

YSGOL BRYN CLWYD

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2025 - 2026



Headteacher: Mr Ben Lindquist

Chair of Governing Body: Dr Bethan Atkinson

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School Details

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Neges gan y Pennaeth

It gives me great pleasure to present you our school prospectus! The purpose of this document is to provide parents and carers with the relevant information about our school and to give a clear understanding of what the staff and I are endeavouring to provide for your child/ren.

At Ysgol Bryn Clwyd we aim to provide a happy, caring and secure environment in which each child will develop their skills and talents to the full. Every child is special and entitled to the kind of teaching which will not only develop that sense of individuality but also sensitivity to the needs of others. In providing a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum we ensure all aspects of a child's development are encouraged and stimulated, providing not only for the intellectual development but also for social, emotional and physical growth.

We welcome and encourage partnership between staff and parents in the education of the children. An effective partnership between parents and the school contributes to the children's learning, helping parents to understand and support the work of the school. We actively foster an atmosphere of openness and honesty. You will always be welcome at the school and as parents you are invited to participate fully in school life.

I very much look forward to meeting you. If you wish to visit the school or have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mr B Lindquist



A Message from the Chair of Governors

Neges gan Cadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, it is my privilege to be able to write this and I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of the vibrant and supportive environment that Ysgol Bryn Clwyd offers pupils.

Choosing the right school for your child should be an exciting process, from an initial look at the website to that all critical first visit. We offer a whole developmental experience for our children to help them reach their full potential.

We are one of only a handful of primary schools in the area to have our own mini bus for regular excursions which allows us to enhance our lessons. We are involved in competitions like the Urdd (Welsh National Competitions), county swimming and have gym club and various other clubs and activities. Our website provides a full list of all our activities and information.

The size of the school allows us to provide all important wrap around care for parents that require it and the open and warm atmosphere supports the good spiritual, moral and social development. We value our partnership with parents and carers who are very supportive and work really hard to raise funds for the school and promote the sense of belonging that we hope all families feel.

As governors we set strategic direction for the school and are an effective governing body. We regularly visit the school between meetings and are committed to ensuring that all children receive an excellent educational experience from our happy staff, in a safe and caring environment.

We were privileged to be chosen to be the first school in Denbighshire to be federated. This has given us greater flexibility with staffing which has helped to raise standards and with our energetic and passionate team of staff, led by Mr Ben Lindquist who is dedicated in leading the school with a clear vision of pupil attainment and wellbeing.

Make an appointment to see for yourself the positive atmosphere the school promotes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dr Bethan Atkinson

Chair of Governors

Staff Structure



Mr B Lindquist
Head Teacher

2025-2026



Mrs Lyon
Assistant Head Teacher,
ALNco & Junior Teacher



Miss Birkett
Infant Teacher



Mrs Davies
Secretary



Mrs Tynan
School Cook



Miss Leuty
HLTA



Miss Gemma
Teaching Assistant &
Forest School Leader



Miss Elin
1-1 Support



Miss Mel
1-1 Support



Mrs Robson
PPA Teacher



Mr Jones
Caretaker & Midday
Supervisor



Miss Barnes
1-1 Support



Mrs MacCarter
PPA Teacher &
Federation Curriculum Leader

Strwythur Staff

The Governing Body

Y Corff Llywodraethu

The Governing Body comprises 17 members, made up from representatives of the Gellifor and Llandyrnog community, and all working to achieve the very best for the schools, pupils, staff and community. Each Governor serves a four year term of office. They are extremely supportive, accessible and many are actively involved in school activities.

The Annual Parents' Meeting is held during the Autumn Term when all parents are invited to attend and discuss the Governors' Report to Parents relating to the preceding year.

The Body is made up of:-

- 4 members selected by the Local Education Authority,
- 6 members are representatives voted for by the parents, 2 members represent the Community Council
- 2 teacher representative:
- 2 staff representative
- and the Headteacher.

The present Governing body members are as follows;

Bethan Atkinson (Chairperson)	LEA
Merfyn Parry	LEA
Kerri Marshall	LEA
Ben Lindquist	Headteacher
Vicky Lyon	Teaching Staff
Amanda Brookes-Jones	Teaching Staff
Catrin Roberts	Parent
Ken Williams	Parent
Jonathon Kinsey	Parent
Anna Brown	Parent
Adie Griffin	Non-teaching staff
Becky Yates (Vice-Chairperson)	Parent
Andrew Mitchelmore	Community
Tina Leuty	Non-teaching staff
Karen Davies	Clerk

Our Vision

Ein Gweledigaeth

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd is a welcoming, inclusive, community oriented school where the voice of the individual is valued, supported and heard. We promote a love of learning and to develop curiosity of the local area, Wales and beyond and aim to achieve this in partnership with families, friends of the school and the wider community. At Ysgol Bryn Clwyd, we provide a homely, safe and happy environment in which our children can learn and grow. We encourage independence and embrace challenges to ensure that they are confident, respectful and proud citizens of Wales and the world.



Ysgol Bryn Clwyd
is a County Primary School



Classification: Comprehensive, Coeducational Day

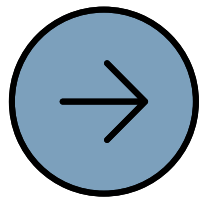
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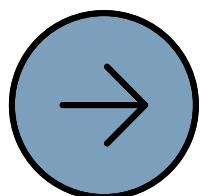
Our School Ethos

Ethos ein Ysgol



Our Background and History

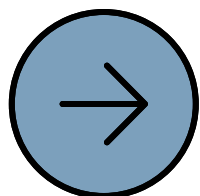
Ysgol Bryn Clwyd is a community primary school and is at the heart of the community. The school caters for boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 11.



Mission Statement

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Gwreiddiau i'w tyfu, adenydd i hedfan



Aims

- To provide a broad, balance curriculum which ensures healthy, spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of each child and to provide a happy, secure and friendly environment in which this can be implemented.
- To ensure that our pupils strive to achieve their potential and are provided with the necessary skills to accept the opportunities and responsibilities which will be presented to them in their future lives.
- To help children contribute fully and effectively to the community in which they live: local, regional, national and global.
- That learning is neither restricted by age, location, gender, ethnicity nor ability.

Admissions

Derbyniadau

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx>

Nursery

Nursery pupils are admitted as part time pupils (i.e. every afternoon) in the September following their third birthday. Subject to places being available, it is possible for pupils to attend in the afternoons under the “Rising Three’s” scheme, the term following their third birthday.

Full Time

Children are normally admitted to the school as full time pupils in the September following their fourth birthday. Admission forms are available on the Denbighshire County Council website and should be completed by the date specified, in the year prior to admission in the September. Parents have the right to state a preference as to which school they wish their child to attend as a full time pupil. If the school is oversubscribed places are awarded in accordance with Denbighshire LEA’s Admissions Policy. On admission to the school parents/guardians are asked to complete a selection of Pupil Information Forms as required by government legislation. This form will provide school with parental information along with emergency contact telephone number(s) where they can be contacted in the event of a child becoming ill or having an accident, or the school having to close due to circumstances beyond our control.

Transfer outside normal admission times

The Authority is prepared to consider requests for transfer between schools when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child.

More detailed information regarding the LEA’s Admission Policy is given in “Denbighshire Schools - Information for Parents” booklet.

Admission of pupils with disabilities

There is access from the yard into the school building and we have an accessible toilet. All admissions are the responsibility of the Local Education Authority. When a child with a physical disability or a learning disability is accepted to Ysgol Bryn Clwyd, the staff work in close conjunction with all external agencies involved with the child to ensure a smooth transition. All pupils are treated equally at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd.

General Information

Gwybodaeth Gyffredinol

Attendance & Absence

The Governing Body has adopted Denbighshire's Policy for Attendance at School. Regular attendance is most important. If your child has been absent for any reason it is important that school is informed and notified of the reason by letter, phone call, e-mail or verbal message. To ensure a greater degree of security for your child, we ask parents to ring the school before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence. Attendance below 90% is a cause for concern and will be investigated.

Following Government legislation the school is obliged to differentiate between AUTHORISED and UNAUTHORISED absences. An unauthorised absence has to be recorded if no letter of explanation (or verbal/phone message - see above) following an absence is received. Our Attendance Policy can be viewed on our website or copies can be obtained from the School Office by request.

The main points, in brief are as follows:-

- Family Holidays, taken during School Term Time, are not permitted and will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.
- A Fixed Term Penalty Notice will be awarded for ten unauthorised absences in any one Academic Year.
- Medical Appointments should be taken out of school hours where possible. Evidence of the appointment should be presented to the school in order for the absence to be authorised
- ALL pupils should maintain an average attendance of 95%+ to ensure that they make good progress in their learning

Any medical appointments made during the school day need to have a medical note which is shown to the Headteacher. If your child is absent for a sustained period and no explanation has been received by the school, then it is likely that the Educational Social Worker will call at your home. Registration takes place first thing in the morning. If your child arrives in School after 9.15 in the morning or 1.05 in the afternoon they will be registered as arriving late. A letter will be sent home to notify parents if a child is regularly late.

Preliminary Visits

Parents of prospective pupils are more than welcome to visit the school to view our facilities and appreciate its distinctive character. This is usually the best way to "get the feel" of a school and will give you the opportunity to view the school and ask questions of the staff and meet your child's class teacher. We will be very pleased to provide you with as much information as possible to help you make the right decision for your child. If you wish to make a preliminary visit please phone or e-mail to arrange a time.

General Information

Gwybodaeth Gyffredinol

→ Language

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd is considered a T-2 school, which means that we are an English-medium school but use a significant amount of the Welsh language. Foundation phase pupils and Key Stage 2 pupils are taught in both languages, but more emphasis is given to the English language. The Welsh language is used to teach between 20%-50% of the curriculum generally.

→ Welsh Ethos in a Bilingual County



Every year we celebrate and take part in many enrichment activities.

- **St David's Day** - On St. David's day, the children are invited to come to school dressed in Welsh Traditional Costume and in their classes, they will take part in a number of activities.
- **Llandyrnog Eisteddfod** - The Llandyrnog Eisteddfod is much like the Urdd Eisteddfod, but is more of a local event held during the Autumn term. The children will all learn a Welsh poem and create a piece of artwork for this event.
- **Urdd** - We encourage all our pupils to become members of the Urdd and to compete in the competitions they have to offer. Over the years, our children have done very well in the Recitation and Art elements of the competition. This valuable experience gives them the opportunity to perform and compete in front of an audience through the medium of Welsh and also make friends with children from other schools in the local community.
- **Jamboree** - The Jamboree is held every year, where children of all ages from all the local schools are given the opportunity to share the enjoyment of singing and acting out some fun Welsh songs.

→ Safeguarding

All schools have been made aware of guidelines which set out the procedures which must be followed if staff are concerned that a child may have been abused or are in need in some way, or if a pupil confides something which causes such concern to a member of staff.

The Headteacher is the designated member of staff with responsibility for Child Protection. All staff and governors have received safeguarding training in this respect. The Headteacher and Assistant Head Teacher have also completed Enhanced Child Protection training. The Safeguarding Policy is available upon request and can also be found on our website.

General Information

Gwybodaeth Gyffredinol

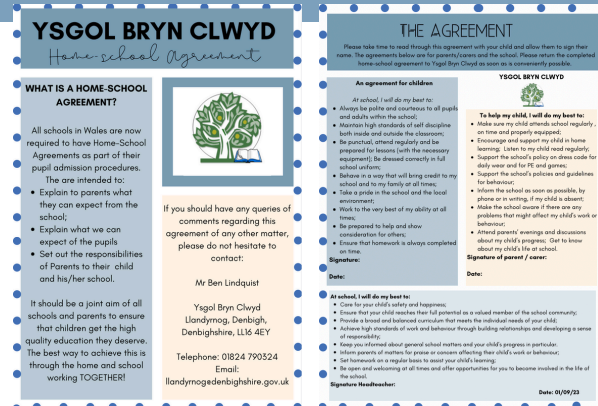


Home-School Agreement

A copy of this will be given to you when you enrol your child at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd:

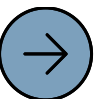
In Summary:

- Parents have the responsibility to ensure that children arrive at school well prepared and in good time.
- Parents have the responsibility to ensure that homework is completed and that their child reads aloud as often as possible at home.
- Teachers have the responsibility to communicate with parents on a regular basis and provide information concerning achievement and progress.



Safety & Security

- During school hours the buildings are secure in that main doors have security locks fitted preventing access from the outside, whilst allowing pupils and staff to leave the building quickly in an emergency.
- The main school gate will be locked during the school day and parents/visitors and encouraged to phone the schools office should they need access.
- Out of school hours the property is protected by an alarm system. Parents are requested to ensure that they leave all doors firmly shut when vacating the building.
- Visitors to the school are required to sign a visitors book upon entry and when leaving the school.
- A fire drill is held every term. The children are aware of the procedures should they hear the fire alarm.
- The Health and safety sub-committee of the Governing Body carries out a termly health and safety audit.
- Risk Assessments are carried out for Out of School visits.
- Records of accidents are kept in an Accident and Incident book as well as being reported to DCC where needed.



Arrival & Departure from School

- The school gate will be supervised by members of staff to welcome the children from 8.45am.
- Our school day begins at 8.55am and finishes at 3.15pm (infants) and 3.15pm (juniors). (Unless alternative arrangements have been made eg. breakfast club)
- The school cannot be held responsible for any child that arrives before 8.45am and responsibility for pupils after 3.25pm passes to parents.
- It is expected that all children will be accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult with whom staff are familiar.

General Information

Gwybodaeth Gyffredinol

→ School Closures

In the event of extreme weather e.g. heavy snowfall during the day, concerned parents are very welcome to come and collect their children early. If this happens, or we decide it is safer for us to close we will post it on our school's Facebook and Twitter pages and also use our SeeSaw communication app. There may be times when we will need to phone. It is again a matter of urgency that we have an emergency contact number. It is also advisable for parents to check the Denbighshire Council website 'list of all closed schools' should they be uncertain. .

→ Pastoral Care & School Discipline

All members of staff see to the usual cuts and bruises which occur during the day. If a pupil becomes ill in school the parents are contacted for the pupil to go home. When we are unable to contact anyone the pupil is made as comfortable as possible in school, but this is not the ideal situation, so parents should complete the form provided to indicate alternative contacts during an emergency. A pupil who uses an inhaler should have this marked with his or her name.

The school at all times will try to instil in all pupils a positive attitude towards school where children are encouraged as individuals as well as acquiring sensitivity to the needs of others. School rules, which are kept to a minimum are meant to ensure an orderly society. The school has a Behaviour Policy, which is available for parents, on request. This policy sets out the school's philosophy in relation to accepted discipline/behaviour, as well as stating corrective procedures, aimed at ensuring acceptable behaviour. We believe in fostering close links between home and school and will always keep parents informed should we be experiencing difficulties with pupil behaviour.

Good behaviour and work is rewarded with a variety of incentives. A Celebration Assembly is held every week during which pupils receive certificates, linked to our four purpose characters, for their efforts across the whole curriculum.



General Information

Gwybodaeth Gyffredinol

→ Additional Learning Needs

Pupils identified as having Additional Learning Needs are given extra support within the classroom setting. The curriculum is differentiated to meet their needs but all pupils participate fully in all school activities.

Parents are kept informed of developments and their involvement in the process is vital to the child's progress. Parents are invited to review meetings to discuss in detail the progress being made by individual pupils. This meeting includes the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator and Class Teacher. As a first step, the class teacher monitors the situation and provides work at a suitable level designed to maximise progress for the individual child. If it is thought necessary, extra support may be offered - this could entail individual children working in a small "intervention group", with a teaching assistant or on specially designed computer programs.

We offer a range of interventions to support pupils in a number of areas. Progress in these areas is tracked to ensure their effectiveness and adaptations are made where necessary. The school's ALN Coordinator is Mrs Lyon,

→ Equal Opportunities

The School Policy fully supports the Local Education Authorities Policy on Equal opportunity and is intended to overcome discrimination, raise awareness and provide guidelines for staff, pupils and Governors. All pupils and staff have the right to equal opportunities. The inclusive nature of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd promotes equality for all regardless of race, gender or religion.

→ Children Looked After

Children and young people become "Looked After" either if they have been taken into care by the local authority, or have been accommodated by the local authority (a voluntary care arrangement). Most Looked After Children live with foster parents but a smaller number may be in children's residential units, living with a relative or even be placed at home with their birth parents.

In the event of a "looked after" child attending the school, we would ensure that:

- The child takes as full a part as possible in all school activities
- Carers and social workers of these pupils are kept fully informed of their child's progress and attainment
- The child is involved, where practicable, in decisions affecting their future provision.

The member of staff who would be most directly responsible for promoting the educational achievement of looked after children would be Mr Lindquist.

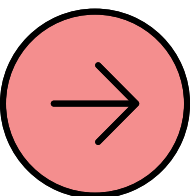
→ Complaints Procedure

The Headteacher would wish to deal with informal complaints as they occur, in order to avoid relatively minor matters getting out of proportion (stage 1). The Headteacher is very open and approachable. If there are any queries and concerns he is happy to make an appointment to discuss any issues. Subsequent routes to follow would be via the Governors (stage 2) and the L.E.A. (stage 3). Our chair of Governors can be contacted by email at bethan.atkinson@yahoo.co.uk

The full complaints policy which includes a model complaint form can be downloaded from our website www.ysgolgellifor.com or alternatively you may request a paper copy from the office.

Opening Times & Term Dates

Oriau Agor a Dyddiadau Tymhorau



Opening Times

School starts - 8.55am

Morning Break - 10.30 - 10.50

Lunch Break - 12.00 - 1.00

End of school - 3.15 for infants & juniors

Polite Note

Staff cannot supervise children before 8.45am or after 3.25pm.



Parking

As with many schools, the parking situation outside when the school day begins and ends, can be problematic due to the number of cars. Parents are asked to be considerate towards the local residents and not park their cars on the grass verges or across driveways.



During break time the children are encouraged to eat only fruit as part of our drive to maintain Ysgol Bryn Clwyd as a healthy school.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term

Term Start 04/09/24
Half Term Close 25/10/24
Half Term Open 04/11/24
End of Term 20/12/24

Spring Term

Term Start 07/01/25
Half Term Close 21/02/25
Half Term Open 03/03/25
End of Term 21/04/25

Summer Term

Term Start 28/04/25
Half Term Close 23/05/25
Half Term Open 02/06/25
End of Term 18/07/25

Wrap Around Care

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The facilities are in place on school premises to care for your child from 8.00am to 5.15pm. A number of organisations work together closely so that this can be the case. Provided with this handbook are some leaflets from organisations; however, here are some brief details about what these services can provide for your child.

Breakfast Club

“The healthy way to start the day”

All learners are welcome to join our breakfast club, where they are provided with a healthy choice of cereals, toast or fruit. Our doors open at 8.00am at the middle door to the school and last admission is at 8.30 when children will be led and supervised on the school yard.

Little Acorns



Fun, Friendly & Affordable Childcare!

Little Acorns is a privately run pre-school for Children aged 2 years to school age. All Children welcome!

Little Acorns are open from 8am - 5.15pm
Monday - Friday during Term Time

We accept Childcare Vouchers & we also run The Childcare Offer for Wales (30 hour free funding)

Viewings welcome & Children will receive a FREE taster session!

After School Club

After school club is available 3.15 - 5.15 for all pupils. The cost of after school club is £8 per session, which includes a tea time snack.

Holiday Club

Sessions run during the school holidays from 8am - 5pm for children aged 3 and above. Fun activities are planned and snacks provided. Please bring your own packed lunch.

£35 per day.

School Uniform

Gwisg Ysgol

The wearing of school uniform is actively encouraged. In line with Welsh Governments gender neutral policy towards school uniform please see the list below for all uniform options.



Winter Months

- Grey Trousers / Grey Skirt/ Grey Pinafore
- Ysgol Bryn Clwyd v-neck jumper
- White shirt / white blouse
- School tie
- White or grey socks
- Black shoes (not trainers)



Summer Months

- Grey Trousers / Grey Shorts
- Blue/White check gingham dress
- Ysgol Bryn Clwyd v-neck jumper / cardigan
- White shirt / white blouse
- School tie
- White or grey socks
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Where can I buy school uniform?

Orders for school uniform can be made at Workplace Worksafe on the industrial in Ruthin or at Denbigh industrial estate.

Labelling...

It is to be expected that all items of clothing will be marked with your child's name. This is extremely important as it avoids loss and eliminates time wasting by staff who will write names on clothes if the need arises.

Being a Federated School

Bod yn Ysgol Ffederal



Mr B Lindquist
Head Teacher



In line with Denbighshire's Modernising Education agenda an opportunity arose to facilitate collaborative working between Ysgol Bryn Clwyd and Ysgol Gellifor.

What does a federated school mean?

- A single Headteacher across both schools;
- A joint 'Federated Governing Body';
- Both schools retain their separate identities and legal status;
- Both schools continue to receive an individual school budget, however the Federated Governing Body can decide to pool resources where appropriate;
- Both schools have an 'Assistant Head' with responsibility for the school in the absence of the Headteacher;

What are the benefits of being a federated school?

- Wider opportunities for enhancing the education of the pupils, e.g. joint school projects, shared teaching and learning resources;
- Pupils able to meet and work as a part of a larger group on occasions;
- Further opportunities to share resources e.g. service providers, joint staff training, themed days, and transport to different venues and events.
- Enhanced staff expertise in specialist areas, raising standards e.g. Teachers working together to plan, prepare and assess for Foundation Phase and New Wales Curriculum;
- Enhanced opportunities for monitoring teaching across the two schools and for teachers to moderate and level pupil work;
- Enhanced community links with the two communities working more closely together;
- More flexible use of finances with individual budgets of each school used more effectively and creatively to support children's progress;
- Opportunities for financial savings when purchasing resources for both schools;
- Shared opportunities for the future, working towards extended services across the federation;
- Continuity of class structure and staffing levels both teaching and non teaching.

The School Curriculum



For more information regarding our bespoke curriculum design, please see our **Curriculum Rationale** on the school website.

Class teachers are responsible for the delivery of the Curriculum to their own class. Careful planning ensures that there is continuity and progression both within each class, and on transfer between the classes. By carefully considering 'what is taught', and 'the way it is taught', we strive to help the children realise their potential to the fullest extent.

We want our children to develop a love of learning and aim to do this by:

1. Providing a happy environment for the children and encouraging them to become well-mannered and considerate of others and to show interest and pride in their school and be responsible members of society.
2. Providing a curriculum which is broad in dimension with clear links between AOLEs, the LNF and DCF with the 4 Purposes at the heart of everything we do.
3. Helping each child reach their potential by appreciating a range of individual needs and endeavouring to cater for them.
4. Fostering a child's interest, whenever possible, to encourage him or her to master the process of learning.
5. Encouraging self-discipline, through systems of records, incentives and activities.
6. Providing opportunities that will enrich experience and the aesthetic appreciation of life.
7. Helping the child take the best values of home and school as a basis of their understanding of and attitudes towards all other environments.
8. Using technology to inspire learning.
9. Helping the children understand that learning is a lifelong process.



Outdoor Learning



Outdoor learning is a central part of our Bryn Clwyd ethos. We endeavour to provide our learners with as many engaging and authentic learning opportunities outdoors. We are blessed with large grounds and use our beautiful locality to support lifelong learning. We also have a Forest area as part of our 'Outdoor Classroom', which is used on a weekly basis.



Physical Education & Sport

We are a Healthy School and encourage children to take part in as many sporting activities as possible. We are able to provide outside games, orienteering, bat and ball skills, outdoor adventurous activities (including problem solving and climbing), athletics and dance at school.

We also arrange swimming lessons for both the younger and older children and arrange visits to Miss Tammy's Gymnastics in Denbigh.

We take part in many of the URDD, Small Schools and Vale of Clwyd sporting competitions. All activities are open to boys and girls of all ages.

Each year we organise a residential visit, for Junior age children wanting to take part, to one of the education authority's outdoor adventure centres or the Urdd centres. These give opportunities to experience activities we cannot offer at school such as rope works, water sports, mountain biking and climbing. All classes look to enhance their curriculum delivery with trips and visitors throughout the year.

Pupil Voice



School Council

The children are given the opportunity to directly influence the running of the school through the School Council. Representatives from each class are elected by the pupils and meet once every half term to discuss matters that are important to the children.

Cyngor Ysgol

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders are pupils who are part of a Digital Leaders Team within our school. Their role is to support the use and to further the development of ICT in school.

Arweinwyr Digidol

Healthy Schools

Our healthy school members are responsible for working towards achieving the bronze award and to encourage and promote healthy practices in our school.

Ysgolion Iach

Eco Committee

Our Eco-Committee members are responsible for carrying out the initial and subsequent Environmental Reviews and for preparing an Action Plan for the whole school to engage in. Regular meetings, at least twice per term, are organised to discuss environmental action for the school.

Pwyllgor Eco

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg consists of 1 representative from each year group Y2 to Y6. A new representative is chosen each term. It aims to encourage and promote the use of Welsh throughout the school, across the curriculum and in all areas of school life. Criw Cymraeg meet regularly and are fully involved in Campus Cymraeg 'SIARTER IAITH CYMRAEG'.

Criw Cymraeg

KiVa Ambassadors

The role of our KiVa ambassadors is a new one to the school this year. They promote friendships and ensure that everyone is safe and included at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd.

KiVa Ambassadors

Llais y Disgybl



After School Clubs

Clybiau ar ol Ysgol

The school offers a number of flourishing after school clubs twice a week from 3.15pm - 4.00pm. These clubs are led by the schools teaching staff and are free of charge. The clubs offered alternate every term and will be shared via the school newsletter.



Mr Lindquist



Miss Birkett



Mrs Lyon



Partnerships with Parents

Partneriaethau gyda Rhieni



Seesaw

Children are able to share their work with their parents using SeeSaw. Teachers will use this platform occasionally as a communication tool by sending out reminders. Therefore, we encourage parents to ensure they have the app downloaded.

Weekly Newsletters

A link to our schools weekly newsletter is emailed every week. On our Newsletter you will see a message from our Head Teacher, achievers of the week, updates and key information. It is important to keep up to date with the weekly newsletter to make sure that key events and information aren't missed.

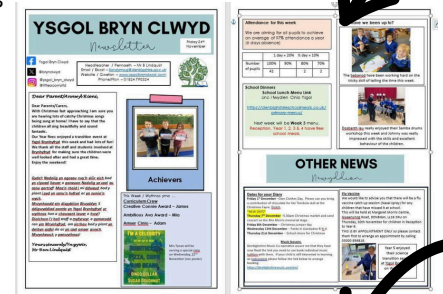
School Website

The Ysgol Bryn Clwyd Website is an excellent resource for the school and all connected to it. On it, news and information about forthcoming events can be found as well as extensive galleries on trips and activities having taken place. Each class have their own class page with more information regarding class topics.

Additionally, a number of downloads are available including Newsletters, Governor reports, as well as essential forms. This Prospectus can also be accessed from its pages.

Security and privacy is considered paramount and on the Website's pages no images are accompanied by children's names.

The Website can be found at www.ysgolgellifor.com



Letters Home

Occasionally you may receive letters home. Therefore, we advise that childrens bags/bookbags are checked regularly.

Opportunities for parents to meet with class teachers will arise each term and written reports will be issued every July.

Autumn Term

To discuss how a child has settled and to share the expectations of the teacher.

Spring Term

To discuss the progress of the child

Summer Term

To discuss any issues arising from the end of year report

Concerns

You are able to raise any concerns you may have with the class teacher at anytime, However, please be mindful that you may need to make an appointment.

Parent
Open
Afternoons

Sports
Day

PTA
Events

Invitations
to assemblies
&
performances

Collective Worship & Church Links

The school regularly meets through service to give pupils opportunities for reflection. Services are broadly of a Christian nature - parents have the right to remove their child from services following a special case exemption on religious grounds is made to the Headteacher. Such requests must be made in writing stating the reasons.

As part of our attempt to foster close community links we also have strong ties with the local Church St. Tynnog and take advantage of the many opportunities this brings.

We take part in special services at times of celebration such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter and at the end of the school year, when our Year 6 pupils move on to pastures new.

The Community

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd takes pride in its effort to pervade the heart of the local community in every way it can. The school is the centre for all sorts of community meetings as it shares the hall with the local Community Centre where a number of activities take place weekly that actively involve the local community.

Parental and community involvement in the process of education is actively encouraged. Liaison exists with other local primary schools to extend and enhance the curriculum with benefit to all; the pupils meet for sporting and cultural events.

Charity Work

The school likes to support a number of charities during the school year. The type of charity varies from activity to activity but the nature of all charities tends to be one that the children will share an empathy.

Examples of times when we have raised money to help others:

Harvest



Children in Need

Comic Relief



World Mental Health Day

Friends of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

We are very fortunate to have a very committed PTA.

Throughout the year many events are organised for our learners.

Without the tremendous support of the PTA we would find it very difficult to provide our children with the 'tools' we consider essential for their development. You can play a part in many ways:

- Become a committee member.
- Support and attend Ysgol Bryn Clwyd PTA events.
- Volunteer to help at a single event or on a regular basis

Transition to High School

Most children transfer from Ysgol Bryn Clwyd to Ysgol Brynhyfryd, Ruthin and Denbigh High, with whom we maintain an effective and positive relationship. Transition arrangements are made in May when children have the chance to meet their Head of Year and then 2 one day visits take place during the Summer Term. Other joint ventures such as concerts, English book studies and sports events, aid a smooth passage from Junior school to High School for our Year 6 pupils. Details of attainment and areas which require support are also passed to the receiving school as seen appropriate by the Headteacher.

ESTYN Comments

A particular strength of the school is its nurturing provision, which supports pupils' emotional well-being very effectively. Staff create calm, safe environments and provide personalised support that helps pupils to feel secure and ready to learn. Teachers plan engaging learning experiences, including purposeful use of the outdoors, that develop pupils' skills and interests well. Pupils respond enthusiastically and benefit from these varied opportunities."

Teachers collaborate purposefully across the school and federation to plan interesting and engaging learning experiences that spark most pupils' curiosity and fire their imaginations successfully.

The school works highly effectively with parents and with the local community

Teachers make effective use of the school's expansive outdoor areas to promote development of pupils' skills and wellbeing

Spotlight 1:
Developing holistic skills in the outdoor environment

Spotlight 2:
Establishing a culture of nurture that promotes positive learning behaviours

Pupils take their roles and responsibilities seriously and develop important skills such as communication, planning and showing empathy.