

Brackla Primary School

SUMMARY of Annual Report to Parents and Carers

2022-2023

I am delighted to present the summary of the annual report to parents/carers as the Chair of Governors.

The Governing Body are very proud of our school and the learning experiences all pupils receive. We believe that all pupils are provided with learning opportunities to engage in their learning and benefit from a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

Within this report you will find a summary of key information relating to the working practices and procedures at the school, which I hope you will find informative.

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff, governors, parents and carers for all they do to support the work of the school and look forward to another successful year in Brackla Primary School.

A full version of the report is available on the website or by request from the school office.

Mrs J Czajkowski

Chair of Governors



Dear parents/carers,

Brackla Primary School Governing Body SUMMARY Annual Report to Parents 2022-2023

This is the summary Governing Body annual report to parents for the academic year 2022-2023 which has been emailed to all parents/carers and is available on the website and on request to the school.

Under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (the Act) the Governing Body is no longer required to hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing the attached report. However, under this legislation, if a Governing Body receives a petition from parents of registered pupils at the school requesting that a meeting takes place this request must be acceded to if the following conditions are met;

- The petition contains the signatures of (either) ten percent of the parents of registered pupils or thirty of the parents of registered pupils at the school (whichever is the lower number).
- The meeting must be for the purpose of discussing a matter relating to the school.
- Should meetings be requested/held there will be no more than three meetings held during the school year in which the (initial) petition is received.
- There are enough school days remaining in the school year for the meeting to be held in line with the requirements of the Act.

Should a meeting be held it will be open to all parents of registered pupils at the school, the Headteacher and other persons invited by the Governing Body.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Czajkowski
Chair of the Governing Body

The Governing Body 2022-2023

Chair of Governors: Mrs J Czajkowski (c/o Brackla Primary School, Brackla Way, Brackla, Bridgend, CF31 2EZ)

Vice Chair of Governors: Mrs J Spratling

The Governing Body and the Headteacher share responsibility for the strategic management of the school, acting within the framework set by national legislation and by policies of the Local Authority (LA). While the LA is the employer of staff, the Governing Body and Headteacher have separate and particular responsibilities for the selection and management of staff. The internal management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher.

The full Governing Body meets at least once a term, usually more frequently. In addition, sub-committees meet regularly to discuss specific issues. They report to the full Governing Body for formal ratification of proposals.

The minutes of Governing Body meetings are available from the clerk to governors: Mrs Simone Delaney of School Governance Solutions.

Name	Type	End date
Mrs A Morris	Local Authority	17.10.26
Mrs A Williams	Local Authority	20.01.24
Mrs J Spratling	Local Authority	17.06.23
Vacancy	Local Authority	
Mrs J Czajkowski	Community	31.09.23
Mr D Flower	Community	19.02.23
Mr P Hayter	Community	16.11.26
Cll L Lewis	Community	20.06.26
Vacancy	Community	
Mr D Birt	Parent	07.02.24
Mrs E Lewis	Parent	20.10.26
Ms K Evans	Parent	19.11.25
Ms C Mowbray-Harwood	Parent	01.10.24
Mrs S Whelan	Teaching staff	03.12.24
Mrs J Davis	Teaching staff	15.06.25
Mrs D Thompson	Non teaching staff	12.09.26
Mrs K John	Headteacher	N/A

Clerk to the governors: Mrs S Delaney (School Governance Solutions)

School Staff for 2022/2023

Headteacher: Mrs K John

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Davis

Senior Management Team: Mr S McNamara; Mrs A Baldrige, Mr Still

Class teachers: Mrs A Baldrige, Miss J Helm, Mrs I Delgado, Mr S McNamara, Miss S Pavitt, Mrs T Hayter, Mrs S Whelan, Mrs A Driscoll, Mrs C Martin, Miss A Herne, Mr G Still.

Support staff: Mrs H Vincent, Miss L Thomas, Mrs N Morgan, Mrs M Robertson, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs J Szarlat, Mrs M Drummond, Mrs D Deere, Mrs L Williams, Mrs L Richards, Mrs S Robinson, Mr C Williams, Mrs N Hunter, Miss K Davies, Miss N Steel, Mrs J Charles, Mrs L Davies, Mrs L Jones, Mrs E Apsee, Mrs S Howe.

Special Needs Support Assistants (SNSA): Mrs L Davies Pyne, Mr S Bird, Mrs D Wassilew, Mrs S Williams.

Additional Learning Needs Coordinator: Mrs A Baldrige

Non-teaching staff

Administration staff: Mrs D Lewis

Site supervisor: Mr M Sobocinzi

Catering Staff: Mrs Y Powell, Mrs C James, Mrs E Edwards, Mrs A Griffiths

Lunchtime supervisors: Mrs B Cox, Mrs C LeBreuilly

Brackla Primary School is an English medium school.

Our Vision for Brackla Primary School

Brackla Primary School is a community with a common purpose and everything that we do relates to our vision 'Hapus.' Our children, families, staff and governors have agreed that our school should be a safe and caring environment where learning is at the heart of all that we do. Our vision was reviewed with all stakeholders during the year and a set of keywords agreed to illustrate it.

In order to implement our vision, our mission is to:

- Strive to set high standards for our children.
- Develop their confidence to achieve their full potential in all areas of learning.
- Foster potential partnerships, where parents are seen as partners in the learning process.
- Help our pupils to understand the joy of learning for life.

H **Happy and Healthy** (engagement, relationships, confidence, enthusiasm, friendship)

A **Aspirational and Active** (inspirational, independent, understanding, challenge, creative)

P **Positive and Patient** (recognition, encouragement, listening, empathy, praise)

U **United and Understanding** (teamwork, diversity, forward thinking, kindness, collaboration)

S **Supportive and Successful** (resilience, problem solver, partnership, respect, achievement).

Our school motto:

'Hapus ynghyd dysgu o hyd'

'Happy together learning forever'



School Aims

- To provide an inclusive and stimulating environment in which children, staff, families and visitors feel safe, welcome and valued, ensuring that wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the children to value the history, culture and language of Wales as well as learning about the diversity of the wider world.
- To empower pupils to find their voice for success in school and in life.
- To provide an inspiring, challenging and creative curriculum through purposeful experiences & opportunities to prepare children for the modern world.

Election of Parent Governors

When a vacancy arises on the Governing Body for a parent representative, the Local Authority will inform all parents of the vacancy and will make the necessary arrangements for the consequent election. Every parent of a registered pupil at the school will be entitled to stand as a candidate and to vote at the election, and will be given the opportunity to do so. Each parent will be provided with information, which will indicate the application process, to be returned to the school by a set date. Elections will be by secret ballot.

There is currently 1 parent vacancy which is advertised in the school newsletter and via email.

Previous Annual Meeting

There were no meetings held during the course of the year. Should any parent/carers wish to request such a meeting please contact Mrs John at the school where further information will be provided.

School Development Plan

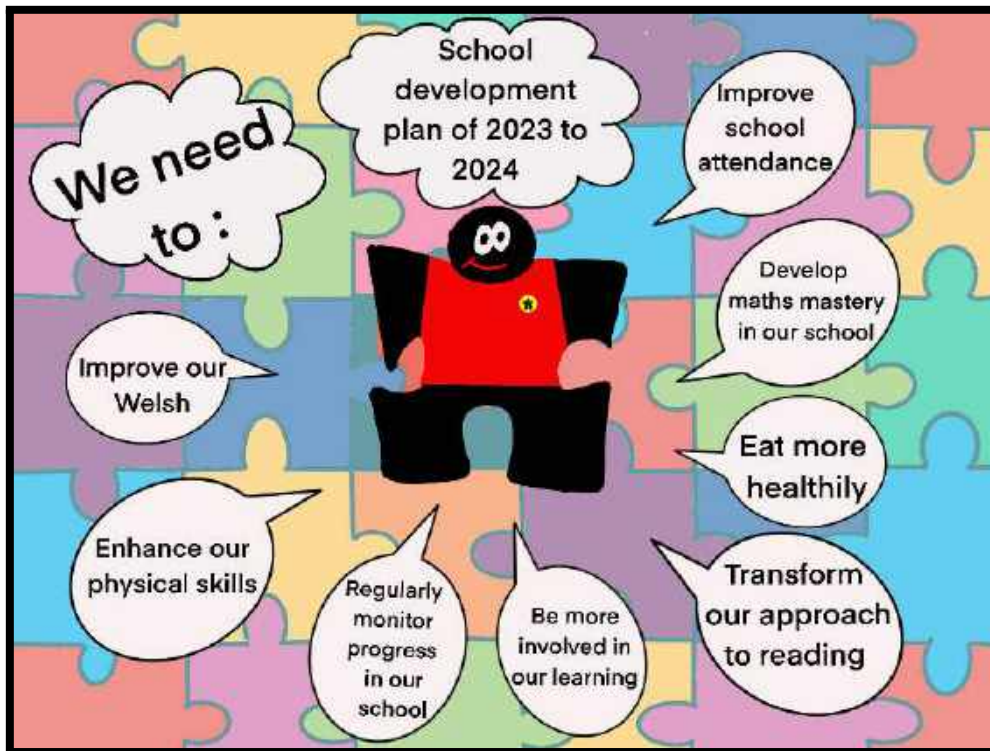
Our school development plan contains a wealth of information outlining what our long-term strategic priorities are and details of activities that we are undertaking to help improve provision during the academic year. The priorities for 2022-2023 were:

1. To implement an engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all our learners, that is appropriate to our context, and focuses on high quality learning and teaching.
2. To further develop a wide range of highly effective pedagogical approaches to teaching in order to maximise progress across all Areas Of Learning and Experience (AOLEs).

Good progress was made against all priorities, with some areas continuing to be areas of further development in 2022-2023.

Pupil Friendly School Development Plan

Members of the Senedd worked with Mrs John to create a pupil friendly School Development Plan for 2023-2024.



Attendance (Reception - Year 6)

	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Whole school	92.2%	93.4%	92.4%
Authorised absence	6.5%	4.4%	5%
Unauthorised absence	1.4%	1.7%	2.6%
Whole year (September 2022- July 2023)	92.7%		

Number on roll

Brackla Primary School is a mainstream primary school where most of the children come from homes where English is spoken. Admissions are made in line with Bridgend County Borough Council's admission procedures. Our published admission number (PAN) is 45 per year group, which determines the number of places available. The school roll fluctuates throughout the year, however, the numbers as of July 2022 were:

	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Full time nursery	44	45	45

Part time nursery	-	10	17
Reception - Yr 6	294	292	294
Total	338	247	356

Autumn Term Achievements

- **3** new pupils joined the school (36 nursery, 17 reception - year 6);
- School trips included Swansea World War II Museum, the local park, Newbridge Fields, Tremains Woods and ASDA;
- Over **50** children joined the Super Savers club with Bridgend Credit Union;
- Over **250** children participated in the Urdd's largest virtual Jamboree;
- Theme weeks included anti bullying week; online safety week and enterprise/careers fortnight;
- Nessa, our reading dog has supported **12** children this term;
- 'Barod' provision supports a small number of children in the morning being prepared for their school day;
- Starburst nurture provision supports a small number of children with social and emotional support;
- Over **230** children went to Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime in Port Talbot;
- The children raised **£363.31** for Children in Need by holding a non uniform day;
- The first Nursery and Reception Christmas concerts since 2019 took place and were attended by nearly **300** family members;
- Visitors to the school included: PC McDonald, Marine pilot Miss Davis, PC Thomas, radio DJ Lee Jukes, photographer Miss Mansfield and representatives from Beathouse Coffee, Oak Electrical, HRUX, Kind Currency and Everton Football Club;
- Over **55** children participated in a Techno Camp workshop in school;
- **2** members of our Senedd met with local Councillor during Parliament week;
- Family engagement activities included: new to school coffee morning/afternoon; Bridgend College reading sessions; open afternoon and information sessions on Seesaw outdoor learning and reading;
- BOOST activities this half term have included: Bike Ability; gardening; photography; sign language; music; street food; French; Spanish; baking; Bear Wills bootcamp; Park Run; drama; art; basketball; cardboard creations; mud pies and chocolate and ball skills;
- All children participated in a World Cup BOOST morning focusing on different countries involved in the World Cup;
- Christmas activities included: Santa's Grotto, Christmas fayre, discos, Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch.





Spring Term Achievements

- 14 new pupils joined the school, making our current on roll number 347;
- Whole school attendance for the spring term was 93%;
- Highest class attendance with 95% is 4H;
- Brackla Pupil Senedd work this term has included re-drafting the anti bullying policy and creating some posters;
- Over 224 children went on a school trip which included the Odeon and Cefn Mably Farm
- Over 55 children went off site for a BOOST activity which included visits to Porthcawl, Sker Point and Merthyr Mawr.
- 4 children took part in a 'Mission Survival' cluster project;
- 121 children received a Headteacher Award this term;
- 20 students from Swansea University attended a professional learning event on outdoor learning facilitated by Mr Williams, Mrs Davis and a group of year 5 and 6 children. As a result, the school have been invited to participate in an action research project focusing on the impact of outdoor learning on wellbeing;
- A Super Savers saving club was established and over £4,500 has been saved this term;
- Whole school theme week included online safety and Welsh week;
- Visitors to the school included Bridgend Male Choir, the fire service, PC Macdonald and Ewan Drummond (Park Ranger);
- 2 additional Learning support Officers were employed in January;
- Workshops included the Size of Wales, creating bird boxes and a storytelling workshop;
- Over 160 trees were planted by the children along the perimeter fence;
- Family engagement activities included 4 week outdoor learning programme, 4 week Caffi Cymraeg, stay and play and first aid;
- An open afternoon for families which focused on Thrive was well attended;
- The Pantri continues to support an increasing number of families;
- Over 250 children took part in BOOST activities this term which included cooking, gardening, knitting and crocheting, photography, dancing, Polish, Welsh, Beeps Radio, board games and meditation, Lego, IT, Beautiful Bridgend, showtime, prop making and bikeability.





Summer Term Achievements

- 91.62% attendance for the summer term;
- 10 new children joined us this term;
- Theme weeks/events included Wales Outdoor Learning Week; Coronation BOOST
- £145 raised for Bags to School;
- 31 children attended a 5 days residential trip to Gorwelion;
- 31 children participated in a research project with Swansea University and 15 of them delivered a presentation in Swansea University and met the Minister for Education;
- £190 raised by the Brackla Rangers bike and scooter wash and donated to the Tremains Woodland Rangers;
- BOOST activities this term have included: cooking; Bee Bots; Showtime; board games; Beach Buddies; Beautiful Bridgend; Woolly Wonders; Polish; Beeps Radio; gardening; bikeability; dancing; Urdd; wildlife games; board games and crazy painting.
- 6 children achieved their orange belt in their first karate grading;
- Visitors to the school have included: the police; Brackla Mini Magpies Rugby coaches; School health service; Bubble It Up (Bubble Tea); Cardiff University medical students and Technocamps;
- 62 children participated in intensive weekly swimming lessons;
- Over 300 children have been on a school visit, which have included: Margam Park; Bryn-y-Cae; Aberavon Beach; Cefn Mably Farm; Newbridge Fields; Rest Bay; Coney Beach and Tremains Wood;
- Extra curricular activities this term which included: karate; Rangers; netball; basketball; Singing Stars; tag rugby; musical theatre; football and karate;
- Sessions for families included: outdoor learning; learning and play at home; induction for new nursery families; open afternoon; sports day and the summer festival;
- Information sessions for families have included Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and Thrive;
- 59 children participated in a Size of Wales workshop;
- A poly tunnel was built as a result of Flying Start funding;
- Transition events have included visits to secondary school; attendance at the Grease performance; head of year visits and a visit to the Brynteg science lab;
- Rich tasks have included stage performances; minibeast Bop ball; afternoon tea parties and digital presentations of work.



Healthy eating and drinking

All pupils in Nursery - year 2 have milk every day and are able to bring fruit in from home for a snack. All children are encouraged to drink water (which is readily available) throughout the day.

Term Dates

Term dates for the year 2023/24

This table contains term dates for year 2023/24	Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
Begins	Monday 4 th September 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024	Monday 8 th April 2024
Half term	Monday 30 th October 2023 - Friday 3 rd November 2023	Monday 12 th February 2023 - Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024
Ends	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Friday 22 nd March 2024	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Additional information available in the FULL Annual Report to Parents and Carers 2022-2023:

- Session times; class organisation;
- How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well supported?
- What activities and options are available to pupils? What does our curriculum look like? How do we promote the Welsh language?
- How are we working with our families? How are we working with our community? Strategic Equality Plan;
- Expenditure statement;
- Health and safety/premises; Additional Learning Needs; Governors activities; Governors expenses; complaints; toilet provision in school;
- Where did our Year 6 pupils go? Staff professional development; review of school policies; school prospectus; term dates.