



Dear parents and carers,

Please find enclosed the latest report from Ysgol Glanrafon for the period of 2023/24. This report provides a summary of the activities taken place in Ysgol Glanrafon these past 12 months, some of the challenges overcome and our aims for the next academic year.

Ysgol Glanrafon has continued to benefit greatly from our committed staff and enthusiastic pupils this past academic year. This last academic year has seen many successes, including those children who competed in several sporting competitions, the Eisteddfod and those who participated in the numerous clubs the school continues to offer.

It is vital as a school we celebrate our successes but equally face our challenges collectively. This academic year has unfortunately presented many external stresses most notably the budget pressures. These have been exacerbated even further by the increase in energy costs and other commodities. The senior leadership team along with the support of the governing body reacted quickly to these pressures and made strategic decisions to ensure the level of support, learning and extracurricular activities continued at a level Ysgol Glanrafon has become accustomed to.

The school continues to expand the facilities with a focus on outdoor learning, however this process will take some time due to the pressures already noted. I am sure you have all noticed the steady development in this area and we aim to support the school in continuing this improvement.

I would also like to highlight from several visits the governors have taken part in (book scrutiny, numeracy scrutiny and health and wellbeing) on what a confident, cheerful and receptive cohort of pupils we have. It has been a pleasure to witness them in their learning environment, and the clear progress that they are all making collectively thanks to the hard work of the staff.

The governing body will continue to offer Ysgol Glanrafon clarity in vision, ethos and strategic decision making. We will with care and empathy continue to ensure high standards are maintained across the school and continue to support the senior leadership team in overseeing the financial performance of the school.

We would like to thank Mrs Corben in her steadfast commitment to leading the school and the staff for their professionalism, integrity and compassionate approach to their roles. Lastly, we express our gratitude to the parents and carers who continue to work with us as a governing body in ensuring Ysgol Glanrafon remains a successful, open and enjoyable place to learn for our children.

Your feedback, comments and any suggestions are always welcome so please do get in touch to share your thoughts.

Warmest regards,
Stephen Townley
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 5/9/24 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

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/Name	Rôl/Role
Mr Stephen Townley	Cadeirydd/Chair of Governors stephen.townley@wrexham.gov.uk
Mr Gareth Lloyd	Is gadeirydd Awdurdod Lleol/Local Authority)
Mr Goronwy Morris	Cymunedol/Community
Mrs Sara Griffiths	Cymunedol/Community
Mrs Ceri Townsend	Cymunedol/Community
Mr Tom Mallen	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs Glesni Thomas	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs Rhiannon Dafydd	Rhiant/Parent
Mr Aled Zackary	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs Amy Mihangel	Rhiant/Parent
Un lle gwag/One vacancy	Cymunedol/Community
Miss Rachel Taylor	Staff
Mrs Einir Huws	Athro/Teacher
Miss Lois Ellis	Athro/Teacher
Mr Geriant Jones	Awdurdod Lleol/Local Authority
Mrs Teresa Carberry	Awdurdod bach/Local community
Mr Meilir Ashford	LA Governor
Mrs Olwen Corben	Headteacher
Mrs Debbie Jones Roberts	Clerk: postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net

Parent Governor Election

This year we have held an election for a parent governor.

The role has been filled by Mrs Amy Mihangel.

We will inform you in good time about the next election which is due in the Autumn term 2024

What happened in 2023-2024? Looking Back...

Sporting opportunities

There have been numerous activities including football, netball, rugby, athletics, swimming and triathlon. The netball team had great success reaching the Urdd National finals and winning the Flintshire schools tournament. The year 5 netball team played in the Urdd mixed tournament and came 2nd in Flintshire/Wrexham. The rugby team also reached the Urdd finals in Aberystwyth as well as travelling to Caerphilly for the Welsh counties rugby finals. The year 3 and 4 rugby team also reached the Urdd finals in Aberystwyth and got through to the semi finals. The swimming gala team won the Flintshire swimming gala. There was also fantastic success in the athletics. Year 5 & 6 also had the opportunity to take part in the TATA Steel Triathlon. We also held very successful sports days with the children really enjoying seeing their parents competing in the egg and spoon.

Netball



Athletics



Football



Rugby



Swimming Gala



Tag Rugby



Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2024 Success



Alaw
2il Cerdd Dant solo
Year 2 and under



Elis, Owain, Elain and Elan
2nd Theatrical Performance
Year 6 and under



Elain ac Elis
2il Duet
Year 6 and under



Unsiôn party
2il
Year 6 and under

Art and Craft results Celf a Chrefft / Arts and Crafts Results 2024 | YCHWAEGU

Eisteddfod Ysgol Glanrafon 2024

On March the 1st as part of our St David's day celebrations we held a school Eisteddfod. All year 6 pupils wrote a poem based upon a place they loved. Mr Hywel Wyn Edwards was the judge. Highly commended were Gwenen, Violet, Callum, Gethin and Haydn.

The winner was Elan Jones with her poem about Cardiff. This is the moment it was announced.

[Cadeirio Eisteddfod Ysgol](#)



Ysgol Glanrafon and 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 2024
- Holding a concert to celebrate the achievement of the Urdd Eisteddfod with Ysgol Maes Garmon and the Adran
- 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 pupils singing carols at Tesco, [Canu yn Tesco](#) Click to see the pupils enjoying themselves in Tesco
- Singing on Daniel Owen's square and performing at Bethesda Chapel



- Singing in the coffee morning for Macmillan
- Special visits from
 - Francesca Sciarrillo sharing her experiences about learning Welsh as part of the theme Cariad@



- Visits from chicks and stick insects
- Residential visits -Glan-Llyn, Cardiff and Llangrannog
- Taking part in the Ras ar iaith

Check through our twitter account @YsgolG for more information

A visit to the racecourse! C'mon Wrexham!



The Colour Run!!



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 snacks (Snapyn) 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. The school held a colour run this year organised by Ffrindiau Glanrafon

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 everyone's well being to see Hyni around the school.

We have also continued developing the outside area with the addition of the "Lloches Lles" and also the "Cwt garddio" (gardening hut) has been purchased with funds raised form Ffrinidau Glanrafon. Many thanks to Iona Pritchard and Michelle Taylor for their hard work with gardening club and to parents for their kind donations. Diolch yn fawr



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

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.

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.

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.

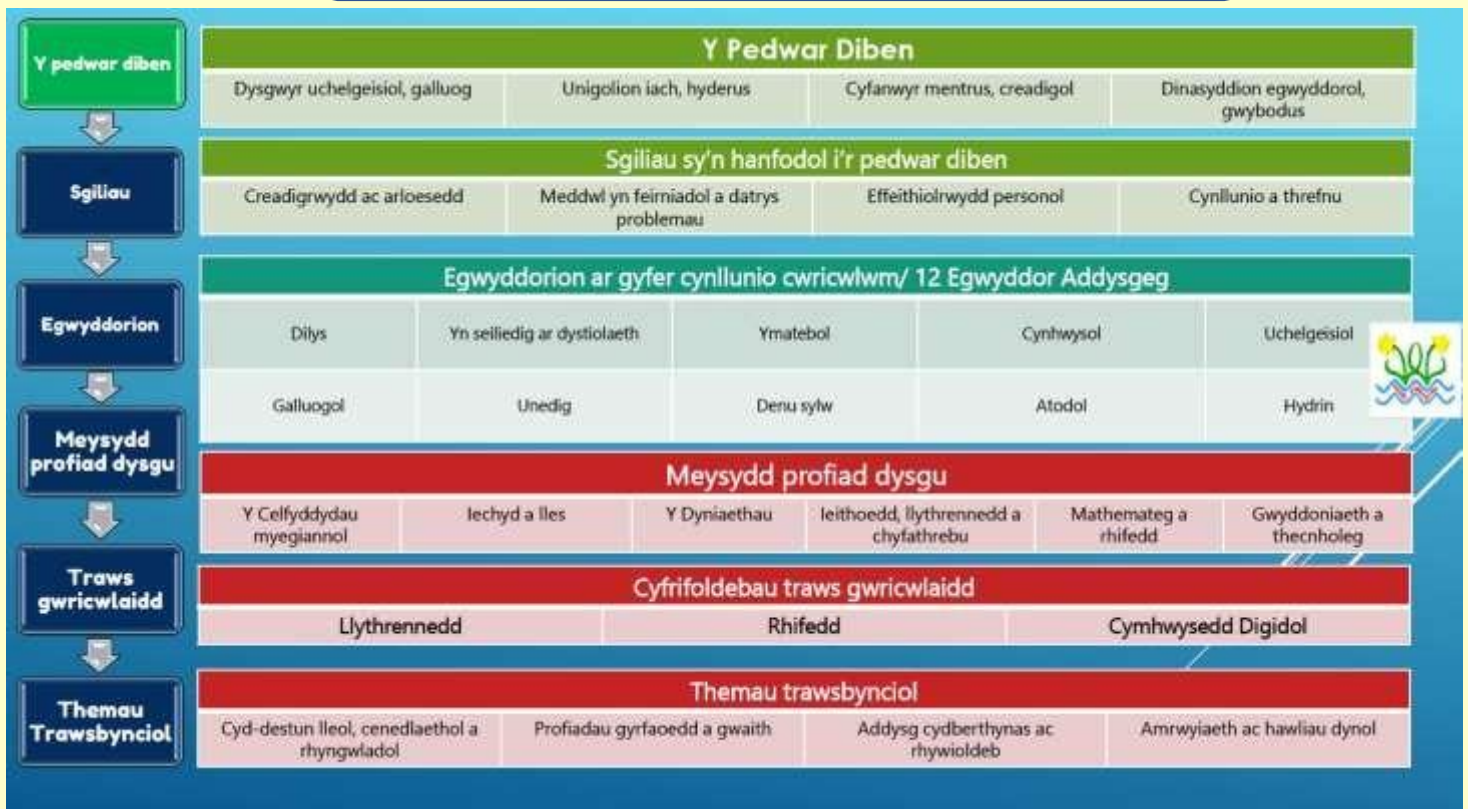
All pupils have access to the curriculum. Staff are working hard to move forward with the curriculum.

All teachers have received a range of training including

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

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

Ysgol Glanrafon Curriculum 2023-2024



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

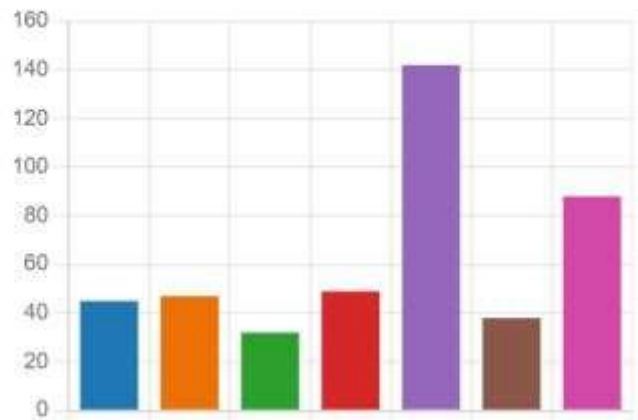
We gathered all the ideas of pupils, parents, carers, staff, and governors to develop a vision and values that are important to us at Ysgol Glanrafon.



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

- Gwell gyda'n gilydd ... 45
- Drws i'r dyfodol ... 47
- Tanio'r angerdd am addysg ... 32
- Gyda'n gilydd mae'r Gymraeg y... 49
- Gwreiddiau i'w tyfu a iaith i'w th... 142
- Gwneud ein gorau glas ... 38
- Caredigrwydd, Hapusrwydd, Cyf... 88



Term dates 2023-2025



AUTUMN TERM 2023	
1 SEPTEMBER 2023	Staff Training
4 SEPTEMBER 2023	Staff Training
5 SEPTEMBER 2023	School open for pupils
27 OCTOBER 2023	Last day before Half term
6 NOVEMBER 2023	School open for pupils
21 RHAGFYR 2023	Last day before Christmas Holiday
22 DECEMBER 2023	Staff Training
SPRING TERM 2024	
8 JANUARY 2024	Staff Training
9 JANUARY 2024	Staff Training
10 JANUARY 2024	School open for pupils
9 FEBRUARY 2024	Last day before Half term
19 FEBRUARY 2024	School open for pupils
22 MARCH 2024	Last day before Easter Holiday
SUMMER TERM 2024	
8 APRIL 2024	Staff Training
9 APRIL 2024	School open for pupils
24 MAY 2024	Last day before Half term
3 JUNE 2024	School open for pupils
19 JULY 2024	Last day before Summer Holiday



AUTUMN TERM 2024	
2 SEPTEMBER 2024	Staff Training
3 SEPTEMBER 2024	Staff Training
4 SEPTEMBER 2024	School open for pupils
25 OCTOBER 2024	Last day before Half term
4 NOVEMBER 2024	School open for pupils
20 RHAGFYR 2024	Last day before Christmas Holiday
SPRING TERM 2025	
6 JANUARY 2025	Staff Training
7 JANUARY 2025	School open for pupils
21 FEBRUARY 2025	Last day before Half term
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11 APRIL 2025	Last day before Easter Holiday
SUMMER TERM 2025	
28 APRIL 2025	Staff Training
29 APRIL 2025	School open for pupils
23 MAY 2025	Last day before Half term
2 JUNE 2025	School open for pupils
17 JULY 2025	Last day before Summer Holiday
18 JULY 2025	Staff Training
21 JULY 2025	Staff 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.

SUMMARY AND EVALUATION OF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

YSGOL GLANRAFON 2023-2024



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.

Progress with 2023-2024 priorities

Raising the standards of maths and numeracy of groups of learners in year 4 to 6

- Personalised assessments show good progress.
- Mathematics groups have been according to ability which has had a positive impact
- Mental maths books have had a huge impact on standards and the understanding of mathematical concepts.
- Reasoning sessions have also had a positive impact

Raising the standards of literacy of groups of learners in year 4 to 6

- Personalised assessments show good progress especially by year 6
- Targeted groups have shown a positive results
- Intervention strategies have shown good progress
- Continue to focus on literacy especially reading

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

- 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 have been completed and a display of the pupils work has been shared
- Well being questionnaire for pupils from year 2 to 5 has been completed.

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.
- Cwt garddio (Gardening Hut) purchased by Ffrindiau Glanrafon
- Lloches lles outdoor classroom
- 3 shelters added
- Several sheds purchased
- Successful with Tiny Forest grant application- 40K

What Next?

- Continue to raise standards, ensure continuity in Language with groups of learners.
- Review the delivery of technology and the development of pupils skills
- 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.

IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

Here is an overview of areas of school development that we will focus on during the 2024-2025 academic year to ensure that we continue to provide the best we can for our pupils.

1 Continue to raise standards in Language and Literacy in year 4 and 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.

Develop pupils' experiences and skills in technology throughout the school

- Teacher training to help with providing experiences for the pupils
- We will look at the digital framework and develop experiences which develop pupils skills
- We will implement effective intervention programmes that raise numeracy standards.
- We will continue to align excellent cross curricular pedagogy in across the school.

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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.
- Use of the tiny forest funding to ensure that pupils have opportunities for outdoor learning
- We will align pedagogy and the learning environment so that the provision of all classes is of a high standard.

Develop consistent opportunities for pupils to empower their language and numeracy skills in the open air

- We will develop even more opportunities for pupils to practice their literacy and numeracy skills in the outdoors
- We will continue to develop plans for a curriculum that includes the progression steps and the What matters statements.
- We will align pedagogy and the learning environment so that the provision of all classes is of a high standard.

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Who Supports?

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

Ysgol Glanrafon Budget 2023-2024



YSGOL GLANRAFON (287) FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2023/24

BUDGET HEADING	BUDGET 2023/24	EXPENDITURE 2023/24	DIFF + OR (-)
BALANCE FROM 2022/23	76,585		76,585
EMPLOYEES	1,113,947	1,604,944	-490,997
PREMISES	121,521	158,644	-37,123
TRANSPORT		307	-307
SUPPLIES	46,224	50,808	-4,584
SCHOOL MEALS		26,099	-26,099
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	37,821	42,296	-4,475
INCOME		-327,443.33	327,443
SPECIAL UNIT	109,427		109,427
TOTAL 2022/23	1,505,525	1,555,654	-50,129