

Vale 21st Century Schools Community Newsletter

Easter 2021



The 21st Century Schools Programme is a long-term strategic investment in the educational estate throughout Wales.

The three Barry secondary schools and two Western Vale primary school projects are progressing well with two of the projects nearing completion. Read on to find out more about the projects and community support.



WESTERN VALE PRIMARIES



Project Progress

Both Llancafarn and

St David's Church in Wales primary schools are progressing well on site with main contractor ISG.

The steel frame is up at St David's, the windows are being installed and internal works are underway. The steel frame is being installed at Llancafarn and once complete, works will start on the roof and installing the first and second floor.

Work on this project will continue until autumn 2021 and these will be the Vale's first low and net-zero carbon in-use primaries.



Community Support

Both projects

are ramping up their community support efforts. The sites have been collecting food donations to give to Llamau and Cardiff Foodbank. ISG is also planning on showcasing career opportunities in the construction industry to pupils, working alongside Careers Wales to demonstrate what a great sector it is to work in.

Over the last two years, the Vale's 21st Century Schools community benefits projects have delivered...



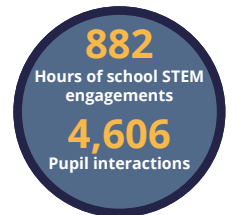
144 New full-time jobs = **9,070** Person weeks of new jobs

64 Apprenticeships **47** Work experience placements

4,476 Person weeks of training



Workforce from...	
Wales = 89%	Postcode = 56%
1,820 People	1,026 People



Get Involved!

To celebrate Community History Month in May, we're launching three community history trails starting at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School. Ideas have been submitted by the local community and each point on the trail celebrates an important historical event, landmark or significant figure in Barry. Take a leisurely walk along one or challenge yourself by completing all three.

The maps will be launched in May, please visit our twitter @VOGCouncil or website for details (link on the back page). If you would like to share any photos from the trail, please use the hashtag #BarryCommunityHistoryTrail.

CELEBRATING INNOVATION

Barry-based CASS scaffolding, with support from contractors Morgan Sindall and Bouygues UK, has set up the first scaffolding training centre in Wales with the Construction Wales Innovation Centre. The course is fully funded by the Construction Industry Training Board and will take learners through an 18-month structured learning programme in Swansea. The apprentices will gain hands on experience on the Whitmore and Pencoedre High School projects.

One apprentice said of the scheme:
I'm just pleased to be offered a chance to have stable employment with the opportunity to save for a car and learn a trade in the correct environment.



Find out more!

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This flyer is also available in Welsh.



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YSGOL GYMRAEG BRO MORGANNWG



Project Progress

Site works are progressing well, the focus for 2021 is to deliver the complicated remodelling and refurbishment work of the internal spaces without affecting the delivery of lessons.

Works on the new kitchen extension, pupil entrance and staircase are ongoing. When complete these additions will link all parts of the school together for the first time.



Community Support



Before



After

Contractor ISG has been busy helping Gwaun-Y-Nant primary school. With the help of local contractor Landcraft, the site team spent two days on the school grounds, clearing the overgrowth and breathing life back into its wildlife area. This area will be used for exciting outdoor education, supporting pupil wellbeing and knowledge of the natural world.

ISG



PENCOEDTRE HIGH SCHOOL



Project Progress

Site works are flying along with roofing and cladding now underway and windows are being fitted, giving an indication of what the finished building will look like. One of the last concrete pours was completed in early March, with the sports hall floor due for completion in April. Internal works have started including internal walls and sprinkler system installation.



Community Support

Contractor Bouygues UK has launched a joint initiative with the Cardiff Blues Community Foundation at Pencoedtre High School. The TACKLE programme is a sports engagement programme with workshops to engage, inspire and motivate young people through an alternative curriculum.



The first cohort of pupils are currently undertaking an eight-week programme, which includes practical and classroom-based sessions, as well as the completion of an Agored Cymru qualification. The project will engage around 100 pupils and feedback so far has been very positive.

BOUYGUES UK



WHITMORE HIGH SCHOOL



Project Progress

Construction of the brand-new school building is almost complete. The final touches are being now put into place so this amazing new school can be handed over to staff and pupils. The next phase of work will then begin which will include demolition of the old buildings and creation of new sports pitches.



Community Support

Contractor Morgan Sindall has been working with Palmerston Centre for Lifelong Learning to help them improve their outdoor spaces.



The team upgraded a path and built some impressive accessible raised planters, complete with safety fence. This will be a great outdoor space for those using the centre and the team look forward to seeing what they grow!

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