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Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy

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

Overview

Ysgol Gynradd Bro Dyfrdwy is a happy and homely school. All staff work together effectively to create a caring, Welsh, inclusive and hard-working ethos where staff and pupils care for each other naturally.

Pupils enjoy their time at the school greatly. They are happy to attend, behave well and develop positive attitudes to learning. Most pupils show strong motivation, a curious interest in their learning and make sound progress from their starting points.

The school has a strong Welsh ethos and an obvious feature is the provision of a range of valuable experiences with a clear emphasis on promoting pupils' awareness of their locality and the history and traditions of Wales. Through this, pupils show pride in their heritage and a clear appreciation of the culture and history of the local area and beyond.

Teachers provide rich and stimulating learning experiences that engage the interest of most pupils. This enables them to develop the skills they need to take advantage of the full curriculum. Pupils have a strong voice in the life of the school and enjoy the opportunities they are given to influence what they would like to learn within the term's theme. They thrive by contributing to a variety of councils that have a positive effect on school life. This creates a strong sense of belonging.

The headteacher provides effective and supportive leadership which provides a clear direction for the school. She receives strong support from the dedicated staff who work well together as a team and share responsibilities sensibly. They show a strong commitment to promoting continuous and sustainable improvements. Governors have a good understanding of the school's work and support the school effectively.

Recommendations

- R1 Provide more opportunities for pupils to make decisions about how they organise and present their work and think for themselves about how they respond to learning tasks
- R2 Provide regular opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy
Local authority	Denbighshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	125
Pupils of statutory school age	97
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	17
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average	8.7%
(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.0%)	
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 16.1%)	11.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	50.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2020
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	09/06/2015
Start date of inspection	23/10/2023

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