



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol y Lawnt

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

Overview

Ysgol y Lawnt is a successful learning community that celebrates the progress and achievement of all pupils particularly effectively. The headteacher, with the valuable support of the governing body, provides clear and wise leadership and respects the efforts of everyone who contributes to the well-rounded education for pupils.

The school's ethos is based firmly on a shared vision, which is to promote Welshness, courtesy and responsibility. As a result, most pupils show very strong attitudes to learning, take care of others and take pride in their Welshness and their school.

Teachers and learning assistants have high expectations for all learners in terms of their achievement and behaviour and support them to develop their skills successfully. They set clear learning objectives and develop activities with a suitable pace. They use a range of original experiences to engage pupils' interest and enthusiasm. In the best examples, they use various questioning techniques very effectively to extend pupils' understanding of different learning contexts.

They provide valuable well-being support for pupils, for example by taking part in weekly 'Gwener Gwenu' ('Smile Friday') activities, which have a positive effect on pupils' ability to apply themselves fully to their learning.

The weekly 'Caffi Clic a Chlonc' café provides very valuable opportunities for all pupils in turn to develop and apply their real-life skills by working with members of the community, including the school's parents. For example, pupils produce menus, cook food to be served and handle money when selling the produce and then analyse the profit.

Most pupils show progress from their starting points in their skills, including those with additional learning needs. However, pupils' Welsh reading skills are not developing well enough.



Recommendations

R1 Improve pupils' Welsh reading skills

R2 Share best practice in teaching across the school

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol y Lawnt
Local authority	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	212
Pupils of statutory school age	147
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	35
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>	18.4%
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>	23.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	6.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0%
Date of headteacher appointment	April 2013
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	05/05/2014

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