

<u>2017 – 2018 Chairman's Report</u> <u>Mr Gareth Parry</u>

It's been another extremely busy and successful year at Aberaeron Primary School. This has been written on behalf for the governing body and its contents covers the academic year 2017-2018. A parents' meeting was not held and not requested during this academic year. We last held a parents' meeting on the 4th of November 2015 at 7pm, to which two parents attended.

## Aelodau Corff Llywodraethol 2016-2017 Members of the Governing Body

## Cynrychiolwyr yr Awdurdod / Authority Representatives:

Cyng.Mrs.E.Evans, Mr. A.Crees, Mr. G.Parry,

## Rhieni Llywodraethwyr / Parent Governors

Mr Aled Davies, Mr. Delme Rees, Mrs. D.Tarling, Mrs. J.Williams,

## Llywodraethwyr Cymunedol/ Community Governors:

Ms Marina James, Community Mr Denfer Morgan, Community Mr Dai Davies, Community

### Athro/Athrawes Lywodraethwr / Teacher Governor:

Miss Mair Jones

## Llywodraethwr staff / Staff Governor:

Miss C.A Davies -

Sylwebydd / Observer: Mrs. Catrin Thomas,

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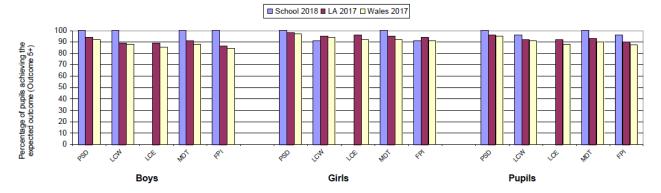
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## Ysgol Gynradd Aberaeron Ceredigion

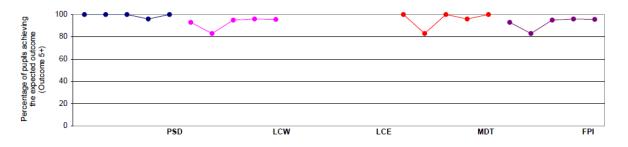
## School comparative information: Foundation Phase Outcomes 2018

### Percentage of boys, girls, and pupils achieving at least the expected outcome (Outcome 5+):

	Boys			Girls			Pupils		
	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017
PSD	100	94	92	100	98	97	100	96	95
LCW	100	89	88	91	95	94	96	92	91
LCE	0	89	85	0	96	92	0	92	88
MDT	100	91	88	100	95	92	100	93	90
FPI	100	86	84	91	94	91	96	90	87



## School Performance over time (2014 - 2018)



#### Notes:

- 1. = No historical data available
- 2. Areas of learning: PSD = Personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity; LCW = Language, literacy and communication skills (in Welsh); LCE = Language, literacy and communication skills (in English); MDT = Mathematical development; FPI = Foundation Phase Indicator. To achieve the FPI, a pupil must achieve at least the expected outcome (Outcome 5+) in both PSD and MDT and either LCW or LCE.
- 3. If there were no pupils eligible for assessment in a subject for a particular year the graph will discontinue and show a gap for that year.

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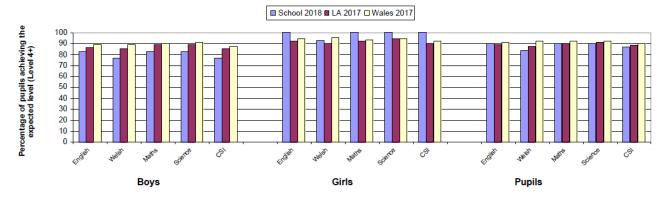
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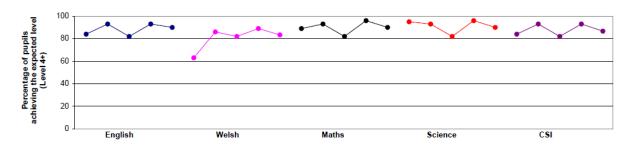
## School comparative information: National Curriculum Assessments 2018 Key Stage 2

Percentage of boys, girls, and pupils achieving at least the expected level (Level 4+):

	Boys			Girls			Pupils		
	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017	School 2018	LA 2017	Wales 2017
English	82	86	89	100	92	94	90	89	91
Welsh	76	85	89	92	90	95	83	87	92
Maths	82	89	90	100	92	93	90	90	92
Science	82	89	91	100	94	94	90	91	92
CSI	76	85	87	100	90	92	87	88	90



## School Performance over time (2014 - 2018)



#### Notes:

- 1. Figures for Welsh refer to attainment in Welsh first language only.
- 2. CSI = Core Subject Indicator. To achieve the CSI a pupil must achieve at least the expected level 4 in both Mathematics and Science and either English or Welsh first language.
- 3. If there were no pupils eligible for assessment in a subject for a particular year the graph will discontinue and show a gap for that year.

The school's attendance was 94.9% during the academic year 2016-2017 and as a result this year the school was again placed in the bottom band. The school's attendance was 94.3% for the academic year 2017-2018. Pupils with attendance levels below 80% are monitored carefully. The school follows ERW's attendance policy regarding procedures dealing with unauthorised absences.

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## Crynodeb yr Ysgol



## Ysgol Gymunedol Gynradd Aberaeron

O: 04/09/2017 I: 20/07/2018

## Crynodeb yr Ysgol

	Attended	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Cyfanswm
Sesiynau	58487	2487	960	61934
Canran	94.43%	4.02%	1.55%	100.00%

## Crynodeb yr Ysgol gan Rhyw

	Attended	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Canran
М	94.51%	3.92%	1.58%	53.24%
F	94.35%	4.13%	1.52%	46.76%
Canran	94.43%	4.02%	1.55%	100.00%

## Crynodeb yr Ysgol gan Ddosbarth

	Attended	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Canran
Derbyn	91.80%	8.02%	0.18%	1.83%
BLWYDDYN 1	94.34%	3.47%	2.20%	18.31%
BLWYDDYN 2	94.04%	4.27%	1.69%	14.03%
BLWYDDYN 3	94.97%	3.31%	1.72%	18.26%
BLWYDDYN 4	96.67%	2.32%	1.01%	12.85%
BLWYDDYN 5	92.90%	5.63%	1.47%	16.51%
BLWYDDYN 6	94.38%	4.41%	1.22%	18.20%
Canran	94.43%	4.02%	1.55%	100.00%

Ysgol Gynradd Aberaeron			
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2281	£	£	
Employee Costs			Costau Gweithwyr
Teacher Costs	454,444		Costau Athrawon
Teaching Assistant Costs	83,413		Costau Cynorthwywyr Dysgu
Caretaking Costs	960		Costau Gofalwyr
Administrative Officers	13,420		Swyddogion Gweinyddol
Supervisors Costs	6,484		Costau Goruchwylwyr
Supply Teacher Costs	24,532		Costau Athrawon Cyflewni
Other Employee Costs	522		Costau Gweithwyr Eraill
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS	322	583,774	CYF. COSTAU GWEITHWYR
Premises Costs		303,774	Costau'r Adeilad
	9,286		
Repair and Maintenance Grounds Maintenance			Cynnal a Chadw
	1,100		Cynnal a Chadw'r Tir
Energy Costs	13,729		Costau Ynni
General Rates	11,228		Trethi
Water Charges	3,282		Costau Dŵr
Cleaning Supplies and Services	17,487		Nwyddau a Gwasanaethau Glanhau
TOTAL PREMISES COSTS		56,111	CYF. COSTAU'R ADEILAD
Transport Costs			Costau Trafnidiaeth
Direct Transport Costs	3,700		Costau Trafnidiaeth
Travelling Costs	3,752		Costau Teithio
TOTAL TRANSPORT COSTS		7,452	CYF. COSTAU TRAFNIDIAETH
Supplies and Services			
Teaching Resources	30,212		Adnoddau Dysgu
ICT Resources	13,424		Adnoddau TGCh
Catering Costs	19,430		Costau Arlwyo
Service Level Agreements	11,208		Cytundebau Lefel Gwasanaeth
Photocopying Costs	6,220		Costau Llungopïo
Other Supplies and Services	38,032		Nwyddau a Gwasanaethau Eraill
TOTAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES		118,526	CYF. NWYDDAU A GWASANAETH
GROSS EXPENDITURE		765,863	GWARLANT GROS
Less: INCOME			Wedi'i Leihau :INCWM
Parental/PTA Income	-19,428		Cyfraniadau Rhieni/CRhA
Grants	-43,848		Grantiau
Other Income	-19,300		Incwm Arall
TOTAL INCOME		-82,576	CYFANSWM YR INCWM
NET EXPENDITURE		683,287	GWARIANT NET
Funding Available			Cyllid ar Gael
Formula Funding 2017/18	686,997		Cyllid yn ôl Fformiwla 2017/18
Balance b/f 1 April 2017	33,809		Gweddill c/d 1 Ebrill 2017
1	12,200	720,806	
NET VARIANCE		37,519	AMRYWIANT NET
INTEREST		0	LLOG
TOTAL 17/18 SURPLUS		37,519	CYFANSWM ARIAN WRTH GEFN
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## Pupuil Deprivation Grant

The Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) is allocated to schools with pupils who come from low-income families and are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (e-FSM) and pupils who have been looked after continuously for more than six months (LAC). Schools are expected to make the best use of this funding to implement sustainable strategies that will quickly bring about changes for learners eligible for free school meals or who are LAC.

As a school we have agreed the following three steps:

- to identify the target group of pupils, its characteristics and needs
- to plan interventions which make the most effective use of resources
- to monitor and evaluate the impact of resources

In 2017-18 Ysgol Gynradd Aberaeron was provided with a PDG allocation of £16,850.

At Ysgol Gynradd Aberaeron we have a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by Ceredigion Local Authority and ERW, to promote progress and remove barriers to learning for students eligible for this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- enhance teaching and learning by providing various programmes of support
- provide intervention and support programmes that are proven to have the greatest impact and to be sustainable- Catch Up, Dyfal Donc, Satpin, Trandep, Cyfri Ceredigion, Social Use of lanuage groups and Pyramid Club
- provide specific high quality training for school staff based on Numeracy and Literacy
- implement and use data tracking systems to identify learners' needs, target interventions and monitor impact
- provide educational evenings for parents
- work in partnership with other schools, the community and other organisations e.g. Social Services and the Secondary School
- Developed leadership capacity to prioritise the impact on the quality of provision and outcomes

The School publishes a half termly newsletter that contains all news of activities involving the above.

## **BWRLWM AERON**

## Autumn 2017

#### WELCOME

At the beginning of the new educational year, 14 pupils started school. Everyone has settled well and have made new friends.

#### **ED HOLDEN-MR PHORMULA**

Ed Holden was welcomed to school to do workshops with KS.2 pupils on beat-boxing and everyone had a fantastic time in his company.

He talked about his appearances across the globe and performing through the medium of Welsh. During the day we discovered many hidden talents in Aberaeron as well!!

Thanks Ed for a memorable day.

#### SUSTRANS CYMRU

Sioned from Sustrans Cymru came into school to talk about the importance of cycling, using scooters and walking when convenient rather than driving around locally.

Everyone was inspired by the talk.

## SPRI-DI-RI

The Foundation Phase children went to Felinfach Theatre to enjoy a singing session with other children from the county. It was great to see all the children having a wonderful time singing popular songs.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to parents, friends and neighbours who supported our coffee morning once again this year. We had a 'Bake Off' competition which was won by Seren Davies, Ceinwen Southgate and Eos Dafydd were joint 2nd.

We managed to raise £710 in a morning.

Well done everyone.

#### WALES v AUSTRIA FOOTBALL

A bus full of children, parents and enthusiastic staff travelled to the Cardiff City Stadium to see the Wales football team challenging Austria. It was an exciting trip and the fact that Wales won added to the excitement.

#### **BONUS BALL NUMBERS**

22.7.17 Mair Jones

9.9.17 Alison Davies

16.9.17 Joyce Thomas

23.9.17 Sid Morgans

30.9.17 Jason Jones

7.10.17 Meryl Lloyd

14.10.17 Becky Wood

21.10.17 Nia Davies

#### 'SHWMAE SHWMAE' DAY

The 'Siarter laith' Council went around the businesses in Aberaeron to promote the use of the Welsh language by starting a conversation in Welsh. They compiled a short video with many local businesses in town.

#### BEACH CLEARING

Staff from Keep Wales Tidy came to school to do a beach clean with years 3 & 4. They came across many precious treasures!

#### LLANERCHAERON

Yrs. 3 & 4 spent an afternoon at Llanerchaeron as part of their learning about past life in the mansion. They had the opportunity to walk around the mansion to appreciate the work of John Nash.

## MEETING THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER OF WALES

Catrin Edwards and Zac Evans (School Ambassadors) attended a workshop in Carmarthen to meet and discuss things with Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner in Wales. This was a valuable experience. Thank you for representing the school.



#### AUTISM FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Congratulations to everyone that helped us to celebrate the status of 'Autism Friendly School'. We had a wonderful night to celebrate with the School Council leading the parents in an interesting presentation full of information. Everyone went home after succeeding with an 'Autism Super Heroes' certificate.

#### T.LLEW JONES DAY

To celebrate T.Llew Jones day all the pupils dressed up in clothes that depicted characters from the author's books. We had many different lively characters.

Every class did activities about the author and his works.

#### **NEW STAFF**

A warm welcome to Catrin Lewis and Sioned Jones who have started work in the Foundation Phase.

We hope that you will enjoy working with us.

#### RADIO WORKSHOP

We have received radio equipment that enables us to create programmes in school. Marc Griffiths from Cymru FM came to give training to Yr.5 pupils and we now look forward to the first programme as they share the information with everyone.

#### WALKING TO SCHOOL

As part of the scheme to reduce the traffic outside the school daily, we have started a'Walking Bus' which starts from Glan y Môr car park every Wednesday at 8.30a.m.

Please come and join us.

### INSTRUMENTAL TRIO

KS.2 pupils enjoyed a performance by an Instrumental Trio from London at the Secondary School. Everyone enjoyed listening to the varied instruments.

#### KERBCRAFT

During the term year 1 have been receiving Kerbraft tuition. This teaches them how to concentrate and learn how to stay safe when crossing the road.

Thank you to all the children for being so fantastic this half term!

Enjoy your holiday and be careful!.

From Mrs Thomas



#### **CEREDIGION URDD RUGBY**

Two teams competed in the above competition and had a fantastic performance. The girls team managed to win three of the four games and the boys, winning 2 and losing 2.

Steffan Hopkins and Wil Stone were chosen to represent Ceredigion Rugby Team against Dinefwr. They played extremely well and helped Ceredigion to score 7 tries. Congratulations to both.



#### **BEST WISHES**

During this term, Haf Hughes, who was an assistant in the Foundation Phase for nine years, left us. Many thanks to her for her service and we wish her well in her new job.

We also bid farewell to Heulwen Davies and Nan John at the end of this half term as both are retiring. Mrs Davies has been in the school office for the last 13 years and will be sadly missed. Best wishes also to Miss Nan and we hope that you will keep in touch.



#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Peniel Chapel, Aberaeron. The children were addressed by Mr Dai Morgan. Many thanks to the committee of Peniel Chapel for the loan of the chapel. A collection was made towards the R.N.L.I. Thank you for your support.

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# **BWRLWM AERON**



## December 2017

#### THNAKSGIVING SERVICE

This year our thanksgiving service was held at Peniel Chapel. The guest speaker was Dai Morgan and a talk to remember with an important message was given. A collection was made to the R.N.L.I., which was very applicable to the community of Aberaeron.

#### **URDD SWIMMING GALA**

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the gala this year. The school will be represented in four races at the National Urdd gala in Cardiff at the end of January. Katlyn Gwynne-Jones will be swimming in two individual races and Finlay Tarling will be competing in one individual race. Kaitlyn, Mari, Catrin, Sophie and Acacia will be competing in two relay races for girls years 5 and 6. Good luck to everyone.

#### ARAD GOCH 'CERRIG YN SLIC' SHOW

Thank you to Arad Goch for bringing an amazing show to inspire the pupils of the Foundation Phase. Two performances were given which has led to exciting learning in the classroom.

#### ABERAERON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Thank you to the organisers of the Aberaeron community Christmas for the opportunity to join them yet again in the lantern parade. As usual the children sang carols and got everyone into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to the community, organisers and parents for the support. Thank you also to the friends of the school committee for being responsible for the school stall.

#### ENTERTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS

Pupils from year 3,4,5 and 6 entertained the senior citizens of Aberaeron at their Christmas party at the vestry of Peniel Chapel.

#### ROTARY

Thank you to Aberaeron Rotary Club for donating the beautiful Christmas tree outside the main entrance to the school.



## **GŴYL CERDD DANT, LLANDYSUL**

Congratulations to Ela Mablen from year 3 who won the folk song solo for primary aged children at the festival in Llandysul. Everyone at the school is proud of her achievement.

As the festival was so local, the reciting party, folk song party and cerdd dant party went to compete. It was a special experience and thank you to everyone.

#### MISS JANET PRINT MURAL

A print of Miss Janet's mural is for sale for £30 for a small and £45 for a large one. 10% of the profits will be going to Aberaeron Cancer Research Branch.

## RECYCLING SALE

A pop up recycling sale was held in the school hall held by the Eco committee Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event. £185 was raised.

### FRIEND'S OF THE SCHOOL

This year the committee organised a 'Strictly Come Dancing—Aberaeron' at the Feather's Hotel. A special evening full of fun and entertainment . Thank you to the parents and friends who had organised, danced, judged, contributed, bought a raffle and items from the auction. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy and support . This will surely be a big highlight of 2017 for Aberaeron. A massive £6,494.54.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

This year everyone wore spotty clothes to school and gave a contribution. The school managed to raise £248 towards this deserved cause.

#### **ALED YNNI DA**

'Aled Ynni Da' came to school to do a workshop on electricity with years 3 and 4. They learnt numerous things like how to save energy and how to look after the environment.

#### KERBCRAFT

Through the term year 1 pupils have been taking part in Kerbcraft training. Thank you to Neris Davies for training.



## CHRISTMAS FILM PREMIERE

This year our school Christmas performance was quite different with every pair of classes creating a film. A lot of fun and educational experiences has come from making the film. We hope you enjoyed and thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year again all pupils wore their Christmas jumpers to school and bought a contribution towards the Noah's Ark appeal.

#### **BONUS BALL NUMBERS**

28.10.17-Kate Miles

11.11.17-Rhain Griffiths

18.11.17—Dai Davies

25.11.17-Delyth Williams

2.12.17—Kirsty Davies

9.12.17-Neris Davies

16.12.17—Louise James

#### SANTES DWYNWEN

The 'Santes Dwynwen' dance will be held on Friday - 26/01/2018.

#### CINEMA

Thank you to the Friends of the School for paying for our visit to the cinema. Everyone enjoyed.

### GOVERNERS

A reading learning tour was held when the governors came to the school to familiarize themselves with the methods of learning to read in the school.

#### **KEEPING CLEAN**

Miss Gill from the nurses service came to the school to show the children how to wash their hands thoroughly. They enjoyed using the UV lamp to see how clean their hands were!

#### ANTI BULLYING WEEK

The children took part in a variety of activities during antibullying week. A competition was held where the children were asked to design a poster, write a story or create a film. The winner was Lilianna

#### PC AYRES

PC Ayres came to school to give a talk to year 5 and 6 pupils about antisocial behaviour and cyber-bullying. An important message was given.

## RE-CYCLING SCHOOL UNI-FORM

This scheme is very popular and we are so grateful to Bethan Trigg for organising everything. If you have any requests please contact Bethan: bmtrigg@gmail.com.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION SKILLS—Year 1 & 2

Ceredigion Actif held a session of learning skills at Bro Siôn Cwilt School. Thank you to the Sports Ambassadors for their help.

#### FELINFACH PANTOMIME

Members of the 'Siarter laith Committee organised a visit to Felinfach Pantomime. A special time was had ad we look forward to next year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophie Monrowe for coming 4th in the Urdd Ceredigion Gymnastics competition.

#### ROTARI

The School are now member of 'Rota Kids' under the leadership of Aberaeron Rotary Circle Society. The School Council received the honour.

## HEDD WYN SHOW

Year 3,4,5 and 6 enjoyed a show about Hedd Wyn by 'Mewn Cymeriad' company.

## GIG SIARTER IAITH

Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the Ceri Siarad gig in Ponrhydyfendigaid. A fun time was had listening to some well known Welsh band, Y Mellt and Candelas. An amazing experience for the children.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you as always for your continued support during this busy term! Enjoy the break!

Mrs Thomas



## February 2017

#### 'TRA BO DAU' CONCERT

It was a great honour for the school choir to be invited to sing in a concert in Felinfach Theatre in the company of Rhys Meirion, Aled Wyn Davies and pupils from Felinfach school. The place was full and a concert to the highest standard was had.

The school would like to say thank you for this opportunity, the staff for preparing the children and to the children for their hard work.

#### PC IAN AYRES' VISIT

Thank you to PC Ayres for visiting the school to give a talk on Internet safety.

### DATES FOR

### NATIONAL TESTS

Please remember the National Tests for Numeracy and Literacy will be held between the 25.4.18 and the 9.5.18 for Yrs 2-6 pupils.

#### 'WY, CHIPS A NAIN'

All K.S. 2 pupils went to Felinfach Theatr to see the production by 'Fran Wen' company. The visit was sponsored by the Arts Council.

## DREFACH VELINDRE WOOLLEN MUSEUMN VISIT

Year 5 and 6 pupils went to visit the Woollen Museum as part of their learning for the term. They had the opportunity to see the different processes and to participate in workshops.



#### RESIDENTIAL COURSE AT LLANGRANNOG URDD CAMP

Year 3 pupils spend two full days in Llangrannog Urdd camp. They all had a wonderful time doing a variety of different activities and socialising with pupils from other schools. Everyone returned to school a little tired but everyone had an unforgettable experience.

#### A WARM WELCOME TO

Mabli, Harri, Isaac, Felix, Dexter, Emma, Emily and Sophie started the nursery class. Oliver started in year 4 but at the moment he is attending 'Canolfan y Felin' and is learning Welsh fast. Welcome also to Wilwho has started in year 5.

#### **NATUREBASE**

Year 4 pupils went for a day of activities at 'Naturebase' in Cilcennin. It was great being able to learn in the outdoors and in a practical way. Thank you to everyone who assisted and thanks to Gyles and Alyson for the invitation

## YEAR 1 & 2 LEARNING ABOUT LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY

We had a special visit from Elin Jones M.C. She answered a wide variety of questions and talked about her work. Thank you for calling in your busy schedule.

As part of the same project the children went to The Hive to meet Rhys Davies the mayor of Aberaeron. Thank you for the drinks and biscuits and for being so ready to talk to the children about a variety of

subjects

## COGURDD

This year 16 pupils took part in the school round of Cogurdd to create a Thai salad'.

Congratulations to Jasmine Haf for winning and to Kaitlyn for coming second. Thank you to everyone who competed and for their effort.

#### URDD NATIONAL GALA

5 pupils from the school went to compete in the Urdd National Swimming Gala in Cardiff.

Kaitlyn came 2nd and 5th in her races.

Finlay came 6th in his heat.

The girls relay team came 5th and 9th. Team members were Mari, Catrin, Acacia, Sophie and Kaitlyn.

Congratualtions to you all .

## SANTES DWYNWEN DANCE

Many thanks to the Friends of the School Committee for organising the Santes Dwynwen dance once again at the school.

#### KIRSTY WILLIAMS VISIT

We were privileged to have Kirsty Williams,
Cabinet Secretary for Education visit our
school. Staff and pupils were thrilled to have
the opportunity to share their work, views
and opinions. Hopefully we will see the
Aberaeron bag in the Senedd.



#### WALES MUSIC DAY

We celebrated the day by listening to Welsh music and by a special assembly for Foundation Phase pupils. If you would like to listen to a mixture of welsh and English music you could tune in to Capital radio. Also, some current band the children enjoy listening to in school are Candelas, Al Lewis Band and Yws Gwynedd.

## GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS

This is available on the school website along with the school prospectus and questionnaire results. As a result of parent questionnaires, Governors are currently looking into enhancing breakfast club provisions.

## CEREDIGION LIBRARY

Delyth Hughes from Ceredigion Library came to reward the children that completed the 'Summer Challenge' this year. Well done everyone.

## PARKING

We have been requested to ask parents not to park in the Min y Môr spaces. We are currently lobbying the council to address our lack of parking.

#### 'MEWN CYMERIAD' SHOW

Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a performance of 'Taith yr laith' from the company 'Mewn Cymeriad' which brought the history of the Welsh language alive for our pupils and celebrated the importance of those who were learning the language.

#### URDD CEREDIGION NETBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the school netball team for coming second in the Ceredigion Urdd Area competition.

Team members were Ethan, Cerys, Bethany, Skye, Finlay, Kaitlyn, Seren, Mari a Sophie. Thank you to Miss C. Davies for training them.



#### SAFE INTERNET DAY

We celebrated by our Digital Wizard's presenting in assembly and also by inviting PC Ian Ayres to deliver specific internet safety lessons to years 3 and 4. This is an important topic, more information can be found on our school website. Please ensure you have the correct 'child friendly' settings on devices your children use.

#### **BONUS BALL**

## NUMBERS

23.12.17 Marjorie Squires

13.01.18 Nia Thomas

20.01.18 Sioned

27.01.18 Catrin Owen

03.02.18 Joyce Thomas

10.02.18 Carys Griffiths-Jones

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

1.3.18 St David's Day Procession

2.3.18 Urdd primary music festival

6.3.18 Aeron cluster Urdd Eisteddfod

9.3.18 School Cross country

15.3.18 Dyfed Cross country

21.3.18 Cross-country Aeron Cluster

27.3.18 School Eisteddfod K.S.2

28.3.18 Foundation Phase Eisteddfod

#### Mrs Thomas

Thanks for beginning 2018 with lots of great learning and support! We hope you all have a good rest and enjoy your break! Fingers crossed for dry weather!



#### CLOG DANCING

Thank you to Lowri Briddon from Felinfach theatre and Ceredigion Actif for giving year 5 and 6 pupils a taste of clog dancing. Hopefully some pupils will now follow up and have lessons at Felinfach

#### Easter 2018

#### **FOOD SAFETY SHOW**

Year 1-6 enjoyed a show that taught the importance of keeping everything clean and tidy while preparing food.

#### **BEN LAKE'S VISIT**

As part of their learning for the term Ben Lake A.S. visited Years 1 and 2 pupils to answer their questions. Thank you for visiting.

#### INSTRUMENTAL URDD EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to Catrin Edwards for winning the woodwind solo and the piano solo for Year 6 and under in the Area Eisteddfod.

Good luck in the National Eisteddfod.

#### **AERON AREA URDD EISTEDDFOD**

Congratulations to the following:

Recitation Yr. 2 and under for learners— 1st Antoni Raczynski, 2il Diggory Wood, 3ydd Miley Thomas.

Year 3&4 solo— 1st Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones, 2nd Fflur McConnell, 3rd Celt Dafydd

Recitation 3&4—1st Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones, 2il Fflur McConnell

Cerdd Dant -Yr.3&4—1st Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones, 2nd Fflur McConnell

Folk Song Solo Yr6. and under—1st Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones, 3rd Eos Dafydd

Solo Yr.5&6—1st Eos Dafydd

Recitation Year 5&6—1st Eos Dafydd

Duet Year 6 and under—1st Eos Dafydd and Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones.

Ymgon—1st members were, Harley Walton, Bethany Severs, Skye Jenkins and Mari Raw-Rees.

Two part harmony Party-1st

Choir—1st



#### COGURDD

Congratulation to Jasmine Williams for her success in reaching the final round of the Urdd cooking competition.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY WORKSHOP

Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a workshop in Aberystwyth to celebrate World Book Day where 4 authors discussed their book and read extracts of their book to the children.

#### **DATES OF**

#### NATIONAL TESTS

Please remember that the National Tests - Numeracy and Literacy will be held between the 25.4.18 and the 9.5.18 for Yrs. 2-6 pupils.

#### MOTHERS DAY TEA

The mothers of the reception and Full
Time Nursery Class were invited to
come in and enjoy an afternoon tea
that was prepared by the children.
Thank you to Sara Griffiths for her
assistance in preparing healthy cakes
with the children.

#### SCHOOL CROSSCOUNTRY

Congratulations to everyone who ran in the school cross country.

Congratulations to Pentwr who were the successful team at the end of the day.

#### DYFED CROSSCOUNTRY

Over 60 pupils represented the school and we managed to reach 2nd place throughout Dyfed—a great achievement considering there were 90 school and over 1,400 children competing.

Individual medal winners: Martha 1st, Seren 6ed, Finlay 2nd.

Team medal winners: Year 3 boys: Ellis, Sonny and Jack—3rd

Year 5 girls: Martha, Chloe, Jasmine W-2nd

Year 6 girls: Seren, Mari, Bethany-2nd

Year 6 boys: Finlay, Zeké, Steffan—1st

Martha, Steffan, Finlay and Seren went on to represent Dyfed against Glamorgan where Finlay won 3rd prize. Congratulations to you all.

#### SCIENCE WORKSHOP

To celebrate Science
Week year 5 and 6 visited
Aberystwyth University.
An enjoyable morning
was had visiting different
stands and getting a
chance to carry out
experiments.

#### COOKING

Thank you to Sara Griffiths for coming in to cook a stir-fry with year 5 and 6 children. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Looking forward to the next recipe.

## COMPETITION

The winners of the competition to create an anti bullying poster were Lilianna,
Alis, Osian and Cadi. Congratulations to them all.

#### CEREDIGION AREA EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the following on their success at the Esiteddfod in Bonrhydfendigaid:

2nd recitation for learners Year 2 and under—Antoni Raczynski

1st Cerdd Dant Yr. 3&4—Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones

1st Solo Yr. 3&4—Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones

1st Recitation Yr. 3&4—Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones

1st Folk Song Solo Yr.6 and under—Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones

1af Duet Year 6 and under—Eos Dafydd, Ela Mblen Griffiths-Jones

2nd: 2 part harmony party

1st: Ymgom

3rd: Choir

Good luck to Ela in her 5 competitions, Eos and to the Ymgom in

Builth Wells in May

#### **AERON CLUSTER SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Year 3 and 4 pupils went to Bro Siôn Cwilt school to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and Sport Relief at the sports festival that was organised by Ceredigion Actif. They had a chance to try different sports and then run 1 mile to raise money for Sports Relief.

#### **AERON CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY**

The aeron cluster cross country was held on the school grounds once again. The school won 6 out of 10 of the races.

28 children will go ahead to represent the school at the Area cross country competition. Good luck to everyone.

The winners were Rhianna, Sonny, Iolo, Kaitlyn, Krzysztof and Mari.









Thank you for supporting the school through another fantastic busy term. Have a relaxing fun break! Mrs Thomas

#### SWANSEA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Finlay, Seren, Steffan and Martha who represented Dyfed against Glamorgan in Swansea. Finlay Tarling came 3rd, Seren Davies came 10th, Steffan Hopkins came 14th and Martha Brandy-Phillips 15th. Well done to you all.



#### **NEW QUAY BIRDS OF PREY**

Thank you to Gary and Liz for bringing four owls in to show us. It was very interesting to hear about different owls and to see them. All the children and staff enjoyed the experience.

#### SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD

During the last week of term the School Eisteddfod was held. The main prizes at the Key Stage 2 Eisteddfod were won by the following, Art—Tanwen Shaw,

The Crown—Mari Raw-Rees and the Chair—
Catrin Edwards. We enjoyed great competition all day and many thanks to the two adjudicators— lestyn
Morgan and Siôn Evans. Thank you for your work and congratulations to everyone.

On the day of the Foundation Phase Eisteddfod the hall was full all day. The literature prize was won by Sadie Gibbs and the art prize was won by Patryk Chrostowski.

The Eisteddfod was jusdged by Enid Jones and Carys Roberts.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club will have a new start time of 8am after the Easter Holidays.



#### **BONUS BALL**

#### NUMBERS

17.2.18- Carys Tobias

3.3.18- Gwenno Rees

10.3.18- Mrs Gaskell

17.3.18- Rhian Gwyon

24.3.18 – Gwenda Edwards

## May 2017



#### URDD ARTS AND CRAFT COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who competed in the arts and craft competition. Prize winners were Ela, Catrin, Iolo and Ella.

#### WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Nanw, Ffion, Noah, Aron, Jacob, Henry and Cai who started in the Nursery class after Easter.

#### LLANGRANNNOG WEEKEND

Urdd members spent a fantastic weekend in the Urdd camp in Llangrannog with other members from the county. Everyone had a lovely time.

#### RECYCLING

Thank you to Mererid Jones from Ceredigion County Council for coming to the school to discuss the importance of recycling with year 1 and 2 pupils. The children learned a lot.

#### AREA CROSS COUNTRY

31 children represented the school in the Urdd area cross country at the rugby club in Aberaeron. The children that came in the top 10 were: Year 6 boys Finlay finished 1st, Steffan finished 5th, Ethan finished 7th and Rhys finished 8th. Year 6 girls, Seren finished 2nd. Year 5 girls Martha finished 1st. Year 3 boys, Ellis finished 2nd and Year 3 girls Mia finished 9th.

Well done to everyone who took part.

#### YR. 1 AND 2 FLOWER ARRANGING

Thank you to Donald Morgan from 'Blodau'r Bedol' for coming to the school to teach us about flower arranging. The arrangements were distributed between Min-y-Môr, Penrodyn and Mrs Thomas.

#### CRICKET TASTER SESSION—YR 1, 2 AND 3

An exciting cricket taster was held by Wales Cricket. The children had the opportunity to develop a variety of ball skills. Thank you for a fun session.

#### **GOOD LUCK**

To Ela Mablen Griffiths-Jones, Eos Dafydd and the Ymgom group, members of the group are Harley
Whalton, Bethany Severs, Mari Raw-Rees and
Skye Jenkins who will be competing at the
Urdd National Eisteddfod next week.

### LITERATURE PRIZE

Congratulations to Fflur McConnell for coming 2nd in the prose competition for year 3 and 4 pupils. She will be awarded on Wednesday at the Urdd Eisteddfod.

#### LORRY VISIT

Thank you to Aled Whitfield for bringing his lorry to the school. The Nursery and Reception children were in their element.

#### TRACTOR VISIT

Thank you to lestyn Thomas and Dylan Williams for bringing their tractors to show the children. The children enjoyed the Tractor theme.

#### **URDD CEREDIGION 7 A SIDE FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the boys football team for becoming Ceredigion champions in the 7 a side football competition.

The boys will be going on to represent Ceredigion in the Wales Sports Festival.

Well done also to the girls team who came 2nd.

#### URDD SPORT NATIONAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday the 12th of May the school's football team competed in the Welsh Championship.

Expectations were high after winning last year. In their group a draw was had against Llanfair Caereinion and then we beat Ysgol Bro Allta and Ysgol Gwauncelyn to win the group. In the quarter finals we beat St Peters and then Bryncoch in the semi final. On we went to the final against Gwauncelyn again. At the end of the game the score was level and extra time was played but unfortunately we lost the game. Congratulations to the boys for coming second in Wales.

Members of the team were Steffan (captain), Wil, Finlay, Ethan, Zeké, Rhys, Rhodri, Jack, Krzysztof and Dion.

On the same day 30 children took part in the cross country competition and everyone did their best and performed amazingly. The medal winners were Martha 1st Yr 5 girls, Seren 3rd Yr.6 girls and Ellis 3rd Yr.3 boys.

Well done to everyone who represented the school.

#### **CRANNOG RACE**

Well done to everyone who recently ran in 'Ras Crannog'

#### DISABILITY MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

3 children from the school has an enjoyable time in the disability multi skills festival. They had the opportunity to have a taste of different sports and team games. An opportunity was also had to meet with other children from the county.

#### Visiting Min y Môr

Yr 1 went to watch a puppet show that the residents of Min y môr had created. Thank you for the invitation!

#### R.N.LI VISIT

The R.N.L.I members visited the school to give a talk on their work

Thank you to year 1 and 2 pupils for raising £ 183.50 for the all weather lifeboat appeal in New Quay by selling cakes that they cooked in class.

## **BONUS BALL NUMBERS**

31.3.18—Rhian Gwyon

21.4.18—Joyce Thomas

28.4.18—Jason Thomas

5.5.18—Marjorie Squires

12.5.18—Nia Thomas

19.5.18-Debbie Parnell



Year 3 pupils had a worthwhile experience during their visit to the museum in Aberystwyth on Thursday the 10th of May. A presentation was had about the Wales Ohio project. They learnt about life before the invasion and they were inspired to create a piece of Panoramic art with Philip Huckin. An exhibition will be held in Llangeitho Hall on the 25th of June.

#### WALES PUPPET THEATRE

Foundation Phase pupils recently enjoyed a puppet show 'Fferm Ffal-diral' by Theatr Pypedau Cymru.

#### **BOOK QUIZ**

A team from year 5 and 6 and a team from year 4 represented the school in the Ceredigion library book quiz at Felinfach. Both teams had to do a presentation on a book and also have a discussion about another book.

## 'NA NEL' SHOW

Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed the show 'Na Nel' at Felinfach Theatre produced by 'Arad Goch'. Laughter was heard through the Theatre.

They also had an opportunity to meet the author at the end.

## PC AYRES VISIT

PC Ayres visited year 1, 2 to give a presentation on people that help us and also to year 6 on drugs safety.

> Enjoy the fine weather, and thank you for everything once again,

from Mrs Thomas



## IMPORTANT DATES

6.6.18—Dyfed Athletics

19.6.18—Colorfoto—individual, family and class pictures

21.6.18—ICT evening for parents 6pm

22.6.18—Year 6 Proms Practice

28.6.18-Mini Menter

5.7.18—Year 6 Proms

6.7.18—Green Day

8.7.18—Friend's of the School Duck Race

## Summer 2018

#### DYFED ATHLETICS

16 pupils went to compete—great results that meant that the school finished 3rd in Dyfed.

Excellent!!

#### Medal winners

1st Mari Raw-Rees-high jump

2nd Steffan Hopkins—hurdles

2nd Cerys Davies-shot put

3rd Rhys Williams-long jump

3rd—Boys relay—team members were Finlay, Lee, Ethan and Steffan.

The individuals will be going on to represent Dyfed against Glamorgan in Swansea on the 18th of July. Good luck to all. Congratulations to everyone that competed.

#### **BEACH ACTIVITES**

Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils had the opportunity to visit the beach to learn about different habitats in the company of Melanie Heath.

#### MINI ENTERPRISE

A successful mini enterprise day was hel yet again this year. The hall was full of exciting stalls with the budding entrepreneurs presenting a variety of ideas. This years judge was Mrs Heather Thomas, The Celtic Restaurant. The winner of the individual competition was Bronwen Tuson. The group competition was jointly won by Alis Evans and Cerys Davies and also Beca Thomas-Morgan and Kaitlyn Gwynne-

#### GLANLLYN

Year 5 pupils went for three days to the Urdd camp in Glanllyn. The weather was sunny as the children ejoyed activities on the lake and outdoors. They made lots of new friends from across the county. Thank you to everyone who went with them.

#### REMEMBER

To look in the gallery on our website and on our Twitter page to see all the events the children have been a part of.

#### URDD EISTEDDFOD BRYCHEINIOG AND MAESYFED

Ela Mablen had a very successful Urdd National Eisteddfod. Ela reached the big stage in five competitions! She received two gold medals for singing cerdd dant and reciting for year 3 and 4 pupils, a silver medal for singing the solo for year 3 and 4 pupils and two bronze medals for folk singing for children year 6 and under and the other for singing a duet with Eos Dafydd. Well done Ela and well done Eos. The Ymgom group also performed excellently in their prelim and Catrin Edwards from year 6 gave two fantastic performances in her piano and clarinet solos.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Finlay Tarling who won the bike race in Aberystwyth which made him British champion as well as winning the Paris-Roubaix and is no the proud owner of the immortal 'cobble'.

Finlay also travelled to Sweden to take part in the U6 cycle tour. There were 6 stages to the competition over 6 days. Finlay managed to win 4 out of 6 stages which meant that he won the competition.

#### MISS JONES'S CLASS TRIP

Reception and full time nursery class had a lovely time at Gwili Railway. It was lovely to have a leisurely tour through the forest and enjoy a picnic together before discovering more about trains and the station. The highlight was seeing Aberaeron's old signal box that is being renovated. Thank you to all the volunteers at the station for looking after us.

### **AERON CREATIVE**

The last few weeks have been very busy for the Aeron Creative members, which is the school business as they have developed new merchandise. They now have Americano cups and shopping list pads for sale with 'Miss Janet's commemorative mural' featured in the design. Prints of the original mural are also still available.

Aeron Creative won the 'engagement with business' prize in a Welsh Government competition called the 'The Big Idea' in Newtown.



#### VISIT TO PENMMORFA

Thank you to Mr. Eifion Evans for meeting with year 1 and 2 pupils at the Ceredigion County Council Chamber to discuss the use of plastic in our community and schools. The children presented their letters to Mr. Evans and Mr. Evans informed the pupils of the council's future plans regarding plastic.

### PENDINE

Year 6 recently enjoyed a sunny week at the Outdoor Centre in Pendine. They all had a great time experiencing a variety of exciting activities. They spent a sunny day exploring Caldey Island. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to look after the children.

#### WRITING SQUAD

Members of the 'writing squad' went to the Education Centre in Felinfach to take part in a writing workshop where they composed their own poetry.

#### YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT

Year 1 and 2 went to the Childhood

Museum and Teifimania on their summer
trip. They had an interesting time looking at
toys from across the decades and
experience how life was at school years ago.
They all had fun in Teifimania climbing,
jumping and socialising.

#### **NURSERY CLASS VISIT**

All nursery pupils went for a visit to Little M'zzz in Llanybydder to have some free play and to socialise with friends. A tasty lunch was had and everyone enjoyed.

#### YEAR 6 AWARDS EVENING

A special evening was held to thank year 6 pupils for their special contribution to school life for the past 8 years.

We will miss your friendship. Good luck in the Comprehensive School

#### WALES OHIO CONCERT

The choir members had the privilege of an invitation to sing at the Cymru Ohio celebrations Grand Concert in the square field. It was an exciting evening as the children were singing on the same stage as Lloyd Macey, Gwawr Edwards and Catrin Finch.

All pupils from the school went to the harbour to see the 'Vilma' boat. K.S.2. pupils also went to see the exhibition at the vestry in Tabernacle chapel. A great experience.

#### SUSTRANS

Thank you to the Sustrans Active Journey Project for coming to the school to do a bike and scooter maintenance session. Jim was very busy servicing all the bike and scooters that had been brought in.

#### WELSH HERITAGE PRIZE

Congratulations to year 5 and 6 for winning a prize in the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative competition for their Christmas film about the history of Aberaeron.

#### **AERON CLUSTER POTTED SPORTS**

Urdd members from years 1-5 went to take part in the Aeron cluster Potted Sports at the Rugby Club in Aberaeron. They all had a lot of fun taking part in every activity and working as a team. Thank you to everyone that helped on the day.

#### FRIEND'S OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone that supported the yearly 'Duck Race' and the stall on the quay during the fish festival.

#### FOUNDATION PHASE SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Alban for winning this year the Foundation Phase Sports Day. We had a very exciting morning of competition.

#### **KS.2 SPORTS DAY**

A great day was had with every pupil taking part. At the end of the day the winning team was Cadwgan and the trophy was presented to the captains—Lee, Sophie, Rhys and Mari.

#### YEAR 5 AND 6 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Year 5 and 6 pupils went to Bro Siôn Cwilt school to take part in a sports festival arranged by Ceredigion Actif on theme World Cup. They had the opportunity to have a taste of a variety of football activities.

## GREEN DAY

A successful Eco Day was held recently, beginning with an assembly conducted by the Eco Council followed by various environmental activities.

Thank you to Mererid Jones from Ceredigion County Council, Eilin Denten from The Marine Wildlife Centre and members of the Rotary Club for their contribution.

#### **BONUS BALL NUMBERS**

26.5.18-Eldi

9.6.18-Sid Morgan

16.6.18-Delyth Williams

23.6.18—Kate Miles

30.6.18—Mrs Gaskell

7.7.18—Carolyn Davies

14.7.18—Angharad Evans

#### URDD CRICKET FESTIVAL

Great effort by year 4 pupils at the urdd cricket festival in Llandysul. They managed to win two games against Penrhyncoch and Llanllwni schools. After a close game against Cardigan school, the competition was over for us.

#### **NATURESBASE**

20 pupils from year 4 spent three nights at Nautresbase in Cilcennin.
They all had an amazing time learning in the great outdoors and sleeping under the stars. Everyone left tired but had had precious experiences and treasured memories.

#### YEAR 6 PROMS

Congratulations to all the members from year 6 that took part in the Proms in the Great Hall in Aberystwyth. Well done also to Fflur, Eos, Iolo and Ela who were also a part of the school's county orchestra.

## AERON CLUSTER CRICKET FESTIVAL

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a taste of cricket at the cricket festival. They also received a cricket session with Chris Strange from Aberaeron cricket club before the festival.

## MUSIC TEACHERS PERIPATETIC ORCHESTRA

Thank you to the Ceredigion music teachers peripatetic orchestra for giving us an amazing performance. We also had the chance to learn more about each instrument

Thank you for your co-operation and fantastic support throughout the year.

Enjoy the Summer break!



from Mrs Thomas

## Curriculum Statement

Pupils are mostly placed in aged based classes, however with growing numbers School now has one split age class. The curriculum planned for the school includes all the statutory requirements of the Foundation Phase Areas of Learning and the National Curriculum. It is balanced and broadly based and most of it is taught through cross-curricular themes to ensure rich learning experiences across the curriculum. Pupils lead their learning through having the opportunity to choose their own themes that excite them and are relevant to them, teachers then discuss and work together across the school to ensure continuity, breadth, balance and differentiation. Care is taken in the coverage and progression of skills and concepts at all stages, as well as ensuring that the aims and knowledge content for each age group are catered for. Throughout the school, the aim is to provide the children with a wide variety of interesting experiences through topic work, thus helping to develop their potential. The School are working on developing their curriculum to reflect the national changes outlined in the 2017 Welsh Government document 'Eductaion in Wales: 'Our National Mission'. The School is also preparing for the implementation of a brand new curriculum in September 2022, the 4 core purposes of which can be seen on the Welsh Government website. The Areas of Learning and the National Curriculum apply to all children unless exemption has been made for an individual through a statement of special educational needs. Curriculum documents can be accessed through the head teacher. We also enrich all aspects of learning implementing the Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competency Framework.

## Additional Learning Needs

Aberaeron Primary School provides for a whole range of Additional Learning Needs and endeavors to identify any needs a pupil may have as soon as possible. The school has a number of pupils identified as needing various levels of support.

All monies allocated for ALN are utilised to purchase the time of a specialist teachers, ICT equipment and resources. As much time as possible is given to the pupils according to their needs. By working with parents and external agencies, the school endeavours to obtain extra support when necessary and thus cater for individual needs. Pupils who are allocated individual support are provided with this as financed by the LEA.

When pupils move to the school from another school, staff endeavor to obtain all the relevant SEN information and strive to ensure continuity of provision. All relevant SEN documentation and information is transferred with the pupil when he/she moves school and staff attend relevant KS.2/3 transfer meetings for SEN pupils at the Comprehensive School.

Individual Education Plans with targets are written with the pupils involved and discussed with parents. A range of resources such as Lucid Cops, - are used to assist teachers with identifying pupils' needs.

## Language Category

In accordance with Ceredigion's language policy, Welsh is the main language of the school. English is introduced formally as a subject in Key Stage 2 (years 3 – 6). The school aims to ensure that all pupils are completely bilingual by the age of 11.

#### Polisïau/Policies

Adolygir bolisiau'r ysgol yn flynyddol. All policies are revised annualy. Some are avaiable on the School website and, all are available by rquest at the School Office.

#### Staffing

Mrs Heulwen Davies has retired after 13 years service and we thank her for her important contibution to life at Ysgol Gynradd Aberaeron. We have also said goodbye to Catrin Lewis, Nan John, Chris Alldritt and Haf Hughes. We wish them all well and thank them for their work.

### School Development Plan and Self Evaluation

The School Development plan is updated annually with priorities being recognised as a direct result of the school's self-evaluation processes. All visits from the authority challenge advisers have supported and reinforced the school's ability in identifying areas for improvement accurately. Progress against focused areas for improvement are revised termly and the school

has made good progress against targets during the last academic year. The main areas earmarked for the academic year were Welsh and English Writing, Digital Competency, sharing excellent teaching practices across the school. This year the school was placed in the 'green' category of support in the national categorisation model. Priorities for the next academic year are raising standards of Welsh, higher levels with boys, improving attendance, continue to develop and share excellent teaching practices and preparing for the new curriculum through continuing to develop areas such as the digital competency framework.

The school continues to monitor progress against the recommendations of the 2011 Estyn Inspection.

## School Prospectus

Changes have been made to reflect staff and governor changes, dates and end of KS results. The school prospectus can be seen on the School website.

## **Toilet Facilities**

The school has four toilets for the girls and four toilets for the boys within the Foundation Phase area. It has four toilets for the girls and two toilets and three urinals for the boys in the main part of the school. It also has two unisex toilets with disabled access. All the toilets are cleaned daily.

## **Healthy Eating**

The school promotes healthy living at every opportunity, with children partaking in healthy schools activities e.g. running club and cookery lessons. We are a healthy school and are aiming for the final National accreditation within the next two years.

The pupils of Aberaeron Primary School have benefited from a wide range of exciting Learning oppertunities diuring the last year and as a result have made very good academic progress. Thank you to the pupils, staff, parents and wider community for ensuring we have a great school. We look forward to another year packed full fo great opportunities with the aim of shaping responsible citizens of the future.

Chairman	
Head Teacher-	

## CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL PARENT/GOVERNOR MEETINGS (2013)

Section 94 School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (the Act) makes important changes to the previous legislative arrangements in respect of the Annual Parent/Governor Meetings. It provides new arrangements whereby parents can request a meeting with a governing body.

However, the parents will need to satisfy the four (4) statutory requirements when calling a meeting which are as follows:-

- (i) that the parents of 10% of registered pupils, or the parents of 30 registered pupils (whichever is the lower) must sign a petition requesting a meeting;
- (ii) the meeting must be for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the school;
- (iii) the maximum number of meetings that parents can request in any school year is three (3);
- (iv) there must be sufficient school days left in the school year to allow a meeting to be held.

## Further:-

(a) meetings must be held before the end of a 25 day period;

- (b) the 25 day period commences the day after receipt of the petition but does not include any day which is not a school day;
- (c) if another meeting is required to be held as a result of a different petition the 25 day period will not commence until the day after the other meeting has been held;
- (d) there must be sufficient days left in the school year to allow a meeting to be held before the end of the 25 day period;
- (e) meetings will be open to all parents of registered pupils at the school, Head and any other person invited by the governing body;
- (f) notification of meetings to parents must include the date, time and venue of the meeting and the matter or matters to be discussed.

Governing bodies will need to inform the parents annually of the right to petition a meeting using the powers provided by Section 94.