



Ysgol Bro Cynllaith

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PROSPECTUS

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Staffing

Head teacher

Mrs. Rhian Mair Jones

Everyone on the staff is committed to providing the best possible education and care for your child.

Class Teachers

Nursery/Reception/Year 1 & 2
(Foundation Phase)

Mrs. Lucy Eyres

Key Stage 2

Mrs. Rhian Jones
Miss. Jessica Hilliard

Special Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Rachel Lee

Clerical Assistant

Mrs. Lesley Edwards

Cleaner in Charge

Mrs. Wendy Jones

Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs. Lesley Edwards
Mrs. Rachel Lee



Governors

The School's Governors work with the Head teacher to promote effective management of the school. Governors take an active interest in the school and regularly visit to see the school at work. This helps gain a greater understanding of its aims and the challenges it faces in providing a high standard of education for the children.

Chair of Governors / Parent Governor	Mrs. Kathryn Chedgzoy
Vice Chair / Parent Governor	Mrs. Maddy Jenkins
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs. Lesley Edwards
LEA Appointed Governor	Mrs. Hilary Brown
LEA Appointed Governor	Vacant
Minor Authority Governor	Vacant
Community Governor	Vacant
Community Governor	Mr. Malcolm Jones
Parent Governor	Mrs. Sarah Jones
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Lucy Eyres
Headteacher	Mrs. Rhian Jones

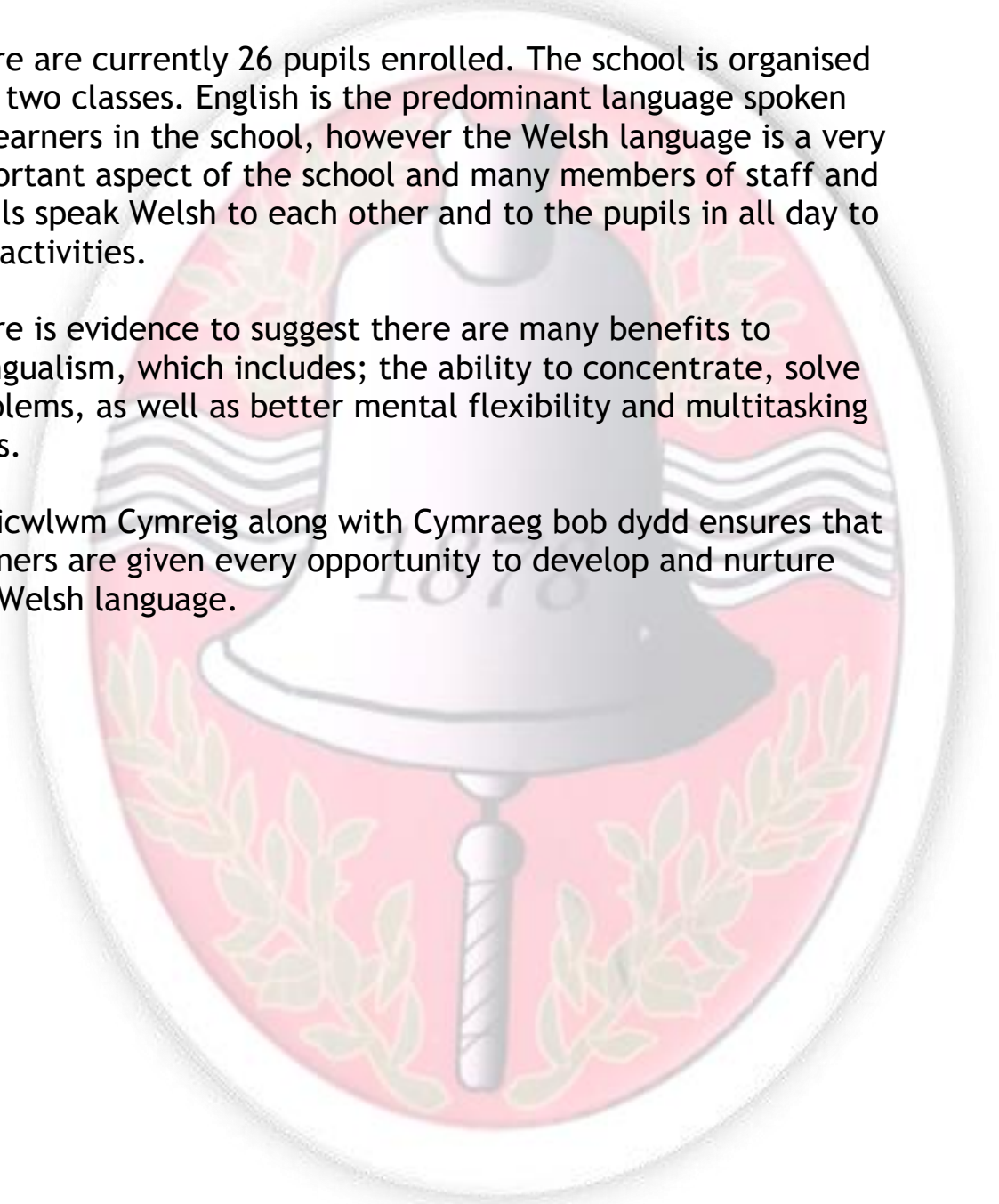
About the School

Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is a co-educational Primary School located in the rural village of Llansilin, approximately five miles west of Oswestry and close to the border between Powys and Shropshire. It serves a wide catchment area.

There are currently 26 pupils enrolled. The school is organised into two classes. English is the predominant language spoken by learners in the school, however the Welsh language is a very important aspect of the school and many members of staff and pupils speak Welsh to each other and to the pupils in all day to day activities.

There is evidence to suggest there are many benefits to bilingualism, which includes; the ability to concentrate, solve problems, as well as better mental flexibility and multitasking skills.

Cwricwlwm Cymreig along with Cymraeg bob dydd ensures that learners are given every opportunity to develop and nurture the Welsh language.



Admission

Powys now has only one annual intake into a Reception Class i.e. the September after the child has attained their 4th birthday.

Whilst primary pupils can commence a Powys school in the September after their 4th birthday, pupils do not legally have to commence school on a full time basis until the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday.

Even if you wish to defer the commencement date of your child starting school you are still required to complete an online Parental Preference for Primary School Admission form by Friday 6th January 2025.

This must be done as soon as you have chosen to send your child to our school as otherwise we cannot guarantee there will be a place for your child within their year group.

The Authority publishes an Information for Parents Booklet annually, which is available to view on the Powys website here, also details how to apply for a school place for your child.

[Applying-for-a-School-Place](#)

To qualify for free school transport pupils of primary school age must reside 2 or more miles from the catchment school. If you are unsure if your child is entitled to free transport please contact the Admissions & Transport team on the above details who will check your entitlement.

Below is a timetable of when children can start school.

<u>Pupils born between</u>	<u>Can commence school</u>
1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021	September 2025
1 September 2021 - 31 August 2022	September 2026
1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023	September 2027
1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024	September 2028
1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025	September 2029

School

The staff, Governors, and children have worked together to provide this set of shared aims which articulate the ethos of the school.

Our Aims Are:

- To provide a happy and safe learning environment which promotes curiosity, creativity, enjoyment and interest in all aspects of learning.
- To Provide high quality education suitable for the needs of each individual child, using a range of active and interactive teaching methods and experiences.
- To provide a personal and social education which will encourage children to become independent, confident, self-disciplined and courteous learners.
- To create a school environment which is welcoming, visually inviting, and which is safe and secure for all members of the school community.

School motto

**‘Gweithio’n Galed Gyda’n Gilydd’
‘Working hard together’**

The School

Breakfast club.

To ensure all that all learners have the opportunity to start the day with the energy they need a breakfast club runs from 7.50am until 8.50am at a cost of £2 per morning. This is where pupils can have a fulfilling and healthy breakfast as well as completing fun activities, preparing them for the school day. Breakfast stops being served at 8.30am.

All other children should arrive from 8.45am onwards, when there will be a member of staff on duty in the playground. Except in very wet weather, children should stay on the playground until the bell rings.

Normal School Sessions:

Foundation	9.00 - 10.30
	10.45 - 12.00pm
	1 - 2.15pm
	2.30 - 3.10pm
Class 2	9.00am - 10.35am
	10.45 - 12.05pm
	1 - 2.20pm
	2.30 - 3.10pm

Registration takes place at 9.00am each morning.

Collective worship takes part as a whole school and/or in each class every day.

Criw Cymraeg Assembly takes place every Friday.

School Uniform

We believe the character of this school is enhanced if all children wear a uniform. Wearing uniform develops a sense of belonging and community and contributes positively to discipline and behaviour. We ask for your co-operation in continuing the uniform tradition of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

	Winter	Summer
Girls	Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or grey trousers. Yellow polo shirt School sweatshirt (red) Sensible shoes	As winter except: Red gingham dress Red cardigan
Boys	Grey trousers Yellow polo shirt School sweatshirt (red) Sensible shoes	As winter except: Grey shorts

Uniform is available from

<https://www.constructiv.co.uk/shop/products.asp?cat=146>

Fleece - £15.00

Sweatshirts - £10.00

Polo shirts - £8.00

We hold a small amount of new uniform in the office and we also have some second hand uniform, available free of charge.

All items of clothing should have the child's name clearly marked in the label of each item.

P.E.

A change of clothes is essential. P.E kits should be kept in school in a named bag.

We are very fortunate to be able to go swimming to Oswestry Leisure Centre Friday morning during certain terms. We ask for a contribution towards the cost of the bus at £4.00 per pupil per week.

School Lunches

School lunches are brought in from Llanrhaeadr school canteen. There is a choice of meals for pupils- main meals or jacket potato with a range of fillings.

Menus rotate every three weeks and are sent out at the beginning of each term. All Primary School children now receive a free school meal.

Free school meals & uniform costs.

For those parents who are on a low income, (total household income less than £16,190) they can apply for the following to help with school costs [Free School Meals and Clothing Grants](#) or please contact the school office for more information.

The school also receives funding to benefit these pupils in the form of a Pupils Deprivation Grant.

Packed Lunches.

These are eaten in the hall, along with children having dinners. We encourage the children bring a healthy lunch box.

ParentPay

All Powys schools now operate a cashless system. ParentPay is an online system where parents put money into an account to pay for things such as school trips, breakfast club, swimming etc. Families will receive a username and password from the school to set up the account.

Healthy Snacks.

Children may bring in their own fruit or healthy snack for break time, but sweets and crisps are discouraged.



The New Curriculum

[A guide to the New Curriculum for Wales](#)

Additional needs

Class teachers keep a constant check on children's progress by monitoring their achievement in class. The use of standardised Literacy and Numeracy tests help us to evaluate a child's performance. Parents are always informed if a child is having difficulty so that we can work together to help your child achieve to their true potential.

We are able to provide extra support for individual or small groups of children, mainly within the security of their own class and sometimes through intervention programs. In some cases it may be necessary to seek outside advice from the support services. This is done in full consultation with the parents.

The school has an Additional Needs Co-ordinator designated to oversee all children with Additional educational needs. The ALNCo is Mrs Jones, Headteacher.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practices.

We have a duty as a school to make a direct referral if we have a concern about a child.

If you are worried or concerned about a child then seek advice from the designated senior person for Child Protection, Mrs Rhian Jones, or Mrs Lucy Eyres.

Sex Education

We use the Powys Healthy Schools Programme 'Growing-up'. Towards the end of the Summer Term children in Years 5 and 6 are given a talk on Puberty and Hygiene by the school nurse.

Charging and Remissions

Voluntary contributions may be sought from parents for activities, which supplement the normal school curriculum. Pupils who have Free School Meals will be exempt from paying for certain activities. Please ask Mrs Edwards in the office for more information.

Weekly Swimming lessons

We are very fortunate that the whole school goes swimming Friday morning during certain terms. We ask for a contribution towards the cost of the coach of £4.00 per session, per pupil payable on ParentPay.

Behaviour and Discipline

At Ysgol Bro Cynllaith we believe that all children have the right to feel safe and happy at school. We believe in an environment which encourages children and builds self esteem, so that they become confident, mature and independent learners and responsible members of society.

In order to achieve this we have a well established Behaviour Policy ensuring a consistent approach. We use the Trauma Informed Approach to deal with any issues throughout the school.

Two members of the school are trained Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioners. This ensures there is always an Emotionally available adult at the school for any child who requires support.

The school council (elected representatives from each year group) discuss issues and make decisions involving every aspect of the school, e.g. Healthy Schools, Eco-Schools and ensuring that school and class rules are adhered to.

We also have an Online safety group, which is part of the school council.

Out of School Activities.

There are the following school clubs and events catering for all age groups.

Table tennis coaching sessions are held at certain times of the year on a Wednesday after school.

Clwb Cynllaith is a very popular After School Club, for pupils to go to after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 5.15pm at a cost of £7.50 per session with a 10% discount for siblings. This is held in the school.

Contact Mrs Bronwen Morris or Mrs Wendy Clough Jones for more details.



Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's school life and work together with the teachers.

For Safeguarding reasons the main entrance is kept locked at all times. We ask that parents ring the bell, where a member of staff will meet them and accompany them into class. If parents wish to discuss any matters with a teacher then please make an appointment to come into school at a mutually convenient time.

We hold parent/teacher consultation evenings every term. The end of year report is sent out at the end of the Summer Term.

Parent Helpers

We welcome parents who are able to help in anyway. You could provide support for practical activities such as gardening or craft work and providing transport to and from sporting events. The whole school benefits greatly from the help and assistance given by parents in a wide range of activities.

PTFA

We do not currently have an active PTFA but if you are interested in helping create one it would be appreciated.

Complaints

If you have something good to say about our school talk to everybody.

If you have any complaints talk to us!

We can't deal effectively with a problem unless you talk to us about it. Complaints usually arise from a lack of communication or a simple misunderstanding. They can usually be resolved quickly and simply by talking to your child's class teacher. Where they do not you should contact the Head teacher.

In rare instances where the school fails to resolve an issue to the complainant's satisfaction, the complainant will be given a copy of the schools complaints policy, inviting them to contact the Chair of Governors or a parent representative on the Governing body.

