

DINAS POWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governing Body Annual Report to Parents
This report relates to academic year 2021-2022



Dinas Powys Primary School is a County Primary Day School for 3 - 11 year olds maintained by The Vale of Glamorgan Council. The School is on two sites.

The Infant Site is a re-modelled traditional building with a large award-winning 'seamless addition' extension. It is on one level with easy access for all children and is surrounded by a large playground and school fields, with benches, a Forest School, a wildlife area, a wooden play trail, willow structures, a storytelling circle, an outdoor classroom, a vegetable plot and a centenary garden.

The Junior site is set in five acres of land, with a woodland/wildlife area and vegetable garden. This site has eight classrooms and a number of specialist teaching rooms, including an ICT suite and Library, and separate rooms for Music, Art/Design Technology and Additional Learning Needs. It is surrounded by two large playgrounds and extensive school fields, with willow structures, a storytelling circle, outdoor classroom areas and traversing walls.

Governing Body Composition (as of July 2022)

Local Authority Representatives:

Mrs Jill Davies	<i>Serving until 2023(Chair)</i>
Councillor Mr.Keith Hatton	<i>Serving until 2024(Vice Chair)</i>
Mrs Chris Barker	<i>Serving until 2023</i>

Parent Representatives:

Mrs Clare Tomlinson	<i>Serving until 2024</i>
Mr Brett Andrewarthur	<i>Serving until 2026</i>
Mrs Kathryn Wintle	<i>Serving until 2023</i>
Mrs Shelley Bellamy	<i>Serving until 2023</i>
Mrs Zelda Smith	<i>Serving until 2024</i>

Headteacher

Mr Jon-Paul Guy

Teacher Representative:

Mrs Suzanne Davies	<i>Serving until 2024</i>
Mrs Hannah Jones	<i>Serving until 2023</i>

Non-Teaching Representative:

Vacancy

Community Council Representative:

Councillor Mrs. Ann Asbrey	<i>Serving until 2025</i>
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Community Members:

Mrs Sally Blake	<i>Serving until 2023</i>
Mr Mark Hodgkinson	<i>Serving until 2023</i>
Mrs Helen Watkins	<i>Serving until 2023</i>
Mr Craig Williams	<i>Serving until 2022</i>

Observer:

Mrs Emma Messer *Deputy Headteacher*

Clerk to the Governors:

Mrs. Amy Gathergood

The Governing Body meets twice termly.

Both the Chair of Governors and the Clerk can be contacted using the school's address.

No parents' meeting was held last year.

The next scheduled election for a parent governor will be during the Autumn Term, 2023.

School Development Plan

The school has worked on the following priorities in its school development plan for 2021-2022.

Priority	Progress
Curriculum Design Using Curriculum for Wales	School engaged with the local cluster formulating an action plan to develop progression maps. School reviewed its teaching in line with the pedagogical principles and adapted both the mid and short term planning so that learning focused on the delivery of the four purposes. School completed an audit of its curriculum, engaging stakeholders through discussion and questionnaires.
Languages, Literacy and Communication	School trialed different approaches to phonics and will continue to build on this in the next academic year. School continued to implement actions toward achieving the Siarter Iaith Silver Award including the use of online questionnaires to establish a baseline. Work also continued on embedding the Literacy Curriculum.
Mathematics and Numeracy	School engaged with an educational consultant on the Digitales strategy. This was extended to an INSET session for support staff.
Digital Competency Framework	The school utilised Welsh Government funding to purchase further IT hardware. School rolled out the Seesaw platform to Year 3
Additional Learning Needs	School continued to implement the ALN Act through IDP meetings for eligible pupils in the roll-out year groups. Staff training was delivered on Universal Provision and its meaning in the classroom.
Health and Wellbeing	A working party utilised the WG Whole School Approach toolkit and devised an associated action plan,

aspects of which will be included in the next SDP. Action for Happiness was rolled out as a wellbeing approach across school.

School Leavers

Sixty pupils left year 6 for secondary school with nearly all transitioning to St Cyres. Other destinations included St Richard Gwyn, Stanwell and Whitmore. School held meetings with secondary staff to provide information to support pupils' transition.

School Budget

Schools were provided with a recovery grant from Welsh Government. School used the grant to fund additional teaching support in numeracy and literacy.

School receives additional funding through the Pupil Development Grant which is allocated on historical free school meal data.

Budget monitoring is carried out by the local authority's finance monitoring officer and the governing body's finance committee.

Financial Statement (Year 2021/2022)

	Budget (£)	Actual (£)
Employees	1,610,418.00	1,570, 544.88
Customer Receipts	0.00	-89,533.04
Government Grants	-378,536.00	-389,231.71
Internal Recharges Expend	149,385.00	293,010.74
Internal Recharges Income	-29,469.00	-38,322.23
Premises	194,800.00	165,162.75
Supplies And Services	256,544.00	118,707.66
Transport	300.00	0.00
Total	1,803,442.00	1,637,631.34

No Governor claimed travel or subsistence allowances.

School Term Dates

2022/2023 Term Dates

Monday 05 September 2022 and *Monday 24 July 2023 will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. All schools will be closed on **Monday 01 May 2023** for the May Day Bank Holiday. An extra-one off Bank Holiday will be held on **Monday 8th May 2023** for the King's Coronation.

Autumn Term 2022		
Term starts	Term ends	Half term
5 th September 2022	23 rd December 2022	31 st October – 4 th November 2023
Spring Term 2023		
Term starts	Term ends	Half term

9 th January 2023	31 st March 2023	20 th February – 24 th February 2023
Summer Term 2023		
Term starts	Term ends	Half term
17 th April 2023	24 th July 2023*	29 th May – 2 nd June 2023

*It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Monday 24 July 2023 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.

School Toilets

All Year Groups have toilet facilities that are cleaned daily. The School has contracts that provide foaming soap and modern hand driers. They meet compliance with the Education (School) Regulations 1999. An on-going programme of maintenance ensures the upkeep of our toilet facilities. There are designated disabled toilets on both sites.

Curriculum

During the academic year school trialled approaches in preparation for the launch for Curriculum for Wales from September 2022. It worked with local schools to develop consistency in expectations and experiences for the pupils. School also utilised a questionnaire for parents to gather their thoughts on what they feel the curriculum needs to deliver for their child.

School uses a variety of teaching approaches to deliver its curriculum including whole class, groups and individual pupil support. A range of outside providers supplement the learning. As an example this year pupils' knowledge of financial literacy has been enhanced through work with Metro Bank. Educational visits also benefit the pupils' learning and there were a wide range of these provided as the pandemic restrictions were eased. Pupils in Year 6 attended an outdoor pursuit residential, Year 4 pupils visited Cardiff Castle whilst Reception enjoyed their day at Barry Island. Further enrichment is provided through themed days and weeks such as World Book Day and Anti-bullying week.

Welsh Language

School promotes Welsh language development in a variety of ways. Discreet lessons and daily Helpwr Heddiw sessions based on the Central South Consortium's language continuum ensure children from nursery to Year 6 develop their language in a progressive way. This covers vocabulary and sentence patterns on a variety of topics including food, weather and travel. Teachers often provide commands in Welsh and pupils are encouraged to use Welsh language patterns incidentally throughout the school day. Learning across the curriculum develops children's understanding of Welsh culture including the study of Welsh artists and composers as well as studying events that have shaped Welsh history. The school held a successful virtual Eisteddfod.

Additional Learning Needs

School continued its implementation of the ALN act by developing Individual Development Plans from Person Centred Planning meetings. A wide range of interventions are used to support pupils on the ALN register and those pupils that need some additional support. These interventions cover a broad spectrum of areas from academic to personal and social development, delivered by school staff. The school utilised its Welsh Government Recovery Grant to provide small group work to a range of pupils. This focus group work concentrated on literacy and numeracy skills. School engages with a wide range of specialists to support pupils including speech and language therapists, educational psychologists, medical teams and local authority specialist teachers.

Sport, Cultural Events and Community Links

Matt Lewis and Jonathan Davis led whole school assemblies, initially online and then in person. PC Alex Reed continued to deliver lessons from the All Wales Programme, covering a range of social and emotional topics.

The environmental garden, designed by Year 4 and part funded by Dow Silicone was installed. Year 4 supplemented this by planting 200 tree saplings at the junior site.

Year 3 had lessons from Dwr Cymru to develop their understanding of water efficiency.

Parents were invited to attend Year 2's Farmers' Market where a range of items made by the children were sold.

Year 6 pupils performed Shakespeare's Mid-Summer Night's Dream wonderfully at the Newport Riverfront Theatre.

Junior class visits to the community library re-started.

We held a delightful garden party to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.

It was delightful to welcome parents back for Sports Day. The Year 6 Track and Field team competed superbly well at Jenner Park.



Healthy Eating and Living

The school promotes healthy living and encourages healthy snacks. Pupils are encouraged to drink water and are provided with a water bottle. Water fountains are located around school to replenish bottles.

School dinners are provided by the Big Fresh Catering Company an independent trading arm of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and adhere to Welsh Government nutritional guidelines.

Pupils across school have engaged in a variety of sporting activities during PE sessions.

Revisions and reviews

The governing body adopted the following policies; Staff Disciplinary procedure, Model Whole School Pay policy, Safeguarding, School Equal Opportunities Policy, Performance Management, Anti-bullying. The governing body reviewed the school prospectus with updates to costs of school meals etc.

This Governors' Annual Report is written in accordance with the Department for Education and Skills Welsh Government - The School Governors' Annual Reports (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Some reporting requirements have been suspended due to the pandemic.