

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another academic year I am writing a short letter which will act as a replacement for the usual Governing Body's Annual Report to parents at Ysgol Pentrecelyn. The last 4 months have been challenging in all walks of life due to the Covid pandemic and school as we once knew it has not been in existence, thus we have agreed as a Governing Body not to compile a report at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Body to thank Mr. Evans and all the staff for their hard work throughout the year, particularly through the period of home schooling and the return to school over the last 3 weeks. I would also like to thank my fellow Governors for their support during the year.

The volunteer members of the Governing body are committed to their role and bring a range of skills and experience to the governing of the school. Much of our work is divided into meetings as a full governing body and meetings as subcommittees. We review policies on a rolling timetable and are involved in recruitment where necessary. The Buildings and Finance subcommittees work with officers from Denbighshire County Council to maintain a healthy working budget and ensure that the school is a safe environment for your children. Managing the School budget is becoming more difficult every year.

The Curriculum subcommittee oversees teaching and progress. Governors also visit the school informally to take part in "learning walks" which give valuable insight into the day to day running of the school. We work closely with our GwE System Leader on the matters of data performance and performance management. Some of this work will change due to new Covid Guidelines, we have already adapted to virtual meetings.

This year we have had one Governor step down, Medwen Roberts felt her talents would be better utilised as a volunteer to the school rather than as a Governor and some of your children may have benefitted from her help in making a video at Ruthin Jail earlier this year. I would like to thank Medwen for her commitment during her time as a Governor. This year we have also welcomed two new members to the Governing Body, Osian Owen and Sion Ap Mihangel. Osian joins as a Community Governor and is a member of Llanfair Community Council. Sion joins as a Local Authority Governor, they both also have children in the school.

I would like to thank all of you, parents, grandparents and your children for your support of the school over the last year, especially those who give up their time to listen to the pupils read or help in the garden or with other school activities. I would like to thank the PTA for all their fundraising efforts through the year, without this we would not be able to buy much needed resources for the school.

Ysgol Pentrecelyn is a community and I look forward to continuing to work together in whatever the new normal is to ensure the best possible provision for our children. If anyone has any questions regarding the work of the Governing Body please contact me through the school,

Yours Sincerely  
Sarah Wynne, Chair of Governors