



**YSGOL BENDIGAIID WILLIAM DAVIES GYNRADD GATHOLIG  
BLESSED WILLIAM DAVIES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
BODNANT CRESCENT  
LLANDUDNO  
LL30 1LL**



**Pennaeth / Headteacher:  
Mrs Lucy Phillips B.Ed. NPQH**

**Tel 01492 875930  
e-mail:pennaeth@bwilliamdavs.conwy.sch.uk**

**Chair of Governors' Annual Report to Parents July 2024**

Dear Families of Ysgol Bendigaid William Davies – Blessed William Davies School,

It is our aim as the Governing Body of Ysgol Bendigaid William Davies – Blessed William Davies School that all our children feel safe, happy and ready to learn when they are at our thriving Catholic school. We appreciate the support of all our stakeholders – families, friends and parishioners – as we continue on our curriculum development journey and we are proud to report on the progress and achievements from this academic year 2023 – 2024.

This report provides a summary of the school's work towards its development priorities, successes and areas for development as we come to the end of this academic year and look forward to the future.

Our full governing body Governors meet regularly and have been able to support all at our school towards achieving their aims. We have operated within budget, despite the well reported financial difficulties facing all schools and have been able to secure sufficient funds from Grants and use of reserves to maintain the school building and site and ensure the resources needed for our learners

We are thrilled to celebrate the school's achievements and we look forward to the next academic year. We recognise that changes are needed due to proposed budget cuts and we are confident that the school teaching teams and wider staff will continue to uphold our Catholic ethos and deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for our learners from all backgrounds.

Diolch yn fawr pawb for your continued support,

Michael Hendry,  
Chair of Governors Ysgol Bendigaid William Davies – Blessed William Davies School,  
Llandudno

Context: The school has 130 children on roll at present, including 17 part time Nursery children, many of whom also attend our onsite Playclub.

23% are eligible for Free School Meals, eligibility for which includes the opportunity to access free music lessons, uniform and PE kits grants and remuneration for residential visits. We have 3 full time and 2 part time teachers and our headteacher teaches up to 25 per cent of the time, 4 Teaching Assistants, 1 caretaker, 1 cleaner, 3 midday supervisors, one member of administration staff, 1 cook in charge and 1 catering assistant. Our language category is referred to as T1, which means that up to 25% of our provision is expected to be delivered through the medium of Welsh. We are confident that due to the standard of Welsh acquired and used by staff, our provision is developing well and will remain a priority for next year's school development plan.

English remains the main language of the school and we are happy to celebrate the enrichment brought by the many other languages that our families speak. Please see our Curriculum Rationale and School Development Plan summary on our website a [bwilliamdavs.conwy.sch.uk](http://bwilliamdavs.conwy.sch.uk).

Free School meals provision for all children from Reception to year 6 has been a huge success, seeing children developing their dining experiences and eating a wider range of balanced meals.

We work closely with our parish and will all support agencies to guide and nurture all our children and to help their families and the wider community.

#### Religious Education, Values and Ethics (R.E.V.E.)

As a Catholic School we ensure that 10% of our teaching and learning time is dedicated to R.E.V.E. and this year we have introduced the Religious Education Directory (R.E.D.) to underpin our curriculum planning for this core element of our provision.

Curriculum for Wales: This continues to be implemented and, in some areas, embedded according to Welsh Government instruction and is developing very well across all age ranges through rich and exciting learning experiences. We continue to focus on learning progression across the school and this is being developed as we lead collaboratively on the Pontio project for our Llandudno cluster.

#### Diocese and Llandudno Cluster

We are growing in strength as a cluster of schools in the Llandudno area as part of the School Partnership Programme for John Bright Cluster feeder schools. We work closely with our group of school and also with our partners in the Wrexham Diocese Catholic schools. This year we hosted the Diocese West INSET day which was a great success, moving teaching and learning forward for our Catholic schools.

#### Events:

Regular, valuable events have enriched the wider curriculum and helped to develop our home- school – parish relationships.

- Face to face learner well-being and progress meetings.
- Lions Roar Project to develop entrepreneurship.
- Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion.
- Mass at church and in school.
- Bingo, Christmas Fair and fund- raising events.
- Nativity play and Carol service.
- Wild Elements outdoor environment development project.
- Local visits to the library, Venue Cymru, church, the beach, the park, Oriel Mostyn, Llandudno Museum, The Orme and neighbouring schools.
- Visits to the Snowdonia Donkey Sanctuary, the Copper Mine, Colwyn Bay Mountain Zoo.
- Residential visit to Nant Bwlch yr Haearn.
- Regular transition sessions with colleagues from Ysgol John Bright for art, Spanish, Science, Maths and design technology.
- Sessions for swimming, tennis, cricket, rugby, dance, music and theatre skills.
- Visits from Llandudno Museum outreach – suffragettes, World War 2 and Victorian classroom.
- Winning the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative award for the second year running for our 'Heritage in 5' local project.
- Dathliad o Diwylliant a Iaith – Celebration of Language and Culture.
- Eisteddfod, Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant and Diwrnod Miwsig Cymraeg
- Visits for story telling, craft and carol singing at Loreto Convent and other local residential homes for the elderly.
- Continued collaboration with the Conwy Music Service and EESW.

We celebrate a very successful year all round and looking forward to developing and evolving further as a Catholic school and learning organisation in 2024 – 2025

---