



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Santes Tudful

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

Overview

Ysgol Gymraeg Santes Tudful, which includes nursery provision at the Gurnos site, is a successful learning community that celebrates the progress and achievement of all pupils highly effectively. It has an inclusive and caring ethos. The headteacher and deputy headteacher, with the intelligent support of the governing body, provide clear and compelling leadership and respect the efforts of everyone who contributes to the well rounded education of pupils.

The school's ethos is based firmly on a shared vision, namely inspiring, learning and celebrating. As a result, most pupils show very strong attitudes to learning, care for others and take pride in their Welshness, their school and their local area.

There are excellent relationships between staff and pupils. Staff have high expectations for all pupils in terms of effort, achievement and behaviour and they support them to develop their skills successfully. They set clear learning objectives and present stimulating activities, giving purposeful consideration to pupils' ideas. They ignite the youngest pupils' curiosity and use various questioning methods effectively to extend pupils' understanding and develop their ability to solve problems.

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

Staff provide valuable support and experiences to promote pupils' well-being, for example so that they can take part in exciting and purposeful outdoor activities. These opportunities have a positive effect on pupils' attitudes and ability to apply themselves fully to their learning.

Building valuable partnerships with parents and the wider community is a clear priority. For example, the school welcomes parents and carers to the 'Reading Cafes', which share important information with them and promote and support their ability to help their children at home. This is a significant strength, which has a positive effect on pupils and their families.

Recommendations

R1 Develop pupils' independent Welsh writing skills

What happens next

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

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to providing highly effective experiences for pupils to develop skills outdoors, to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Santes Tudful
Local authority	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	433
Pupils of statutory school age	326
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	56
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 23.7%)</i>	11.7%
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 13.2%)</i>	3.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	2.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	02/01/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	06/06/2016
Start date of inspection	20/11/2023

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