

Analysis of Inspection Reports Denbighshire SACRE

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3 schools

School	Dates
Ysgol Y Faenol	October 2017
<p>Ysgol Y Faenol is in the village of Bodelwyddan, about four miles east of Abergele. Most pupils live in the village and its outlying area. Families frequently move into and out of the area and, as a result, there is considerable movement into and out of the school.</p> <p>There are currently 154 pupils on roll, including 21 pupils who attend the nursery on a part-time basis. Pupils are taught in five mixed age classes.</p> <p>Very few pupils speak Welsh as their first language and around 10% are learning English as an additional language. Around 15% of pupils come from ethnic-minority backgrounds and around 22% of pupils are eligible for free school meals, which is slightly higher than the average for Wales of 19%. The school has identified 26% of pupils as having additional learning needs, which is slightly higher than the national average of 21%.</p>	
Rhewl C.P. School	September 2017
<p>Rhewl County Primary School is in the village of Rhewl near Ruthin in Denbighshire. There are currently 24 pupils on roll, aged between 3 and 11 years of age, many of whom come from the village and surrounding area. Pupil numbers have decreased significantly over the last two years, due to the prospect of its closure in July 2018, a year later than originally planned.</p> <p>There are two mixed-age classes one for foundation phase pupils and the other for key stage 2 pupils.</p> <p>Pupils are taught mainly through the medium of English. However, the school is classified as a designated bilingual school, which should cater for both English and Welsh medium pupils, according to demand. Around 16% of pupils speak Welsh at home. The average proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals over the last three years is around 10%, which is below the national average of 19%. The school has identified very few of its pupils as having additional learning needs, which is significantly lower than the national average.</p>	
Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch	September 2017
<p>Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch is situated between Llanrhaeadr and Llanrhaeadr in Cinmeirch, approximately three miles from the town of Denbigh. The school serves the village and the local area, and is maintained by Denbighshire local authority.</p> <p>Welsh is the main medium of the school's life and work. There are 85 pupils between 3 and 11 years old on roll, including 8 part-time nursery age pupils. They are divided into 4 mixed-age classes.</p> <p>Approximately 3% of pupils are eligible for free school meals. This is significantly lower than the national percentage. A minority of pupils (44%) speak Welsh at home and very few are from ethnic minority backgrounds. The school has identified 14% of its pupils as having additional learning needs, which is below the national average.</p>	

Current Inspection Framework

Standards

- *Pupils* provide effective voice-overs for short videos describing the Easter story, using good intonation and expression. (Ysgol y Faenol)

Wellbeing

- Pupils are developing well as ethical, informed citizens. (Ysgol y Faenol)
- There is a strong emphasis in the school on encouraging fairness, equality and tolerance of others and pupils respond positively to this. For example,

they learn about important values such as respect as part of their project work looking at human rights. (Ysgol y Faenol)

Care, Support and Guidance

- The school's broad curriculum gives good attention to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. It helps to prepare them well to become active citizens and develops important values such as tolerance and respect effectively. For example, through learning about influential thinkers and political activists such as Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai, pupils have worthwhile opportunities to learn about freedom, justice and human rights. (Ysgol y Faenol)
- Through the curriculum, daily routines, circle time and acts of collective worship, the school promotes pupils' understanding of values such as honesty, tolerance and equality effectively. (Rhewl C.P. School)
- Pupils have worthwhile opportunities to develop their understanding of spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues. (Rhewl C.P. School)
- Teachers' schemes of work are robust and ensure that pupils develop a very sound awareness of the culture, history and traditions of their local community and Wales. This is at the heart of all of the school's life and work. Plans have an excellent focus on developing pupils' literacy and creative skills cohesively, by studying historical characters such as Hedd Wyn and Mari Jones. (Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch)
- Provision for developing pupils' understanding of worldwide beliefs and traditions is effective, by studying life and customs in Thailand, Africa and European countries. The school's provision to develop pupils' spiritual and moral understanding is good. Teachers provide frequent opportunities across the curriculum to enable pupils to broaden their attitudes towards human rights. As a result, most pupils develop to become ethical and knowledgeable individuals. (Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch)