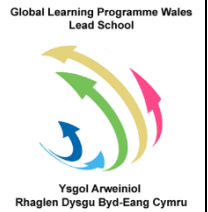




# Johnstown Primary School



## Governors' Annual Report to Parents

### Academic Year 2023/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

*It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Governors Annual Report at Johnstown Primary School. The school, in partnership with parents, continues to maintain high standards and a highly consistent approach to teaching and learning across the school. This is achieved by setting high expectations and creating a purposeful learning environment for all of the pupils in the school.*

*I would like to thank the Head teacher Mr McComas and since his recent absence Mrs Laura Reynolds, Deputy Head Teacher and the Senior Leadership Team on working together effectively for the benefit of all the pupils. I am grateful for the support of the Governing Body, members of 'The Friends of Johnstown' and all parents/carers who work collaboratively to support the school in a variety of different ways. This as I have noted before supports the community spirit of which the school is very proud. Finally, and most importantly, I would like again to pay tribute to the children for their valued contribution, positive attitude and determination to 'Be all they can be'.*

*During this year the school has done a huge amount of work to embed the Curriculum for Wales 2022. This has constituted a step change in education for Wales. Schools have to develop their own Curriculum using the "Four Purposes" as the starting point. Since its introduction last year this has been a substantial amount of work for all the staff to ensure the school fully incorporates the new guidance. The introduction of the new additional learning needs system highlighted last year has seen further ongoing work to strengthen existing support systems in place for the Health and Wellbeing of pupils and staff. This includes working with an adapted curriculum to support the needs of pupils with wellbeing systems in place to support the needs of staff.*

*The school governing body is no longer required to hold an annual parents meeting. Instead, the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body. Information on this is available using the following link:*

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-governors/#.W9L1wMsktDw>

Yours sincerely

**Mr Steve Murphy**  
**Chair of Governors**

## Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities

The pupils have taken part in a variety of activities across the Areas of Learning and Experience throughout the year. In particular, pupils have participated in Expressive Arts, through activities such as the Urdd Eisteddfod, and Health and Well-being activities, through a range of sports. The school entry into the Urdd Eisteddfod resulted in a first-place win. Sporting fixtures have continued into this academic year and have included matches as part of our local cluster of schools. These have been shared digitally with parents and as part of weekly newsletters.

## Governing Body Membership

Name	Status	Term of Office
Mr S Murphy	Chair of Governors LA Representative	2021 – 2025
Miss K Gardner	Vice Chair of Governors LA Representative	2023 – 2027
Cllr G John	LA Representative	2021 – 2025
Dr R Pal	LA Representative	2021 – 2025
Mr D Rose	Community Governor	2021 – 2025
Dr Baba Gana	Community Governor	2021 – 2025
Mr P Adshead	Community Governor	2023 – 2027
Vacancy	Community Governor	
Mrs K Crane-Davis	Parent Representative	2023 – 2027
Dr J McCarthy	Parent Representative	2023 – 2027
Dr A Abouserwel	Parent Representative	2023 – 2027
Miss K Barrett	Parent Representative	2020 – 2024
Ms J Brooks	Parent Representative	2021 – 2025
Mrs N Moroney	Teacher Representative	2022 – 2026
Mrs S Davies	Teacher Representative	2022 – 2026
Mrs E Wyles	Staff Representative	2021 – 2025
Mr K McComas	Head Teacher Governor	

**Clerk to Governors:** Mrs S Roberts

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## Financial Statement for 2023/2024

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Gwelir isod crynodeb sefyllfa ariannol  
terfynol eich ysgol ar gyfer 2023/24.

Please see below a summary of your  
school's final outturn position for 2023/24.

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Gwariant Net 2023/24	1,882,033	Net Expenditure 2023/24
Dyraniad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2023/24	-1,799,947	Formula Funding Allocation 2023/24
Arian Wrth Gefn a Ddysgwyd Ymlaen o 2022/23	<u>-40,478</u>	Surplus Brought Forward from 2022/23
Diffyg Ariannol yn Cario Drosodd i 2024/25	<u>41,608</u>	Deficit Carried Forward to 2024/25

Governors review our budget position on a termly basis and make informed decisions to maintain the high performance of the school and our statutory requirements.

### **Steps taken by the governing body to develop or strengthen the school's links with the community**

Community Police Liaison Officer Craig Williams has completed the Police Education Programme to pupils from Reception to Year 6 before retiring from this role in March 2024. The school is offered advice from the Police Liaison Team whilst awaiting a new named officer.

Local PCSOs patrol the areas surrounding the school to advise on parking.

### **Statutory Policies Reviewed and/or Updated by the Governing Body 2023/2024**

- Child Protection/Safeguarding
- Data Protection
- Health & Safety
- Performance Management
- Curriculum

## Term Dates (including half term holidays) for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025

Term	Term begins	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn 2023	Monday 4th September	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	Friday 22nd December
Spring 2024	Monday 8th January	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Friday 22nd March
Summer 2024	Monday 8th April	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Friday 19th July
Autumn 2024	Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025	Monday 6th January	Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February	Friday 11th April
Summer 2025	Monday 28th April	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Monday 21st July
Autumn 2025	Tuesday 2nd September	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Friday 19th December
Spring 2026	Monday 5th January	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Friday 27th March
Summer 2026	Monday 13th April	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Monday 20th July

### Designated INSET Days

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Monday, 2nd September 2024
- Monday 1st September 2025

For school specific INSET days, please contact the relevant school. Usually, schools have 5 INSET days during the academic year (including the designated days).

In January 2023 the Minister for Education and Welsh Language laid the Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023. The Regulations increase the number of INSET days from 5 to 6 days for the next 3 academic years (2022 to 2023, 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025).

## **Changes to the School Prospectus**

The school staff and classes have been updated, together with the term dates. The current school prospectus is available on our new school website. This website can be found using the following web address <https://www.johnstownprimaryschool.cymru>

A paper copy of the School Prospectus is also available from the school office on request.

## **Curriculum and Organisation of Education & Teaching Methods at the School**

Pupils are taught by a qualified teacher in fifteen classes. All classes from Nursery to Year 2 have at least one teaching assistant to support individuals or groups within each class. All classes from Years 3-6 have at least one teaching assistant within each class. This includes supporting pupils with additional learning needs.

In each class, pupils are taught a curriculum based on Curriculum for Wales 2022, using a range of suitable teaching approaches.

Pupils with additional learning needs may require additional support. This is given in the classroom, including small group and targeted intervention support. Additional support is provided in line with the ALN Reform guidelines.

PPA (Planning/Preparation/Assessment) cover for teachers is carried out by qualified teaching staff. One of the teachers is a music specialist who provides cover by delivering the Music Curriculum to pupils from Nursery to Year 6. This teacher also supports the school choir and extra-curricular music activities. The second teacher specialises in Outdoor Learning and delivers this aspect of the curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6.

## **Language Category of the School**

Johnstown Primary School is an English medium school, however, pupils are taught to develop their Welsh bilingual skills in every year group. This is based on the WESP categorisation.

## **Toilet Facilities**

Toilet facilities at the school are in good order and cleaned to a high standard on a daily basis.

## Healthy Eating & Drinking

Healthy eating and drinking by pupils of the school is promoted regularly through:

- Healthy School status
- Discouragement of fizzy drinks, crisps and chocolate in lunchboxes
- Fruit eaten during break times brought in from home
- Healthy eating is part of the Health and Well-being curriculum
- Trip letters encourage healthy lunch boxes
- Three water fountains around the school for pupils
- Aspects of cooking being taught across the curriculum

## School Development Plan

School Development Plan priorities for 2023-2026 are:

<b>1</b>	To engage the whole school community in the Health and Well-Being self-evaluation process and improvement planning.
<b>2</b>	To design and implement an effective assessment tracker aligned with the principles of progression.
<b>3</b>	Poverty Proofing the school day by reducing the financial barriers faced by pupils from low-income backgrounds.
<b>4</b>	To improve the higher order reading skills in PS2 and PS3 via reading for pleasure strategies.
<b>5</b>	To refine mathematical reasoning approaches across the school.