



Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

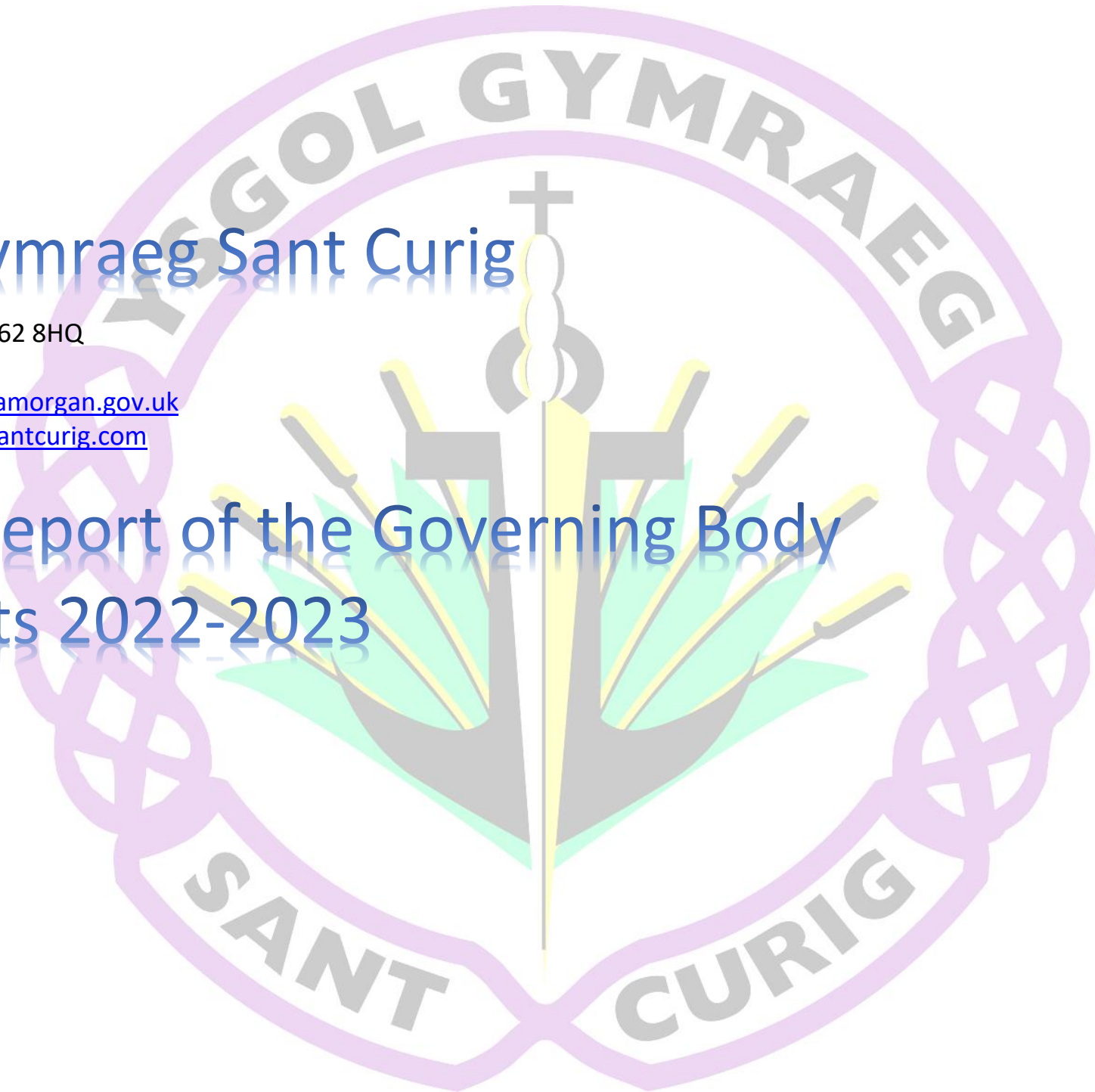
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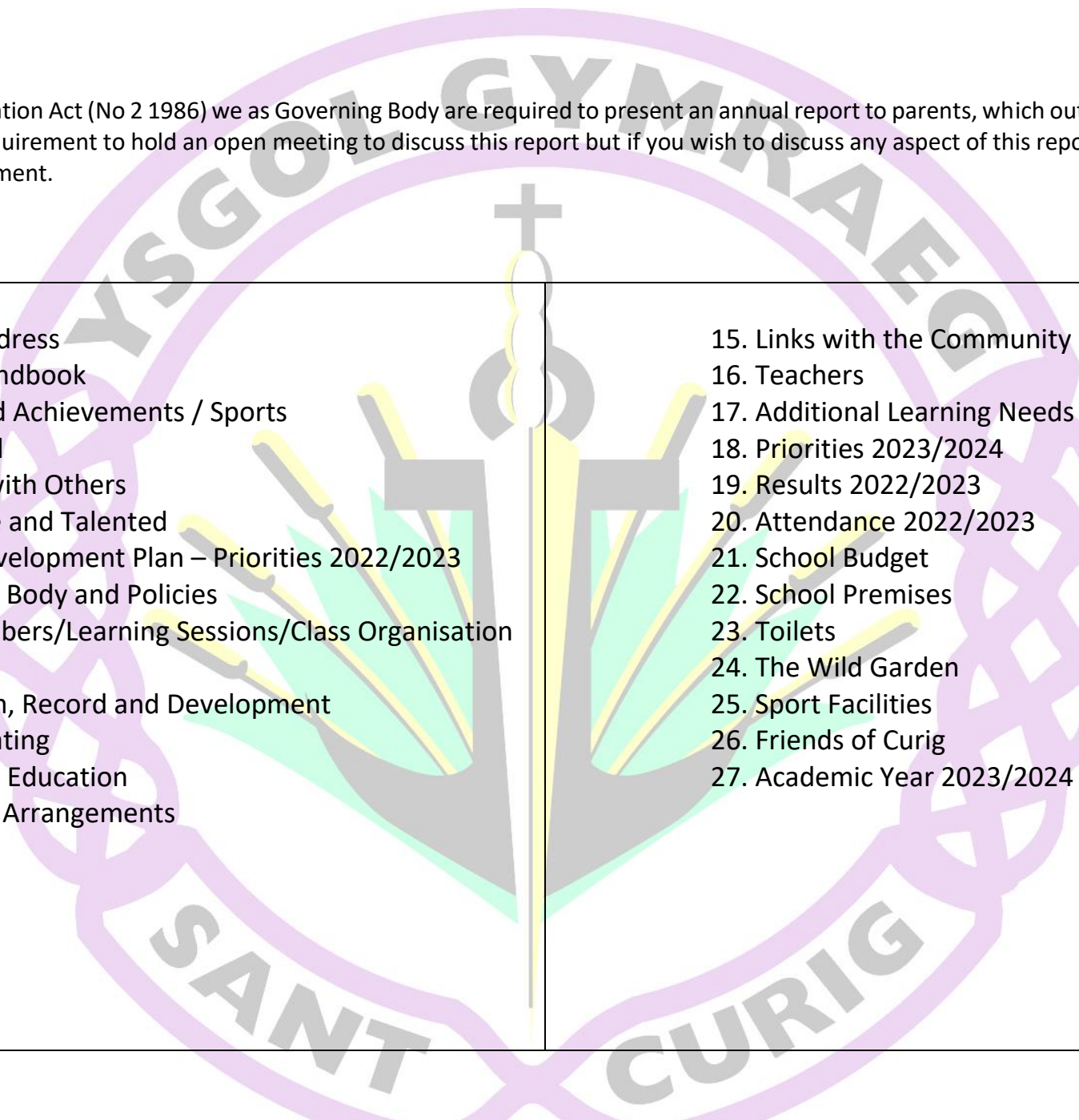
Annual Report of the Governing Body to Parents 2022-2023



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. Chair's Address

As Chair of Governors, it gives me great pleasure to present our Annual Report for the year 22/23. This provides statistical information, along with an overview of important events. It also contains information about the life of the school, its leadership and highlights some of our pupils' achievements.

The school has had a busy year and I know that all the staff have been so proud to have the pupils back at school, and although it has been a challenging year with Covid never far away, the school community has worked well together and it has been great to see families enjoying and supporting various school events throughout the year.

During the last year, staff and pupils have been working hard to implement a Curriculum for Wales.

I am extremely proud that the Ysgol Sant Curig team work so hard to develop each child's strengths, while at the same time always putting the children's welfare at the heart of everything they do. I recognize and would like to thank the excellent work of all the staff in contributing to the school's many successes.

I appreciate the support the school receives from you as parents, relatives and carers and I look forward to working together to ensure the best possible results for our children.

2. School Handbook

- A full copy of the school handbook is available from the school office

3. Events and Achievements / Sports

- For the first time in a long time, the school managed to take part in a number of sporting events this year. A number of friendly football games were played against local teams as well as competing enthusiastically in the Urdd and Cardiff and Vale competitions, boys and girls. In addition to this, the boys and girls' rugby team played in the Urdd rugby competition and enjoyed the experience very much. We also love celebrating our pupils' successes in a variety of sports outside of school.

4. Eisteddfod

- It was great to see many children from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig performing on the Bro Morgannwg stage at this year's Eisteddfod. There were great performances with singing and speaking under 7, under 9 and also with the under 11. Tirion Warner had particular success with the clarinet, she came second in the woodwind competition at the County Eisteddfod!

5. Working with Others

- The school is part of the Federation of schools within the Mid South Consortium (Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Merthyr, RCT and Bridgend)
- The school also works closely with the Bro Morgannwg Welsh cluster of schools. We have Professional Learning Communities that focus on the 6 Areas of Learning and Experience. This ensures consistency among Welsh-speaking schools in the Vale as we introduce a Curriculum for Wales.
- The school and the Language Charter Team were able to collaborate with Gladstone school presenting a playground games project in the Welsh language. The team had to write a report to the Consortium which received praise from the authority.

6. More Able and More Able and Talented Pupils

- Leaders were chosen among our pupils to be members of the School Council, ECO Council, Language Charter Council and the Sports Council.
- Each class offered challenging opportunities during lessons to promote and extend our more-able and talented learners
- A number of able and talented pupils were selected for the County's football and rugby trials.

7. Priorities for the School Development Plan 2022/2023

School Development Priorities 2022/2023	
Priority	Target
1. Continue to develop the school as a learning organization in order to create ambitious and capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.	<i>That there is an assessment system that has been experimented with during the year. Evaluate and set recommendations for the SDP The Curriculum for Wales 2023/24 A whole school INSET to evaluate where we are now and to plan for improvement. 12 principles of pedagogy are an important part of the AFL work in our SDP for 2023/24 - Priority 1 once again.</i>
2. Continue to adapt according to the ALN act, January 2022	<i>The school continues to make good progress according to the modifications planned to prepare for the ALN act. The challenges relate to time and staffing – the staff have had to give more time to individuals with BES needs rather than Cognition and Learning. We intend to restructure staffing somewhat next year in order to respond to this.</i>

<p>3. Further strengthen our pupils' oral and listening skills in order to respond to the statement of what is important in the field of languages, literacy and communication. This is a key part of the school's vision.</p>	<p><i>The impact of the Language Immersion scheme, Y Llwyfan Llafar and Llais 21 scheme can be seen on the classroom floor in Years Three and Five. Pupils respond very positively to the strategies. The next steps will be to continue reading this through the school/ planning staff training to ensure consistency across the years. Very positive feedback from the Llais 21 Liaison Leader following a listening tour and lesson observations. CSC's Welsh Department (Ceryl Rowe) also writes a case study to highlight good practice and the success of the school's oral tour so far.</i></p>
<p>4. Implant a whole school approach when considering the emotional and mental wellbeing of staff and pupils in the school</p>	<p><i>Mrs Heledd Francis worked through the self-evaluation resource with Lisa Lewis and also when working together with Sally Evans' company (Perform and Grow). The Wellbeing day for staff was a great success. A Staff Wellbeing exhibition was created in the lounge with additional information (signposting) shared. The possibility of holding more supervision sessions for staff from September '23 onwards was discussed with the Educational Psychology service.</i></p>
<p>5. Create a new Performance Management system for teaching staff to ensure continuous professional development</p>	<p><i>Staff held a meeting to discuss the year and completed the cycle. There are targets discussed for 2023/24 but not formalized yet. There will be a meeting in September with the Performance Management team leader to confirm the targets.</i></p>
<p>Sub-priorities:</p>	
<p>Activities to promote The Language Charter.</p>	
<p>Focus on mapping Maths/Numeracy skills across the curriculum and all age groups.</p>	

8. Governing Board 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 2022/2023

Role of Governing Body Members	Name
Chair (Ysgol Sant Curig, College Road, Barry, CF62 8HQ – 01446 744222)	Mrs Tiffany Barker
Vice Chair	Mrs Bethan Owen
Headteacher	Mr Rhodri Jones
Parent Governors	Ms Ricki Lewis, Mrs Rebecca Warner, Mr Jeffrey Mitchell, Ms Karen Worman, Mr Neil Maddison, Mrs Katie West.
Local Education Authority Representatives	Mr Lynden Mack, Mrs Meinir Thomas, Dr Sian Williams, Mr Gwynne Griffiths
Staff Representatives	Mrs Hannah Saar, Mrs Heledd Francis, Mrs Ruth Lee (non-teaching)
Community Members	Mr Andrew Humphreys, Mrs Bethan Owen, Mrs Tiffany Barker, Miss Emma Sullivan
Clerk to the Governors – (Ysgol Sant Curig, College Road, Barry, CF62 8HQ – 01446 744222)	Miss Rachel Cox
Director of Education Head of Schools MAR (All / LEA)	Mrs Paula Ham Mrs Morwen Hudson N/A

9. Staff Members / Learning Sessions / Class Organisation

Staff Members 2022/2023	
Headteacher	Mr R Jones
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs H Francis
Teachers	Mrs C Walsh, Miss M Down, Mrs N Lewis-Jones, Mrs E Morrison, Mrs N Thomas, Miss H Saar, Miss A Withey/Mrs B Collins, Dr C Richards, Mrs L Weighell, Mr AP Williams, Mr LI Huw, Mrs S Iwan-Jones, Miss H Owen, Mr M Llwyd, Mr M Price, Mrs S Sampson/Mr D Terfel/Mrs N Norman, Mrs J Griffiths.
Head of Admin Admin Support Staff	Mrs N Hallett Miss C Paget, Miss B Hayward
Higher Level Teaching Assistants	Mrs C Jones, Mrs J Bowen, Miss L Richards
Learning Support Assistants	Mrs E Parry, Miss S Jones, Miss H Sparkes, Mrs R Warner, Mrs R Lee, Mrs H Ruck, Mrs S Humphreys, Mrs J Giltinan, Mrs S Jenkins, Miss Rh Carter, Miss K Press, Mrs H Watkins Agency staff – Miss L Jones, Miss C Kelly, Miss E Conibear, Miss S Moore, Miss G Bick, Mr J Gerrish
Caretaker	Mr I Ellis
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs C Mason, Mrs P Farnham, Mrs K Rosser, Mrs C Downes
Breakfast Club Supervisors	Mrs K Rosser-Collins, Mrs C Mason, Miss B Hayward, Miss C Downes, Miss L Richards
'Clwb Carco (after school club) Staff	Mrs E Parry, Mrs C Jones, Miss L Richards, Mrs H Ruck, Mrs K Rosser-Collins
Head Cook	Mrs R Stone
Peripatetic Musik Teachers	Mrs K Kuczynski, Mrs E Henry, Mrs D Connell, Miss N Horne, Ms S Thomas

Learning Sessions	
Morning	9.00am - 11.30am (Nursery)
	8.40am – 11.45/11:55am (The Foundation Phase)
	8:40am – 12:30pm (Key Stage 2)
Afternoon	12:30pm - 3:00pm (Nursery)
	1:00pm – 3:20pm (The Foundation Phase)
	1:30pm – 3:20pm (Key Stage 2)

Class Organisation 2022/2023	
Nursery	Mrs C Walsh/Mrs C Jones
Reception	Mrs N Lewis Jones/Miss M Down/Mrs E Morrison
Year 1	Miss H Saar/Mrs E Morrison/Mrs N Thomas
Year 2	Miss A Withey/Dr C Richards/Mrs B Collins (January 2023)
Year 3	Mr AP Williams/Mrs L Weighell/Mr D Terfel
Year 4	Mrs S Iwan Jones/Mr Ll Huw/Mrs J Griffiths
Year 5	Miss H Owen/Mr M Llwyd/Mr D Terfel
Year 6	Mrs S Sampson/Mr M Price/Mrs J Griffiths/Mrs N Norman (January 2023)
PPA	Mrs J Bowen/Miss L Richards/Mrs J Griffiths/Mr D Terfel

10. These Charities were supported by the school;

Children in Need, Vale Food Bank, Dogs Trust, Poppy Appeal, Comic Relief, Velindre Hospital, Marie Curie

11. Curriculum, Recording and Assessment

The school's vision

We are a happy and welcoming school whose heart is in the community. We develop our pupils to be independent, capable, confident learners and global citizens. I would like to continue to develop the school as a learning organization in order to create ambitious and capable learners who are ready to learn throughout life. We are proud of the broad, balanced and full education we provide throughout the school. And in the same way, we also pride ourselves on the friendly and caring atmosphere that is always evident. Pupils' Wellbeing is the center of all good things that happen here at Sant Curig. We plan a curriculum that is rich in terms of knowledge, skills and experiences, enabling pupils to have aspirations and to succeed by offering a challenge to everyone.

The school implements the Curriculum for Wales. We plan activities and themes that promote the Four Purposes so that they become an integral part of the lives of Sant Curig's pupils. The main language of the school is Welsh. We expect the children to communicate in Welsh all the time except in English lessons. All lessons are taught through the medium of Welsh and coordinators are responsible for different aspects of the curriculum e.g. Literacy, Numeracy, Digital Competence and Science. English is introduced as a subject in Year 3. We group staff into the six areas of learning and experience as we implement the Curriculum for Wales. Various interesting themes planned jointly with the pupils from Reception to Year 6 are studied, ensuring that every aspect of the curriculum is taught. Gender Education is taught as part of the National Curriculum. We also use the Health Education Council's teaching material for the older children. If we are not informed otherwise by parents, Religious Education is taught in a non-denominational way with everyone attending 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 along with a detailed school written report. As we operate an open door policy, 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. 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 encourage parents and children to bring in healthy snacks for breaktimes.

13. Secondary Education

We follow the Welsh Cluster Transition Policy, and 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. We also hold regular Professional Learning Community meetings where staff focus on the 6 Areas of Learning linked into the Curriculum for Wales.

14. Internal Transition Arrangements

- 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 would take place during the last half term of every academic year.
- We also hold a meeting for Nursery parents whose children will be starting full time education in September. This is held during the summer term, one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- We also offer an open morning/afternoon for parents of our nursery or pre-nursery children.

15. Links with the Community

The School works closely with the Emergency Services such as the Police and the Fire Brigade. We have a program of visits with our Community Police Officer (School Beat) who visits every class in the School during the academic year. Aspects such as road safety, strangers as well as drugs, cyberbullying and safety on the Web (Internet Safety) are discussed.

The town Library is used occasionally by a variety of year groups. The School has a close link with Menter Bro Morgannwg. A grant of £5000 was received from local company Dow Corning to develop STEM activities and to order technology equipment for our learners.

16. Teachers

Staff meetings were held on Wednesday 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, developing our use of the Welsh language by using Voice 21, a talking and listening based scheme for schools, ALN, Trauma Informed Schools training, training on Attachment Disorder, the DCF and aspects of numeracy across the curriculum. Members of staff have represented the school in a variety of cluster groups (Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competency as well as PLC's for the 6AOLE's) in order to further secure consistency of teaching and standards reached in subject areas across the school. 81% of training went on three areas; Additional Learning Needs, The Curriculum for Wales and Pedagogy.

17. Additional Learning Needs

Our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Heledd Francis is our school ALNCo (Additional Learning Needs Coordinator). The school and our ALNCo work very closely with parents and outside agencies to support our children. Mrs Francis has also worked hard to prepare the school for the new ALN Act which came into effect for schools in January 2022.

18. Priorities for 2023/2024

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| 1. Cwricwlwm i Gymru/The Curriculum for Wales - This year's focus is on the 12 Principles of Pedagogy. We will focus on various aspects of Assessment for Learning. |
| 2. To strengthen Ysgol Sant Curig's Assessment processes by using Camau Curig as pupils' milestones and to use an Assessment system to keep a personal portfolio for each pupil in the school. |
| 3. Literacy - Further strengthen our pupils' oral and listening skills in order to respond to the statement of what is important in the field of Languages, literacy and Communication. Our focus will be on developing Voice 21 strategies across the school this year. |
| 4. Create a Relationships Policy that combines the work done on implementing a whole school approach to support wellbeing and mental health with the work we have done with Paul Dix's company (When the Adults Change) |
| 5. To map mathematics across the school so that the experiences and eager opportunities are offered to the pupils when adapting the way of teaching mathematics, emphasizing a solid understanding of the mathematical aspects, both verbally and in writing. |

19. End of Key Stage Data 2022/2023

The national tests were held during the Spring term, and a link was given for parents to see the results. Internal tests were also carried out twice a year, in the autumn term and then in the summer term.

20. Attendance 2022/2023

The attendance figure for the school for 2022/23 was 91%. The school has received a targeted of 94% for the year 2023/24.

21. School Budget 2022/2023

The school managed to set a balanced budget for the academic year 2022-23

Vale of Glamorgan Council Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig Outturn Report 2022-23 Revenue Summary				
COST CENTRE CODE	COST CENTRE DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	ANNUAL BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CONT. TO FUNDS	4,100.00	52,724.63
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CONT TO CAPITAL OUTTURN		48,625.89
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CONT TO GENERAL RESERVE	4,100.00	4,098.74
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	EMPLOYEES	1,593,737.00	1,629,567.86
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	TEACHING EMPLOYEES	971,417.00	969,160.22
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	NON-TEACHING EMPLOYEES	226,622.00	251,905.05
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	GRANT EMPLOYEES	395,698.00	408,502.59
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	208,202.00	195,102.16
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	208,202.00	195,102.16
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	PREMISES	169,983.00	161,767.19
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CLEANING AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIES	63,985.00	63,730.25
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	ENERGY	21,300.00	23,973.12
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	3,150.00	2,887.50
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	RATES	22,330.00	22,330.00
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	REPAIRS & MAINT OF BUILDING	51,718.00	43,073.04
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	WATER SERVICES	7,500.00	5,773.28
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	200,036.00	43,660.50
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	COMMS AND COMPUTING	4,500.00	4,913.29
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	EQUIP, FURNITURE & MATERIALS	39,254.00	27,301.46
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	EXPENSES	205.00	0.00
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	GRANTS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,321.00	2,001.25
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	MISC EXPENSES	135,596.00	121.50
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	PRINTING STATIONERY & OFFICE EXPS	19,000.00	8,693.26
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	SERVICES	160.00	629.74
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	TRANSPORT	800.00	281.90
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CAR ALLOWANCES	800.00	281.90
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CUSTOMER RECEIPTS		-64,059.33
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	CHARGE FOR SERVICE		-16,000.00
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	DONATIONS		-14,747.58
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	SALE OF PRODUCTS		-33,311.75
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	GOVERNMENT GRANT	-322,089.00	-366,685.63
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-8,290.00	-8,290.00
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	WG GRANTS	-313,799.00	-358,395.63
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-34,044.00	-39,180.03
101315	Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig	INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-34,044.00	-39,180.03
		Total 101315	1,820,725.00	1,613,179.25

Vale of Glamorgan Ysgol Sant Curig Outturn Report 2022/23 Balance Sheet Summary

COST CENTRE	BSLEVEL3	OPENING BALANCE	MOVEMENT	CLOSING BALANCE
910048 - Ysgol Sant Curig	Schools Employees and misc. balances	231,691.00	-24,145.25	207,545.75

22. School Building

We have succeeded in building a new reception for the school which has made our site much safer. We have also succeeded in changing the patio area in front of the school to artificial ground.

23. Toilet Facilities

The School fulfills the statutory requirements and we have the right number of toilets for the number of children in the School. The toilets are cleaned daily by the County's cleaning team and we regularly monitor their condition.

24. The Wild Garden

Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) has taken the lead in developing our Wild Garden. We thank them for their efforts as they prepare the area for all Sant Curig's pupils.

25. Sports Facilities

All the children at the School have been able to take advantage of the external facilities for play as well as taking part in a variety of sports and competitions. An External Areas Maintenance company visits the School regularly to ensure the condition of the external facilities e.g. climbing frame. The Urdd also hosts a weekly Chwraeon Club in Sant Curig.

26. Friends of Curig

It was nice to see the Friends of Curig working very hard to raise money for the benefit of Sant Curig's pupils this year.

27. Academic Year 2023/2024 Dates

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2023	Mon 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 Oct 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2022	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
Spring 2024	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 Mar 2024	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	*Monday 22 July 2024	70
TOTAL					195

- i) **Mon 4 Sept 2023 and *Monday 22 July 2024** will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 22 July 2024 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 1 May 2023** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Monday 25 December 2023
	Easter	Good Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday 1 April 2024
	May Bank Holidays	Monday 6 May 2024 Monday 27 May 2024