



Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to present Ysgol Glanrafon's 2022/23 annual report to our community. This report offers an overview of the school's activities over the past year, its achievements, and our goals for the year ahead.

It has been another successful year for our dedicated staff, governors, and students. We have enjoyed a return to normalcy after the challenges of the last three years, with eisteddfodau, excursions, numerous clubs, and children socialising and relishing the rich experiences that Ysgol Glanrafon has to offer.

While we celebrate our successes, it's important to acknowledge that challenges still exist. The school is diligently working to ensure the progress of our learners, with a particular focus on enhancing their maths, which is a key priority this year. Equally important is our priority to ensure and look after the well-being of our staff and our learners. We are steadfast in our efforts to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive, both academically and personally

We have now welcomed the Cylch Meithrin to the school site, marking a significant and exciting milestone in the development of Welsh-medium education in our area. The extension and refurbishment have been completed, and these, along with other new resources, are being fully utilised to enhance our students' learning experiences. Work outside the classroom also continues, and remains one of the school's priorities this year.

As always, we governors maintain our essential role in supporting the school, ensuring high standards, and asking the necessary questions to enable each child to reach their full potential. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated governors for their unwavering commitment.

Our headteacher, Mrs. Olwen Corben, along with our dedicated staff and leaders, work continuously to improve the welfare and education of our children. As chair, I witness their unwavering commitment despite the challenges and stress they often face, and I am deeply grateful for their tireless efforts.

We express our appreciation to you, our parents and carers, who collaborate with us for the sake of the children and the entire school community. And, of course, we extend our thanks to our remarkable pupils, who are the heart of our school and who inspire us every day.

We eagerly anticipate building upon Glanrafon's successes in the year ahead. Your feedback, comments, and suggestions are always welcome, so please do get in touch to share your thoughts.

Best regards,

Vanessa Leach

Chair of Governors

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A meeting will be held to discuss the Annual Report if at least 10% of the school's parents request one. Call the school before 10/11/23 if you would like to meet with Governors to discuss the report



## Our Vision



Reaching the highest possible standards in an active, caring, and happy Welsh school where respect is shown to children and people, giving them all a fair chance to develop to their full potential.



## Our Objectives



- ❁ Create a happy and safe atmosphere within the school
- ❁ Ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop socially, emotionally, and educationally
- ❁ Develop the pupils' Welsh culture
- ❁ Present the best values and the highest possible standards to the children
- ❁ Enable children to distinguish between the good and the bad
- ❁ Provide the children with opportunities to participate in as many different educational and extra-curricular activities as possible
- ❁ Ensure that every child is bilingual by the time he/she leaves school
- ❁ Promote kindness and courtesy among the children
- ❁ Create a good relationship between the school and the parents and the community

# The Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring that the school runs effectively, operates within the framework set by legislation and that Local Authority (LA) and Welsh Government policies are complied with. The main aim of the body is to ensure that all pupils at Ysgol Glanrafon have opportunities and are challenged to achieve their potential. During our meetings, staff present information about the school and the development plan and governors ask challenging questions regarding the purpose of activities and their impact.

A governor is someone who:

- is interested in learning, teaching, and children;
- represents people in the local community and school staff;
- is part of a team that accepts responsibility for everything a school does;
- has the time to commit to meetings and other occasions when necessary;
- is ready to learn;
- can be a friend who supports and challenges the schools by keeping track of how the school works and the standard that is achieved;
- acts as a link between parents, the local community, and the school.

It is a voluntary role and we thank all the governors for their commitment.

Enw	Rôl
Mrs Vanessa Leach	Chair of Governors <a href="mailto:vanessajaynebrown@yahoo.co.uk">vanessajaynebrown@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Mr Goronwy Morris	Vice Chair (LA)
Mrs Ceri Townsend	Local Authority Governor
Mrs Sara Williams	Local Authority Governor
Mr Tom Mallen	Parent Governor
Mrs Glesni Thomas	Parent Governor
Mrs Rhiannon Dafydd	Parent Governor
Mr Aled Zackary	Parent Governor
Mrs Nia Lloyd Hughes	Staff Governor
Mrs Einir Huws	Staff Governor
Mr Eilir Roberts	Staff Governor
Mr Stephen Townley	LA Governor
Mrs Teresa Carberry	LA Governor
Mrs Olwen Corben	Headteacher
Mrs Debbie Jones Roberts	Clerk <a href="mailto:postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net">postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net</a>

## Parent Governor Election

This year we have held an election for a parent governor. Unfortunately, we still have a vacancy which will be filled in the autumn term 2023.

We will inform you in good time about the next election.

# What happened in 2022-2023? Looking Back...

## Sporting opportunities

There have been numerous activities including football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket and ice skating. The netball team had great success reaching the Urdd National finals and winning the Flintshire schools tournament. The rugby team also reached the Urdd finals in Aberystwyth. The Cricket team finished 2 in the cricket finals. There was also fantastic success in the athletics. Year 3 to 6 also had the opportunity to take part in the TATA Steel Triathlon. One of the highlights was the ice skating lessons for year 5 and 5.

We also held very successful sports days with the children really enjoying seeing their parents competing in the egg and spoon.

Pêl-rwyd



Rygbi Tag



Pêl-droed



Criced



Rygbi yr Urdd



Sglefrio ia



Rygbi Tag Merched





# Urdd Eisteddfod success 2023

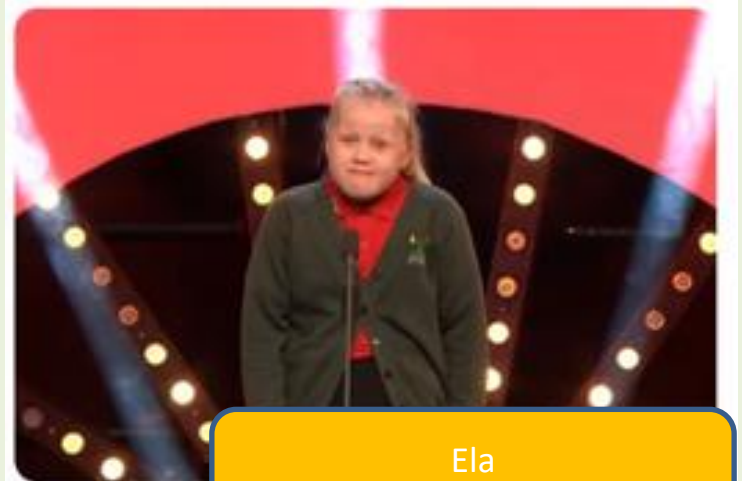


Action song 1st  
Best performer award=  
Sally

## Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2023 Success



Awen  
2il Folk song year 6 and under



Ela  
3ydd Reciting bl 3 a 4



Awen ac Olive  
1af Duet Cerdd Dant year 6 and under  
(Also 1<sup>st</sup> last year)

### **Art and Craft results Celf a Chrefft / Arts and Crafts Results**

2il/2nd – 2D picture Bl 3 a 4 – Elis Ashford

3ydd/3rd – Printing Bl 3 a 4 – Soffi Jones

2il/2nd – Puppet Bl 2 ac iau – Ifan Derbyshire

1af/1st – Textiles Bl 5 a 6 – Elis Ashford





Theatrical performance of  
a script 1st  
Thomas, Gruff, Awen a  
Sally

# Eisteddfod Ysgol Glanrafon 2023



Bl 6

Seremoni y Cadeirio



PIC•COLLAGE



## Well being and Healthy eating

Ysgol Glanrafon promotes the Welsh Government's healthy schools scheme. The school promotes healthy eating and drinking while promoting taste for life guidelines. Ysgol Glanrafon provides healthy snack containing fruits and vegetables which is available to pupils from nursery to year 2. The school emphasizes good hygiene. We share information with our parents through the app i.e. healthy lunch boxes, healthy eating activities, PC Marc Jones workshops. Pupils love completing a mile a day.



Ysgol Glanrafon has worked hard to develop pupil wellbeing including activities Jisgaw wellbeing scheme, ELSA(Wellbeing Councilor), lifelong friends and loyal friends activities working on endurance and being a good friend. Mrs Ceri's Kingsley Williams has brought her dog-Hyni to school and it has been very good for everyones well being to see Hyni around the school.

We have also started developing the outside area with two canopies and adventure spoons installed. The outside class "Lloches Lles" is ready for the next academic year.

## Ysgol Glanrafon with the community

Ysgol Glanrafon has been working hard with the community this year:

- Invitation to the community to attend Christmas concerts
- Hosting the Urdd Flint and Maelor Region Instrumental Eisteddfod in March 2023
- Holding a concert to celebrate the achievement of the Urdd Eisteddfod with Ysgol Maes Garmon and the Mold Department
- Making regular use of the local area
- Working in partnership with Ysgol Maes Garmon
- Regular visits by police Commuter Support Officer PC Marc Jones to discuss anti-social behaviour, drugs and internet security
- Using the school app to communicate
- Take part in activities in the local area e.g. year 5 and 6 y pupils singing carols at Tesco, Singing on Daniel Owen's square and performing at Bethesda Chapel
- Assemblies by Reverend Huw Powell Davies
- Special visits from
  - Mr Cledwyn Ashford's sharing his experiences with the Welsh football team.
  - Visits from Dafydd Iwan and parents to discuss their jobs
- Residential visits -Glan-Llyn, Cardiff and Red Ridge
- Taking part in the Ras ar iaith
- Performing at the Launch of the Intercolonial Music Festival at St Asaph Cathedral

Check through our twitter account @YsgolG for more information



Happy retirement to Mrs Jean Owen and thanks to her for her valuable contribution over the years.



## Toilets and the building

The extension is fantastic and we are very fortunate to be developing the rest of the school.

All parts of the school have good toilet facilities which are cleaned regularly. Toilets are inspected during the day at school.

There are 5 disabled toilets and one shower facility.

## Policy and Strategies

All policy documents are updated regularly.

You get a copy of any policy from the School's website or email [postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net](mailto:postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net)

The prospectus is updated frequently.

We update the School Development Plan regularly.

All schemes of work are developed with pupils' input .

*Please contact the school if you would like a copy of any of our Policy Documents or if you need any information.*

## Teaching and Learning

We have an excellent working relationship at Ysgol Glanrafon. We are working on developing a balanced curriculum for the school aligned with the four core purposes. Pupils are taught in mixed age classes and an additional needs unit for year 3 to 6.

We use a variety of teaching methods.

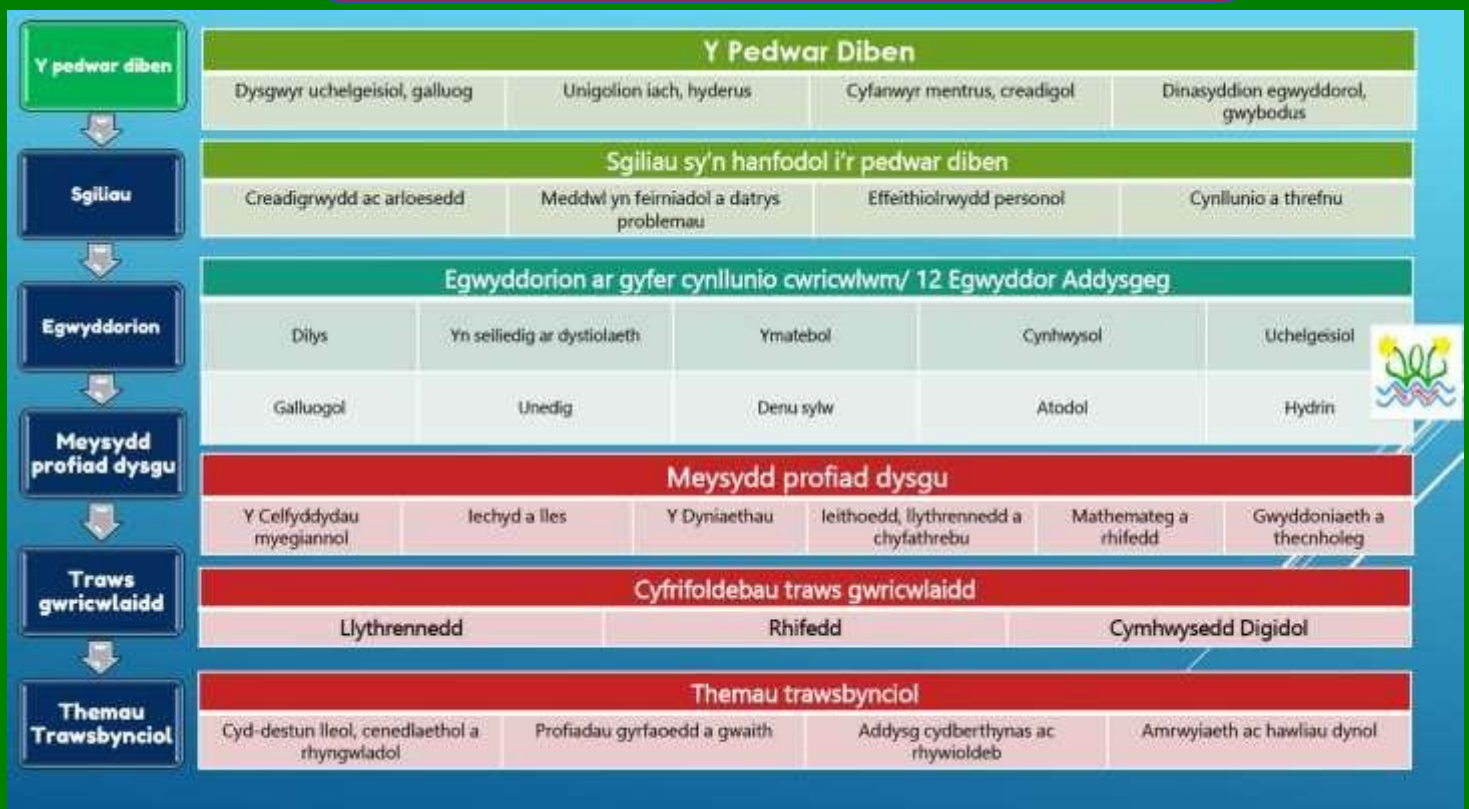
All pupils have access to the curriculum. Staff are working hard to move forward with the curriculum.

All teachers have received a range of training including

- Inquiry base learning
- Trauma informed schools
- Emotion coaching
- ADHD
- Autisma

We have begun to unravel learning strategies to develop best practice and provide the best for pupils at Ysgol Glanrafon.

## Ysgol Glanrafon Curriculum 2022-2023



We have:

1. Developed the four purposes at Ysgol Glanrafon
2. Continue to develop special opportunities and experiences for our pupils
3. Organising further learning opportunities
4. Creating an agreed vision with our stakeholders
5. Regular input from our stakeholders
6. Developing and evaluating our values



## Our vision

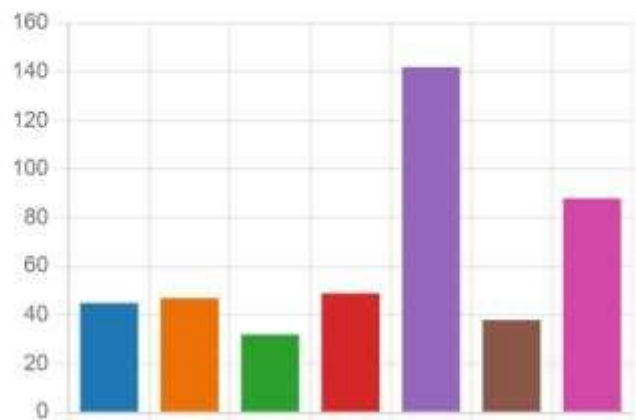
We gathered all the ideas of pupils, parents, carers, staff, and governors to develop a vision and values that are important to us at Ysgol Glanrafon.



1. Pa un yw eich hoff un? Gallwch bleidleisio am fwy nac un ohonynt.  
Which one is your favourite? You may vote for more than 1.

### Rhagor o Fanylion

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## Term dates 2022-2023

<b>Tymor yr Hydref 2022</b>	
1 September 2022	Teacher Training
2 September 2022	Teacher Training
5 September 2022	School opens to pupils
28 October 2022	Last day before half term
7 November 2022	Teacher Training
8 November 2022	School opens to pupils
22 December 2022	Last day before the Christmas holidays
23 December 2022	Teacher Training
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	
9 January 2023	Teacher Training
10 January 2023	School opens to pupils
17 February 2023	Last day before half term
27 February 2023	School opens to pupils
31 March 2023	Last day before the Easter holidays
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	
17 April 2023	Ysgol yn agor i ddisgyblion
26 May 2023	Last day before half term
5 June 2023	School opens to pupils
19 July 2023	Last day before the Summer holidays
20 July 2023	Teacher Training

## Use of Welsh

Ysgol Glanrafon is a Welsh medium school. All children receive a Welsh language education until the end of year 2 then they will start learning English in year 3.

The pupils are fully bilingual.

The main language of the school is Welsh.



# APPRAISAL AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUMMARY YSGOL GLANRAFON



We are constantly reviewing where we are as a school and how we can continuously improve to ensure your child receives the best education at Ysgol Glanrafon. Through the process of self-evaluation and ongoing review across the school, we identify our key priorities for improvement.

## OUR STRENGTHS

### • **Leadership**

- The clear vision of the school has been created with the contribution of all stakeholders.
- There is a regular self-appraisal framework in place that ensures that continuous review is an integral part of school life.
- High expectations are set across the school and there is a good relationship of collaboration across the school.

### **Teaching and learning**

- Assessment strategies are in place consistently across the school.
- There is a safe and stimulating environment across all learning areas where pupils can take risks, make mistakes confidently and learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation for everyone's efforts.
- A consistent priority is placed on developing pupils' literacy, numeracy and digital skills across the curriculum according to their age and ability.

### **Curriculum**

- Our curriculum is cohesive to realise our vision to ensure that our learners are ambitious, enterprising, principled and healthy citizens.
- Our curriculum is broad, balanced and suitable for learners of different ages and abilities.
- Our curriculum offers a range of rich experiences that nurture pupils who take pride in their Welshness and the culture of our local area.

### **Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion**

- The school offers a variety of opportunities for pupils to take part in outdoor activities.
- There are robust structures and processes for supporting pupils with Additional Learning Needs.
- Robust arrangements are in place to assess and support pupils' wellbeing.

## PREVIOUS SUCCESS

### Developing the outside area to offer activities to boost literacy skills

- Successful grants bids to install a canopy and an outside classroom.
- A successful gardening club cultivated vegetables and wildflowers.
- Sheds for literacy development installed.
- Although a number of difficulties have arisen the school has made progress in this area.

### Developing pupil wellbeing to promote independent skills

- A new whole school well-being scheme has been successfully implemented.
- Well being groups have been established and feedback shows value for money.
- The school dog "Hyni" is very successful and raised pupil and staff well being/
- Activities to support wellbeing such as Children's Rights and the five ways to wellbeing are being organised.

- Raising the maths and numeracy standards of groups of learners in year 4 to 6
- New mathematics scheme have been implemented.
- Mathematics groups have been according to ability which has had a positive impact.
- The school has raised standards although reasoning must be targeted.

## What Next?

- Continue to raise standards, ensure continuity in Language and Maths with groups of learners.
- Continue to improve the resilience, fitness and wellbeing of our pupils.
- Develop consistent opportunities for pupils to empower their language and numeracy skills in the outdoors.

## BLAENORIAETHAU GWELLA

Dyma drosolwg o feysydd datblygu ysgol y byddwn yn canolbwyntio arnynt yn ystod y flwyddyn academiaidd 2023-2024 er mwyn sicrhau ein bod yn parhau i ddarparu'r gorau y gallwn i'n disgyblion.

# 1

**Parhau i godi safonau  
mewn iaith a  
Llythrennedd ym  
mlwyddyn 4 a 5.**

- We will organise language groups to target the needs and effectively measure the language progress of ALL pupils.
- We will implement effective intervention programmes that raise Language and Literacy standards.
- We will continue to align excellent pedagogy in language across the school.

**Continue to raise  
standards in Maths and  
Numeracy in year 4 to  
6.**

- We will group pupils by ability to effectively target and measure EACH pupil's maths progress.
- We will implement effective intervention programmes that raise numeracy standards.
- We will continue to align excellent pedagogy in mathematics across the school.

# 2

# 3

**Continue to  
improve the  
resilience, fitness  
and wellbeing of  
our pupils**

- We will ensure that excellent teaching is at the heart of the curriculum.
- We will continue to develop plans for a curriculum that includes the progression steps and the what matters statements.
- We will present the five ways of wellbeing
- We will align pedagogy and the learning environment so that the provision of all classes is of a high standard.

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# 4

### **Who Supports?**

Collaborating with other schools locally and further  
School Support Service (GWE) Support  
Training Plan and collaboration between staff



## Ysgol Glanrafon Budget 2023



### YSGOL GLANRAFON (287) FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2022/23

BUDGET HEADING	BUDGET 2022/23	EXPENDITURE 2022/23	DIFF + OR (-)
BALANCE FROM 2021/22	193,253		193,253
EMPLOYEES	1,043,547	1,485,401	-441,854
PREMISES	103,592	67,309	36,283
TRANSPORT		222	-222
SUPPLIES	47,547	63,611	-16,064
SCHOOL MEALS		56,342	-56,342
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	35,852	40,709	-4,857
INCOME		-273,469.49	273,469
SPECIAL UNIT	92,919		92,919
<b>TOTAL 2022/23</b>	<b>1,516,710</b>	<b>1,440,125</b>	<b>76,585</b>