

***Adroddiad Blynyddol y
Corff Llywodraethol i
Rieni
2023-2024***



***Governor's Annual Report
to Parents
2023-2024(summary)***

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YSGOL I.D. HOOSON

Governors' Annual Report **Ysgol ID Hooson** **2023-24**

Introduction

It is a pleasure to present the Annual General Report for 2023-24. This document contains a summary of the life and work of the school during the past academic year. I would like to thank pupils, staff, parents, fellow governors and friends of the school for their support during yet another challenging year.

As a school, it's good to know that we're still like a close family. A wide range of activities have been organised for pupils' learning and enjoyment, and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who work so hard to ensure the best opportunities for pupils at Ysgol I D Hooson.

Success is one of our goals for all pupils, and we continue to strive to further improve our standards. We will continue to adapt and improve this work as we press ahead with the work of developing and supporting our pupils to make progress.

With thanks for your support,

Mr Geraint Phillips
Chairman of the Governing Body

Our Vision

Learning and growing together

Our school recognises that every child is a creative individual who has the need to develop themselves, to succeed and to do his/her best through two languages.

Ysgol I D Hooson respects the individual needs of each child and fosters a caring atmosphere that emphasises the social, emotional, physical and conscientious development of each one.

We aim to prepare our children for life in a changing world to enable them to call on school experiences when responding to real life activities.

Through school experiences, we aim to promote the independence, confidence and awareness of our children as respectful individuals of the world around us, including the local culture and heritage of Rhos, our country and the wider world.

MEETING

If at least 10% of the school's parents make an application, a meeting will be held to discuss the contents of the annual report. Parents/carers should express their wish by emailing the school's Business Manager, Mrs S Kelsall, on mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk before the 17th March 2025. If enough parents wish to have a meeting, we will let you know the time and arrangements in good time.

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

During 2023-24, there was one vacancy available on the Governing Body.

Geraint Phillips	Chair/Cadeirydd
Lynda Roberts	Vice-Chair/Is-Gadeirydd
Adrienne Jones (LA)	Clerk/Clerc

Governor <i>Llywodraethwr</i>	Representing <i>Yn cynrychioli</i>
Geraint Phillips	Community Governor <i>Llywodraethwr Cymunedol</i>
Beth Williams - Danielle Baker	Parent Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd Rhieni</i>
Clwyd Richards – Pastor Joshua Roberts	Community Governor <i>Llywodraethwr Cymunedol</i>
Rhys Davies	LEA Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd yr AALI</i>
Lynda Roberts	LEA Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd yr AALI</i>
	Vale Council Representative Community Council Representative
Bethan Fell	Parent Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd Rhieni</i>
Sarah Kelsall - Arwyn Jones	Staff Representative / <i>Cynrychiolydd Staff</i>
Hywel Dodd	Parent Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd Rhieni</i>
Adrian Moss	Parent Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd Rhieni</i>
Dyfan Jones	Teacher Representative <i>Cynrychiolydd Athrawon</i>
Rhodri Jones	Headteacher/Pennaeth

The Governing Body in each school is responsible for the following:

General behaviour within the school.

Ensuring that the school curriculum complies with the requirements of the National Curriculum and the school, and general LEA policies.

Determining school policy in relation to sex education provision.

Determining the general principles to be followed by the Headteacher in setting and implementing policy on behaviour.

Managing the school budget provided by the Local Authority.

Participating in the appointment of staff to the school.

Ensuring that information about the school is provided to parents.

Ensuring that information about the school curriculum is broad and balanced and meets the requirements of the National Curriculum.

Ensuring that information about the curriculum and pupils' attainments is available to parents and others.

Ensuring that the school meets the statutory requirements for religious education and collective worship.

Preparing an Annual Report and holding an AGM with parents to discuss the Report (if sufficient requests are received)

Ensuring pupils and staff can work in a safe and healthy learning environment.

FINANCE

The following information includes a summary of the school's financial expenditures. The school budget was used to ensure the best educational experiences for pupils and secure the appropriate resources for them. Additional funding will be used to target literacy and numeracy. The Pupil Deprivation Grant is purposely used to meet the specific needs of pupils, and additional resources and staff have been arranged to help raise standards.

In 23-24, Ysgol I D Hooson received a grant of £47,000 through the Pupil Deprivation Grant. The money was spent on:

- Employing teaching and learning staff with a special role in providing intervention and Literacy and Numeracy support programmes.
- Providing a counselling service to support learners.

STAFFING

During 23-24 the school staff included:

1 Headteacher

10 full-time teachers

12 full-time assistants

1 full-time Secretary/Business Manager



Number of pupils registered at the end of July 2024:

Nursery age – 26

Reception age – 24

Year 1 – 38

Year 2 – 23

Year 3 – 26

Year 4 – 30

Year 5 – 37

Year 6 – 43

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA

The New Curriculum for Wales provides progression information for the pupils. National assessments for years 2 through to year 6 are still undertaken.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

The school has an additional learning needs policy. During 23-24, Mrs Laura Davies was the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and inclusion co-ordinator, responsible for co-ordinating work with pupils who were on the additional learning needs register.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are expected to contact the school as soon as possible to provide a reason for any absence. If no clarification is received, then the school will register it as an unauthorised absence. The school urges parents to avoid taking children out of school to go on holiday during term time. Procedures for sanctions with fines for persistent absences have been re-introduced since September 2022. The school attendance figure for the year 23-24 was 92.7%



SAFETY

The school ensures the safety of all stakeholders by complying with the school's Health and Safety policy.

USE OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Ysgol I D Hooson is a Welsh-medium school. All pupils receive education through the medium of Welsh until the end of year 2. From year 3, pupils will start learning through the medium of Welsh and English. Welsh is the official language of the school, and bilingualism is established throughout Key Stage 2. Strong emphasis is placed on promoting and encouraging opportunities and activities through the medium of Welsh while raising our pupils' awareness of Welsh traditions and Welsh culture. The school's Siarter Iaith Council has been busy during the year promoting, celebrating and participating in the use of Welsh in many different situations across the school. These included activities relating to the local community, rewards, celebrating special days such as Welsh Music Day, celebrating 'Shwmae' Day, and arranging for various visitors to come to the school. It was great to be able to welcome Ed Holden (Mr Phormula), Osian Williams, Morgan Elwy and Dafydd Iwan to the school to work with the children during the year. Our Welshness was celebrated on St David's Day by holding school eisteddfodau.

THE CURRICULUM

The school offers a complete and balanced curriculum for all children, which in turn develops their skills appropriately and to a high standard. A range of teaching methods are used to raise standards. The school continued with the introduction of new learning and teaching styles in response to the introduction of a new curriculum for Wales. The school's curriculum statement outlines the school's curriculum implementation arrangements. This can be accessed through the school's website.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND ACTIVITIES AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The school has continued to work closely with a number of local agencies, including Social Services, the Speech and Language Service and the School Nurse and the Physiotherapy Service, and has taken advantage of other opportunities to work in the local community.

The school also has a close relationship with the Police, and the Police Education Officer, PC Mark Jones, visits the school regularly working with various classes on health and safety topics.



ADDITIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the year pupils enjoyed various extra-curricular activities. These included after-school activities as well as visits. Working groups included the Wellbeing Club, Sports Clubs, the Urdd Club, cycle training, the STEM club and visits to the Llangrannog Camp, Glan-Ilyn Camp and Cardiff Urdd Camp. Pupils of different ages enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities and competitions. These included the Dim Clem quiz, football, rugby, and athletics competitions and celebrations.

PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

The Governing Body accepts their responsibilities and duty in relation to pupils with disabilities and acts to ensure that they do not discriminate based on disability. If a parent feels their child needs special provision, the matter should be discussed initially with the headteacher. An Accessibility Plan is in place at the school.

HEALTHY LIVING

The school is part of the Local Authority's Healthy Schools scheme. Fruit and milk will be provided to pupils in the Foundation Phase. All pupils are encouraged to eat fruit and a healthy snack and to drink water as part of the Local Authority's healthy schools scheme. Chocolate, sweets and fizzy drinks as morning and afternoon snacks are not allowed.

TOILET PROVISION

The school has dedicated toilets for boys and girls in the main building and in the demountable classes outside. All the toilets have hand washing facilities and soap dispensers and electrical hand dryers. The toilets are cleaned daily by cleaners employed by the Local Authority.

SESSION TIMES

Morning Nursery	9.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Reception / Year 1 / Year 2	8.55 – 12.00 a.m. 01.00 – 3.00 p.m.
Years 3 / 4	8.55 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. 1.00 – 3.15 p.m.
Years 5 / 6	8.55 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. 1.00 – 3.15 p.m.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 / 2025

Autumn Term

Open	Monday 2nd September 2024
Close	Friday 25th October 2024
Open	Monday 4th November 2024
Close	Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

Open	Monday 6th January 2025
Close	Friday 21st February 2025
Open	Monday 3rd March 2025
Close	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term

Open	Monday 28 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Close	Friday 23rd May 2025
Open	Monday 2nd June 2025
Close	Monday 21st July 2025

Staff Training Days, when school is closed

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 14th Tuesday 2025
Monday 21st July 2025

