



Governors Annual Report to Parents 2021-2022

Covering the
Year 2021/22

November
2022

The Governors of Berriew Community Primary School are pleased to share this report with you.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this report, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us or any member of staff at the school.



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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Dear all,

I am pleased to say that the school has grown greatly over the last year, with much thanks going to the wonderful staff at Berriew Pre-School with whom we have excellent links with. This has enabled us to increase the classes from three to four in September 2022. As such, the governing body has supported additional staff recruitment, with Mrs Worthington and Mrs Yorke joining the teaching staff, and we are confident that this will benefit all stakeholders in the new school year.

Obviously, a positive development from the year was the relaxation of the Covid-19 rules. This meant the end of class ‘bubbles’ and allowed pupils to mix in class and during break times, as well as the welcome return of school trips and whole school activities such as Sports Day. We all hope that this will be maintained for the coming year to allow staff to focus on the implementation of the new Curriculum for Wales.

Furthermore, the governing body would like to pay thanks to those staff who left Berriew School during the academic year, having given great service over their years with us, Mrs Rees and Mrs Conlin. We wish them both well in their future roles.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that has supported the school during the year, pupils, parents, carers, volunteers and most notably the staff.

Kind regards,

Julie Haycock

Message from the headteacher - Sean Clarke

The school continues to be in a good position. Pupil numbers continue to increase and we are now over 100 pupils which is a great achievement for everyone associated with the school. The school will run with four classes and the governing body have supported the school with the recruitment of new staff.

It was lovely being able to have trips and residential last year and welcome visitors into school after the pandemic. We hope to do more with our parents and local community in the year ahead.

Again, the Welsh government has decided that there will be no national reporting of attendance or outcome/levels in Year 2 and 6, so the focus is now on the new Curriculum for Wales, which is being rolled out this September. The pupils have been heavily involved with developing our curriculum, with ideas for topics and what they would like to learn. These have been incorporated into our new themes and topics and we look forward to exciting year ahead, hopefully without any disruptions.

Thank you for your continued support and the lovely children we have to teach. We are all proud of them and our school.

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Governing Body of Berriew CP School

Chair

Mrs J Haycock (Co-opted Governor) c/o School 01686 640312

Headteacher

Mr Sean Clarke c/o School 01686 640312

Clerk

Mrs K Wright c/o School 01686 640312

Term of Office

Local Education Authority Representative Governors

Mr D Davies September 2023
Mrs L. Tuffin October 2025

Parents Governors (elected from and by the parents of the children attending the school)

Mr A. Jones October 2023
Miss J. Haycock
Mrs A Gittins-Evans October 2023

Minor Authority Representative

Mr N James September 2023

Co-opted Governor

Community Governor

Mrs E McGill

Teacher Governor

Mrs S Lewis August 2023

Non-teaching Staff Governor

Mrs L. Rees May 2023

The full Governing Body met on six occasions throughout 2021-22 via Microsoft teams with the main responsibilities being the welfare of the children, staff wellbeing and the maintenance of the school, it's buildings and grounds. The Governors continued to implement the School Development Plan and were heavily involved in the budget setting process, the appointment of staff and the self-evaluation process.

Governor training undertaken during the year included - Being an effective Chair, introduction for new governors, assessment and data, all monthly Chair of Gov meetings and all termly Gov Briefing sessions.



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Action taken by the Governing Body/School

Finance Sub-committee

The Sub-committee met several times to discuss the budget, increased pupil numbers and the introduction of a fourth class, class structure and staffing. The Welsh Assembly Government has continued to allocate extra funding to all schools with Foundation Phase classes for the appointment of teaching assistants to improve the adult to pupil ratio. The Finance Sub-committee also reviewed the spending plan, and we were able to reintroduce Activ8 sports coaching with additional PPA cover managed through the use of existing staff.

Pay Policy / Staffing / Performance Management Sub Committees

The Performance Management subcommittee met with Mrs Nia Vaughan the Challenge advisor to agree Mr Clarke's performance targets for 2020-21 and set his new targets for 2021-2022 linked to the new school improvement plan and the development of the new curriculum for the school. In addition, they were involved in the interview process to appoint the teachers in Class Unicorn and Class Phoenix.

Full Governing Body

In addition to the consideration of matters arising from the various sub-committees, the full Governing Body dealt with the following issues:

- Review the statutory policies lined to the school, including those provided by the Local Authority which needed ratifying.
- Support the school with monitoring activities linked to the school improvement plan. (These included book monitoring, learning walks and listen to the learners).
- The development of the new school logo and motto and the mission statements for the 6 areas of learning (part of the new curriculum for Wales).

Health & Safety / Buildings

The Headteacher and Health & Safety Governor undertook the annual Health and Safety audit, including an inspection of the whole school grounds, parking and the playground and the school boundary. Issues raised were addressed where possible with advice and support brokered from the Local Authority. Part of this was also to undertake a well-being survey of the pupils and seek their ideas about improving their education and safety at school.

Admission Arrangements

All applications are dealt with by Powys. Our current intake is 15.

Cleaning

Additional cleaning was maintained until Christmas. However, with the reduced cases this additional cleaning was stopped in the spring term following advice from the LA.



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School Prospectus

The school prospectus is updated annually. A copy is on the school website and is available to all parents if they request a paper copy. www.berriewschool.uk

School Development Plan (SDP 2021-22)

The SDP for the last year focused on:

1. Improve the standards in Welsh across school.
2. Implementing the New Curriculum for Wales
3. Improve leadership and management of the school
4. Improve the standards in mathematics across school

Policies

The staff and governors review policies and copies are on the school website www.berriewschool.uk and can be obtained if requested from the office (digitally or paper copies).

Destination of school leavers

Nearly all Year 6 pupils leaving Berriew CP School went to either Welshpool HS or Community College Bishops castle.

Language

The school is an English Medium school. Welsh is taught to all pupils as a second language in discrete Welsh lessons, reinforcement activities are taught in class through a bilingual approach.

Links with the High School

The school has close links with both high schools, particularly Welshpool HS. Year 6 pupils visit the school of their choice and High School staff liaise with the Year 6 teacher and ALNCo to discuss individual pupil progress and identified needs.

Links with the Berriew Preschool

The Playgroup is located in the mobile classroom on the school site. This is run independently from the school and managed by Claire Munslow. The reception staff liaise with the Preschool on a regular basis and during the summer term the preschool pupils are invited into school to meet the staff and get to know the school. They join the school for celebration assemblies and other events, such as the pantomime, workshops, and visitors.



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Staffing & Curriculum

The school was staffed for 3 classes (Class Unicorn - Reception and year 1, Class Griffin -Y2 and 3 and Class Phoenix with Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils). There was the equivalent of 4 full time teachers and two full time Teaching Assistants and one part time teaching Assistant.

During the autumn term guitar, ukulele, drum, and piano tuition face to face were provided by private arrangement with parents by Mr Theo Lawrence and Music Heroes, respectively.

The school continues to carry out detailed self-evaluation procedures into all aspects of school life. The self-evaluation is used to formulate the school's priorities and is the basis of the school's improvement plan for the year ahead.

The School Improvement plan was developed with the staff and the school's priorities were to improve the quality of Welsh teaching in school and address some of the issue raised by Covid19, to improve the standards in mathematics, develop our new curriculum and develop leadership across the whole school.

Regular analysis of the children's progress is carefully monitored through termly reading and maths assessment plus half-termly writing assessments. However, due to the closure of school at the end of the autumn term and its closure in early 2020 some assessments were not carried out. However, we had enough data from the start of the year till the end to make judgements about the pupil's progress.

The Foundation Phase and KS2 curriculums use themed topics linked to the six areas of learning, to engage the children with their learning. Homework grids encourage home learning to further develop the skills the children have been taught in school.

The school is implementing the new Curriculum for Wales



This curriculum prepares pupils to become:

1. Ambitious, capable learners
2. Enterprising, creative contributors
3. Healthy, confident individuals
4. Ethical, informed citizens

Who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

The curriculum has six areas of learning to achieve these purposes:

- Expressive Arts



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Welsh Language

Although we are an English-speaking school we are fully committed to the development of the Welsh Language and the Welsh Culture. All pupils are encouraged to use incidental Welsh during the day and this is modelled by the staff. At home and additional Welsh resources were provided for home learning. Mrs Conlin and Miss Gardner delivered Welsh lessons to all classes and in the summer term Welsh reading was promoted through our school volunteer Mrs Betley.

Pupils with Additional Learning Needs and Pupils with Disabilities

Berriew is an inclusive school, and we welcome all children for whom a mainstream education is appropriate. Our aim is to ensure that pupils with any form of special need participate in 'everyday' curriculum activities with their peers whenever possible. There is a disabled toilet in the main building so we can cater easily for those who require such facilities. The building is on one level and ramps lead up to several external doors. The school has a Disabled Access Plan in place.

Children with additional learning needs are supported by class teachers, teaching assistants and the ALNCo (Additional Needs Co-ordinator Mrs Lewis). Work within the classroom is carefully differentiated and planned sensitively to cater for those with special needs. However, sometimes children may have additional needs which may require specialist support and individual or class-based support. We worked closely with outside agencies and

When a difficulty has been analysed, an individual education plan (ULP or ILP) is written, which sets short term targets for each child. These are regularly reviewed. A great emphasis is placed on quality first teaching, differentiation, effective ULP's and developing basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Staffing changes

During the year we saw the arrival of Mrs Richards (TA in Class Griffin) and Mrs Wright as administration officer. They did a wonderful job and were replaced with new staff at the beginning of the new academic year (2022-23).

Attendance

Our school target was 97% however, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, illness, and holidays in term times our attendance was affected. By the end of the year, it was 94%.





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Summary of Berriew CP School Budget 2021-22

Total Delegated Funds = 333,250	2021/22 BUDGET	2021/22 ACTUAL
Expenditure Area		
Salaries and wages	£285,059	£312,702
Premises (e.g., repairs and maintenance, utilities, rates etc.)	£39,928	£51,000
Supplies and Office (e.g., stationary, LA support, copier etc.)	£23,986	£38,082
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
Income (e.g., grants, donations etc.)	£348,963	£401,791
TOTAL INCOME		
	£22,925	£75,615
NET EXPENDITURE		
	£326,038	£326,177



Our centenary celebration June 2022



Cycling training for year 6



Mindfulness in Class Griffin



Art work for the Queens' jubilee



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2022-23 School Calendar

Autumn Term 2022	Non- Pupil Days	No of school days
Monday 5 September to Friday 28 October	Thursday 1 September Friday 2 September	40

Half term – Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November

Monday 7 November to Wednesday 21 December		33
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Spring term 2023	Non-Pupil Days	No of school days
Monday 9 January to Friday 17 February		30

Half term – Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February

Monday 27 February to Thursday 30 March	Friday 31 March	24
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Summer Term 2023	Non-Pupil Days	No of school days
Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May	Monday 17 April	28

Half term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July	Monday 24 July	35
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Good Friday	Friday 7 April 2023
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023
Royal Welsh Show	Monday 24 July to Thursday 27 July 2023