

Ysgol Carreghofa



Annual
Report to
Parents
2023-24



Introduction from the Chair of Governors.

As we come to the end of another school year, it provides opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and look ahead to the summer holidays, which will hopefully bring some long awaited sunshine. It has been a very happy, successful and eventful year once again at Carreghofa School, it never ceases to amaze at just how many exciting learning experiences the wonderful staff are able to provide to the children - what a busy year it has been! We end the year on a very positive note, with growing pupil numbers, a healthy budget, a full governing body, all signs that the school continues to go from strength to strength.

Governors have worked with Mrs Pritchard to review the school development targets and it has been an exceptionally positive year. The intensive work on developing and embedding our new curriculum across all year groups has been a success, and has supported pupils to become ambitious capable learners. Whether on project work on Charles Darwin, the priorities for the 'Joy of Reading' and 'Mental Maths', or though the many arts and sporting activities throughout the year, staff have worked tirelessly with their classes to encourage and promote active learners. As Governors we have been able to visit and engage with the school far more actively this year, whether through on-going monitoring, observing lessons, listening to reading, and most notably to meet with the chair of pupil committees at our March meeting, where we were all so impressed with the confidence and enthusiasm of the children.

The year has been both full and fun. It has included the Harvest Festival, night walks, a sleepover, trips to Shrewsbury Museum, Xplore Science Discovery Centre, visit to 'TNR' including white water rafting and archery, story-telling sessions, a very successful Eisteddfod (organized by Criw Cymraeg), the Panto and Carol Concert at Christmas, active work on local history (including the interactive maps on the Carreghofa Trail and visit to the Heritage Area to create 'One Night at the Museum'). Some children could be heard on Radio Shropshire in November, and pupils were also very successfully engaged in a theatre performance at The Holroyd Theatre. Oren and Glas took part in a workshop on canal history, and got to dress up as canal workers.

We must also say a big thank you to the PTA for the many events they have organised this year, with the highlight for many being the colour run, great fun was had by all and it proved to be a lively and vibrant event.

As always, the stars of the show are our pupils, who shine each and every day, and a big thank you for the constant support in providing a learning environment where the children can flourish must go to the staff, who are always on hand. As governors it has been a pleasure to work alongside the children and staff of Carreghofa and we look forward to another busy and fun academic year.

Mrs. Siobhan Williams
Chair of Governors

Head Teacher

Mrs Claire Pritchard

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Charity Donations

The children have raised money for Children in Need, Comic Relief and the Poppy Appeal.

The children had crazy hair and made a donation to the Air Ambulance for loose change collected.



Language of Education

Education throughout school is taught as English first language with Welsh being taught as a second language.

Staffing

Dosbarth Gwyrdd

Mrs Cannell, Mrs Pryce, Mrs Pritchard
Mrs S Williams

Dosbarth Glas

Mrs Van Lill, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Kynaston, Mr Williams, Miss Davies, Mrs Kynaston

Dosbarth Oren

Mr T Roberts, Mrs D Kynaston

Dosbarth Coch

Mrs. R Hill, Mrs Kynaston

Owlets

Mrs Curly Williams, Miss Owen

School Secretaries

Mrs C Jones

Lunchtime Staff

Mrs N Kynaston,
Mrs K Rushworth
Mrs V Peate

Cleaner

Mrs N Kynaston



The School Day

8.00 a.m. Breakfast club (£2 charge)

8.15 a.m. Breakfast club (Free)

8.45 a.m. Door open

ALL CHILDREN IN BY 8.55

8.55 a.m. Registration

9.00 a.m. Morning sessions start

12.00 p.m/ 12.05pm (KS2) Lunchtime

1.00 p.m. Afternoon sessions start

3.15 p.m. Home time

The Chair of Governors can be contacted either via school or at home address:

Mrs. Siobhan Williams

Vyrnwy Bank, Woodside Caravan Park
Llansantffraid, SY226SY

Representative	Name	Appointed/Elected by	Terms of Office
Parents:	Martin Phillips	Parents	14/10/2022 - 13/10/2026
	Carla Jones	Parents	17/02/2023 - 16/02/2027
	Siobhan Williams	Parents	17/02/2023 - 16/02/2027
	Helen Craggs	Parents	02/07/2024 – 02/07/2028
Teacher	Tom Roberts	Teaching Staff	29/02/2024 – 28/02/2028
Headteacher	Mrs C Pritchard		
Non-teaching Staff	Sue Williams	Non-teaching Staff	14/09/2022 - 13/09/2026
Community	Susanne Hattersley	Governing Body	26/04/2022 - 25/04/2026
	Jane Griffith	Governing Body	16/01/2022 - 15/01/2026
	Helen Owen	Governing Body	08/05/2021 - 07/05/2025
	Dr Richard Dover	Community Council	25/11/2023 - 24/11/2024
Appointed	Cllr Arwel Jones	LEA	15/09/2020 - 14/09/2024
	Sharonne Garland	LEA	01/09/2022 - 31/08/2026
	Jannet Downes	LEA	01/09/2022 - 31/08/2026
Clerk : Mrs Adepeju Alimi-Doggett, Llanrhaeadr, Powys, SY10 0LH 01691780045 or through the school			

Sporting Achievements

Carreghofa participate in lots of sporting activities, this contributes significantly to our pupils encompassing physical, mental, social and emotional aspects. It also creates a great school spirit!

This year was packed with sports activities, starting with a Tag Rugby session at the beginning of the academic year that included children of all abilities.

In September, the first of KS2 cross country sessions took place at the Marches. The sessions were open to all but required parents to provide transportation as they occurred after school. End of October featured the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Condover. A multitude of adventurous indoor and outdoor activities were undertaken. Throughout the stay, staff observed the children's growing confidence and teamwork that developed, which has been evident in school throughout the year. In January Y5 & 6 participated in the indoor athletics session. Children from Carreghofa's Year 5 and 6 also took part in a netball tournament with other local schools, they showed dedication, teamwork and having fun!

March saw a cross-country event at Llanfyllin for KS2 and they met many other North Powys pupils during the event. April brought the cross-country finals at Welshpool where several children had a great time. The Summer term brought more sporting activities, the cyclists were not left out and they had the opportunity to take part in the Cycling Proficiency sessions. Year 3 and 4 have also been on a residential event held at Llangollen. The activities included were, white water rafting and archery, this was followed by a sleepover in the school. Everyone had an amazing time!

School sports day was planned and went ahead in June, albeit a little grey the rain stayed away! This was a great success; all children participated running like Usain Bolt!

Some pupils at Carreghofa also attending the local Phenrhos Sports day, some very competitive football was played and everyone performed well. At the end of summer term there was a further event at Llanfyllin where children enjoyed trying a wide variety of multi sports such as ,Hockey, Rugby, Athletics and cricket, this was greatly enjoyed.

What a busy year of sports activities. They have been enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to all the staff who have made these events possible.

Data Collection/ GDPR

The school collects information about pupils and their parents/ guardians on admission to school and for specific purposes during the school year. Every attempt is made to make sure this data is stored safely. All individuals have rights of access to personal information held on them when requested in writing. Our privacy notice is in place and available from Reception.



Information Communication Technology

The school continues to set a priority on digital learning, ensuring that the children at Carreghofa have a wide variety of digital skills to help them succeed in an ever-changing digital world.

The school has a wide range of equipment throughout. Each child in year 3, 4, 5 & 6 has a device per child, with nearly a device per child in the lower classes in school. This allows a wide range of digital activities to occur at any one time. The school makes the most of the national learning platform, Hwb. Through Hwb, the children have access to many different programmes and software, including Microsoft Office. The platform is accessible for children of all ages and can be used to support learning in school and at home. Children have access to a range of digital learning tools for other subjects, such as TT Rockstars, Numbots and J2e Spelling and Nessy.

The school has continued its support partnership with Ceredigion ICT support. They offer support, advice and help maintain equipment for staff and pupils within the school. The school continues to develop the ICT equipment to ensure all the equipment is current, accessible and relevant to the children's education and give them the necessary digital skills for life.

This year, two touch screens have been placed in the hall to enhance the environment and enables the children to access music, words on screen in assembly and resources for PE lessons.

Healthy Eating and Drinking

In the morning break children have access to healthy snacks which are provided, or they can bring their own fruit. Regular drinking of water is encouraged, and many children have their own water bottles which may be refilled when necessary.

All children in school receive a free school dinner in line with Welsh policy. At lunchtimes children can choose a balanced school meal and there is a choice of a main meal which includes a vegetarian option or a jacket potato with a variety of fillings. The option of pasta is also provided with the main meal. Alternatively, the children can bring in a healthy lunch box. No sweets or fizzy drinks allowed. As part of their community links programme Year 5 prepared and cooked a healthy lunch which they took to the Community Café in the village. All the Café visitors enjoyed not only the food but also the very friendly service.



Welsh

This has been another busy year for Welsh at Carreghofa School as they focus to raise the children's skills to beyond where they were.

Mrs Hill and the Criw Cymraeg are still working towards achieving the Cymraeg Campus Gold Award which they are hoping to achieve in the next School year.

This year the focus has been on the Urdd Eisteddford which was held at Meifod and we are pleased to announce that the pupils were successful in the Disco and Creative Dancing, Learner Recitation and numerous awards in the Arts and Crafts section. A big thank you to pupils and staff as it's not an easy task to go on stage at such an event.

Also, the School achieved a joint third place in the Harddu Ysgol competition where the pupils and staff decorated the school in preparation of the Eisteddford coming to Meifod.

Carreghofa still have a regular Welsh assembly, awarding the Seren yr Wythnos and present Dilys y Ddraig on a weekly basis to the Class speaking most Welsh. The school timetable accommodates a daily Welsh lesson which the Criw Cymraeg have noted is helping to develop their Welsh Skills even further. They continue to use the Powys Scheme of work and the Fflic a Fflac scheme to support the Children with their Welsh Language development.

Having viewed the classrooms which have numerous Welsh references, comments and posters and the children have a good knowledge of incidental Welsh. Bore da, Nos da, Hwyl fawr etc.

A very satisfactory 12 months and keep up the good work.

Da iawn pawb.

Arwel Jones,
Governor with responsibility for Welsh.



PTA

The PTA has managed to fund some fantastic projects this year, we are especially proud of raising enough money through our Christmas raffle to enable the school to provide a free trip for the children to Chester Zoo. We have also contributed towards other buses, helped to fund the cookery lessons in school and provided funds for equipment.

This money has been raised through many events for the children including bingo, discos, a fantastic colour run, own clothes days and a teddy raffle.

The PTA of Carreghofa school is small but we are very grateful for the support of the parents and community. It especially important that we continue to raise money to support school as everything gets more expensive.

Our current project is our summer fair where we will be holding our Grand Summer Raffle. Through this we hope to provide the money to cover the buses for the pantomime trip to reduce the costs for parents. Thank you for your continued support, please try and join us if you can at our meetings as we always welcome new members and ideas.

Community Links

Our school works hard to build strong community links and are always happy to hear any suggestions on other ideas.

This year different groups have visited the Community Café to cook, entertain and teach some Basic Welsh. This is always well received by both the pupils and members of the community.

Regular articles are written for the Parish News to share what we have been busy doing.

The school hold Harvest festival and a Christmas Carol concert at St Agatha's church during the Autumn Term and the Year 6 pupils gratefully receive a thoughtful book from the Church to support their transition to High School.

This year local businesses have supported the school calendar by sponsoring a month. The children then created a scene representing this business and was kindly photographed by a local Photographer.

Pupil numbers	102
Total Delegated Funds	£437,278
Salaries and Wages	£408,550
Premises	£51,370
Supplies and other expenses	£39,066
Additional Income	£39,616
Governors spending	0
Net Expenditure	£422,087
Planned Overspend	0

How is the school funded? The Local Authority provide the school with a budget for each financial year based upon a number of factors mainly pupils on roll. The Governors then work with the Head Teacher to allocate these funds to best meet the needs of the pupils and to meet statutory requirements. This is then reviewed monthly by the Head and termly by the Governors.



School Prospectus

During the annual review of the prospectus, the Governors have made the general yearly updates of staff, clubs and Governors list. They also made the following changes:

- Updated the timetable
- The School Committees section was updated.

School Dates

Autumn Term 2024	No of School Days	Non-Pupil Days
Monday 2 nd September To Friday 25 th October	40	Friday 2 nd September 30 th September 1 st October
Half Term – Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November		
Monday 4 ^h November To Friday 20 th December	35	

Spring Term 2025	No of School Days	Non-Pupil Days
Monday 6 th January To Friday 21 st February	35	Monday 6 th January
Half Term – Monday 24 th February to Friday 28 th February		
Monday 3 rd March To Friday 11 th April	30	Friday 21 st March

Summer Term 2025	No of School Days	Non-Pupil Days
Monday 28 th April To Friday 23 rd May	20	
Half Term – Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May		
Monday 2 nd June To Friday 18 July	36	Monday 24 June

Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025

Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26 May 2025

Royal Welsh Show: Monday 21 July to Thursday 24 July 2025

Although Powys identifies non-pupil days for all of its schools, schools are able to vary these on a catchment basis. It is therefore recommended that in addition to consulting the Authority's school calendar, you also check the school calendar published by your local school as this will include any local variations.

<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>The school's attendance for this academic year is: 95% This is the target that has been set and is the first year we have achieved since Covid.</p> <p>Any absences to be reported on Parentmail and Holiday Requests via emailing the school office with 28 days notice.</p> <p>Please remember school starts at 8.55am</p>	<p><u>Curriculum Overview</u></p> <p>Over this year, we have worked hard on developing the Curriculum for Wales. We have a strong vision developed by all stakeholders and provide a broad and balanced curriculum that enhances children's love of learning. We have worked hard with the cluster to develop a shared understanding of progress to support the children learning.</p>	<p><u>School's Priorities</u></p> <p>Over this year the school set the following four priorities:</p> <p>To improve children's mental maths skills</p> <p>To further develop our curriculum to ensure high level of understanding of human rights, equality & diversity</p> <p>To develop a shared understanding of progression with the cluster of schools in our area.</p>
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Art Drama & Music

Art, drama and music is a central part of the school and curriculum, and they lie at the heart of school life, helping our children to learn, to express themselves, to learn new skills and discipline, to develop their imagination and creativity, and so become confident and capable learners. Throughout this year the school has been busy with several different activities.

In November 2023, a Choir was formed during after School Clubs. This was open to the whole school and saw a number of children take part in this. The Choir performed at the Community café during December 2023 and at the Carol Service at St Agatha's church on Monday 12 December 2023. This year saw the school entering the Urdd Dance Regional Eisteddfod and on the 7th February 2024 three performances took place. Dosbarth Oren competed in the Creative dance, the disco dance group competed in the disco dance category and a solo performance was also completed. The children worked hard at practicing their dances and all performed fantastically well at the competition with some lovely feedback being provided by the judges.

Dosbarth Oren produced a fantastic song, working with professional singers and musicians to create their own piece of music. This was then later performed at Theater Hafren, Newtown. The whole school were able to go and watch the performance, with Dosbarth Coch creating the backdrop scenery.

The Schools Eisteddfod took place on the 19th March 2024 and again saw lots of amazing musical entries including instrument performances, dancing and singing, Da iawn.

On the 15 March 2024, Dosbarth Coch completed a 'Toot' performance. (This is a smaller version of the flute.) Parents were able to attend the performance and enjoy the music.

The school have been very lucky to be part of a project started and run by Aled Phillips of Johns Boys Choir. John's Boys Choir reached the final of Britain's got Talent in 2023. This project included year's 3-6 and saw them take part in music and singing workshops. The children have really enjoyed taking part in the workshops which culminated in them performing their songs for the school. Year 4 attended the Big Sing in Moreton as part of the work with Aled Phillips. The children had a great day and learnt a variety of songs.

These opportunities enable the children to engage with topics in creative and imaginative ways and to bring their learning alive through music, drama and art. Throughout the year also there were many opportunities for the children to learn instruments such as guitar and piano. There are weekly lessons available. Please do encourage your child to enjoy the arts and music, and if they would like to learn a new instrument, please just let us know at school.



Policies & Guidance

The Governors have a rolling review timetable for all policies and many policies have been updated and agreed this year. Please ask at the school office if you would like to see any.

Policies & Guidance Documents agreed by the Governing Body 2023-2024:

- Safeguarding including Child Protection
- Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Strategy
- Equal Opportunity
- E-Safety
- Social Media & E-Safety for Staffs
- Physical Restraint
- Personal Data breach Procedures
- Over Payment
- Menopause in the workplace
- Children looked after
- Elective Home Educated
- Children missing in Education
- Performance Management

Accessibility

Carreghofa CP school is fully accessible to wheelchair users. There are 2 disabled toilets; one adult's and one child's. Toilets are cleaned daily by cleaning staff. Cleaning equipment is available throughout the day for use if needed.

Security, Health & Safety

Safety continues to be a high priority and the school ensures all the following safety measures: locked gates, regular fire drills, visitors signing in and electrical testing amongst others. We still have issues with Parking so please could we request that Parents are more considerate. The car park is only a few minutes walk. Please use this.

Additional Learning Needs

The ALN coordinators are Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Van Lill. The ALN policy was last reviewed in September 2022.

Support staff are used effectively in class for individual and group support and children are withdrawn for targeted intervention programmes, such as memory booster and phonics. Children receive ongoing support from various agencies - Physiotherapists, Speech and Language therapists, Occupational Therapists, Vision and ICT specialists and the School Nurse. Consultations with Educational Psychologists take place when required to discuss individual children's needs and support is accessed from the Powys ALN team when necessary.

We are following the new code of practice for ALN where all children have access to Universal Learning Provision (ULP) to support their learning. At times they may need an additional plan called a universal learning provision plan (ULPP). For more severe needs then an individual development plan (IDP) will be put in place alongside other agencies. If we discuss ALN needs with you but will not be completing an IDP then you will receive a letter explaining this.

There is an increasing number of requests for ND assessment across the county so there is now a very long waiting list of over 1 year before the process starts.

Transition

Children transition to Carreghofa from a variety of places, including Owlets Pre-School and Border Pre-School. Year 6 children can transition to multiple school, including Llanfyllin, Welshpool and the Marches.