



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Pentrefoelas

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by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

Overview

Ysgol Pentrefoelas is a close-knit community that celebrates Welshness, courtesy and respect exceptionally well. The headteacher provides wise leadership that values the efforts of everyone who contributes to the pupils' education. All staff are committed to ensuring high quality care and pupil well-being across the school in a homely and supportive learning environment. This has a strong influence on pupils' attitudes towards each other and others both inside and outside the school.

Pupils' pride in the Welsh language is a strong feature and they use the language completely naturally both inside and outside the classroom. Teachers and assistants model language highly skilfully and work together successfully to plan a range of varied and purposeful learning and play experiences for pupils. As a result, pupils' pride in their learning, their village and their local area is a strength.

Staff provide a curriculum that enables pupils to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to support their work and help them to apply them in relevant activities across the curriculum. However, provision for pupils to develop their numeracy and extended writing skills across the areas of learning are inconsistent. On the whole, teachers do not always provide learning activities that support pupils to achieve to the best of their ability. Provision to support the learning skills of pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) is purposeful. As a result, they make good progress in their learning.

The school provides regular opportunities for pupils to take part in performances and events to nurture their self-confidence and their expressive ability. For example, they perform enthusiastically in shows and concerts in the community, in addition to the Urdd's local, regional and national eisteddfodau.

The school's self-evaluation and quality assurance arrangements are beginning to have a positive effect on pupils' well-being and progress. Members of the governing body support the headteacher and staff well. Pupils' attendance rates are very high. The headteacher, with the support of staff and governors, promotes a culture of safeguarding effectively.

Recommendations

- R1 Improve pupils' writing skills
- R2 Provide activities that challenge all pupils to apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum
- R3 Ensure that feedback from staff identifies the next steps in pupils' learning effectively

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Pentrefoelas
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	42
Pupils of statutory school age	29
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	5
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average <i>(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.0%)</i>	8.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) <i>(The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 16.1%)</i>	7.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	86.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	04/05/2015
Start date of inspection	06/11/2023

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