, monitoring and tracking pupil progress, Welsh writing across the school, 'Big Writing' at KS2, Values Education, English Phonic Spelling, "Tric a Chlic" Welsh Phonic Spelling and education for our More Able and Talented pupils. Members of staff have represented the school in a variety of cluster groups in order to further secure consistency of teaching and standards reached in subject areas.

17. Additional Learning Needs

Miss Charlotte Lewis was our Special Needs Co-ordinator (15/16). The school worked closely with parents and various outside agencies. The Headteacher has represented Welsh Medium Primary School in the Vale of Glamorgan on the Additional Learning Needs panel.

18. School Development Plan - Priorities for 2016/2017

PRIORITY	DETAIL
1. Language	Continue to Increase standards in reading standards in both languages across the school.
2. Teaching	Continue to raise standards of teaching from Good to Excellent.
3. Wellbeing	Establish Nurture Class in our Foundation Phase.
4. Digidol	Planning and Preparation for the Digital Framework.
5. Numeracy	Further develop opportunities for pupils to use Numeracy across the Curriculum.

19. End of Year Teacher Assessments - 2015/2016

<u>Foundation Phase Outcome 5+ (expected level)</u>		
Personal and Social Development	<u>School</u> 98.1%	<u>Wales</u> 94.5%
Language, Literacy and Communication Skills	90.4%	90.7%
Mathematical Development	98.1%	89.9%
Foundation Phase Indicator	90.4%	87.0%
<u>Foundation Phase Outcome 6 (higher level)</u>		
Personal and Social Development	<u>School</u> 52%	<u>Wales</u> 59%
Language, Literacy and Communication Skills	38.5%	36.2%
Mathematical Development	36.5%	36.4%
<u>Key Stage 2 Level 4+ (expected level)</u>		
Mathematics	<u>School</u> 92%	<u>Wales</u> 91%
Science	96%	92%
Welsh	90%	91%
English	90%	90%
Core Subject Indicator (CSI)	90%	88.6%
<u>Key Stage 2 Level 5 (higher level)</u>		
Mathematics	<u>School</u> 50%	<u>Wales</u> 41%
Science	50%	42.5%
Welsh	44%	38%
English	46%	42%

20. 2015/2016 Attendance

The percentage attendance figures for 2015/2016 were as follows;

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| • Present | 95.5% |
| • Absence with Permission | 3.5% |
| • Absences without Permission | 0.9% |

We shall continue to monitor and encourage pupils' attendance carefully and the Governing Body asks parents not to take holidays during term time.

'Callio' initiative was used to inform parents of their child's attendance.
2016/2017 attendance target – 96.5%

		Budget 2015/16	Actual 2015/16
EMPLOYEES	GRANT EMPLOYEES	211,248.00	212,628.91
	INDIRECT EMPLOYEES EXPS	11,645.00	11,645.00
	NON TEACHING EMPLOYEES	204,224.00	208,508.16
	OTHER DIRECT EMPLOYEES	1,686.00	4,213.08
	SEG WEG EIG EMPLOYEES	0.00	0.00
	TEACHING EMPLOYEES	810,095.00	804,492.32
	Total	1,238,898.00	1,241,487.47
INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	12,967.00	12,608.00
	Total	12,967.00	12,608.00
PREMISES	CLEANING AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIES	48,200.00	47,663.48
	ENERGY	27,000.00	21,891.30
	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	4,100.00	3,999.96
	RATES	15,955.00	15,955.00
	REPAIRS & MAINT OF BUILDING	15,000.00	12,111.10
	WATER SERVICES	7,200.00	5,761.66
	Total	117,455.00	107,382.50
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	CATERING	0.00	-145.00
	COMMS AND COMPUTING	2,200.00	2,470.30
	EQUIP. FURNITURE & MATERIALS	32,000.00	37,348.94
	EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
	MISC EXPENSES	26,926.00	6,992.40
	PRINTING STATIONERY & OFFICE EXPS	19,400.00	18,526.79
	SEG WEG EIG SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	4,331.00	4,827.90
	SERVICES	0.00	160.57
	Total	84,857.00	70,181.90
TRANSPORT	CAR ALLOWANCES	160.00	130.00
	DIRECT TRANSPORT COSTS	0.00	0.00
	SEG WEG EIG TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
	Total	160.00	130.00
CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	CHARGE FOR SERVICE	0.00	-19,542.25
	DONATIONS	0.00	-10,622.25
	RENTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00
	SALE OF PRODUCTS	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	-30,164.50
GOVERNMENT GRANT	OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	0.00	-2,212.50
	WG GRANTS	-236,899.00	-239,614.17
	Total	-236,899.00	-241,826.67
INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-6,058.00	-7,220.25
	Total	-6,058.00	-7,220.25
INTRA DEPARTMENTAL RECHARGE	INTRA DEPARTMENTAL RECHARGE	33,239.00	31,046.15
	SEG WEG EIG INCOME	0.00	0.00
	Total	33,239.00	31,046.15
OTHER GRANTS	INCOME FROM OTHER LAS/HAS	0.00	-100.00
	Total	0.00	-100.00
TRANSFER FROM SCHOOL INVESTMENTS	SCHOOL INVESTMENTS REV	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00
	Total	1,244,619.00	1,183,524.60

21. School Budget – 2015/2016

The Governing Body monitors the school budget and we are pleased to report that we kept within the budget in 2015/2016.

22. School Buildings

Due to budgetary constraints, we prioritised human resources and therefore were not able to make any major improvements to the school building. General maintenance of the building were undertaken as and where needed, e.g. Many areas in the school received attention according to the need e.g. a number of teaching areas have been re-painted.

23. Toilet Facilities

The school complies with the statutory requirements and we have the correct number of toilets for the number of pupils in school. They are cleaned on a daily basis and are inspected periodically by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Satisfactory condition of school toilets has been maintained although, we foresee that refurbishment will be needed in the near future.

24. The Wild Garden

Mrs Meriel Jones has continued to develop the wild garden again this year and all pupils have enjoyed preparing the area for the coming seasons.

25. Sports Facilities

All school pupils have been able to take advantage of our facilities for sport as well as taking part in a variety of activities and competitions. The school has employed a company to maintain the grounds and all internal sports equipment i.e. climbing frame has an annual inspection.

26. PTFA

Sant Curig PTFA is a small but friendly group of parents who meet once a month to share ideas (and meet fellow parents) to raise money for the school.

27. Term Dates for the Academic Year 2016/2017

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School	
		Begin	End		Days	
Autumn 2016	Thursday 01/09/16	Monday 24/10/16	Friday 28/10/16	Friday 16/12/16	72	
Spring 2017	Tuesday 03/01/17	Monday 20/02/17	Friday 24/02/17	Friday 07/04/17	64	
Summer 2017	Monday 24/04/17	Monday 29/05/17	Friday 02/06/17	Wednesday 21/07/17	59	
				TOTAL	195	