



Vale School Governors' Association Cymdeithas Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion y Fro and Governor Support Unit **Newsletter**

Note from the Chair

Great to see so many of you at the Consortium Governors Conference at the beginning of June. The theme of the Conference was Wellbeing in Education. Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner set the tone with an inspiring speech noting Wales's innovative role in looking at the wider wellbeing of society. The Curriculum for Wales has been constructed with Wellbeing at its heart.

Ty Golding, who is shortly to return to the Vale after his secondment to Welsh Government, spoke about the Curriculum for Wales, and the exciting opportunities which it presents for learners, and how it will fit them for their future lives in a fast-changing world. You can see more information at

<https://hwb.gov.wales/draft-curriculum-for-wales-2022>. May I encourage you to read all about the philosophy behind the Curriculum and the Frameworks which have been published for the six Areas of Learning Experience – a new jargon term for you – AoLEs- and contribute your comments on the Curriculum as a whole.

One of the AoLEs covers Health and Wellbeing which is about the physical, psychological, emotional and social aspects of our lives. To quote from the document:

"It recognises good health and wellbeing as a key enabler of successful learning. This

area of learning and experience will support learners to develop and maintain not only their physical health and wellbeing, but also their mental health and emotional wellbeing, as well as developing positive relationships in a range of contexts. To enable this, it will build learners' capacity to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing and also to engage critically with a range of social influences which may impact on their values and behaviours."

The Conference looked at the key role of governors in ensuring the wellbeing of learners, staff and themselves, particularly in this time of change in Welsh Education. Wellbeing is the state of being comfortable healthy and happy. Important questions: How do you know what you are doing is making a difference? How do you measure wellbeing? Should you be measuring wellbeing?

I hope you will be able to have a break over the summer for your own wellbeing and return revived to help steer your school as it prepares for the changes.

Dr Martin Price
Chair of VSGA and Vice-Chair of
Governors, St Richard Gwyn Roman
Catholic High School, Barry

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Special points of interest:

- AVAGO was formed in 1996 and re-launched in 2006 as Vale School Governors' Association (VSGA)
- The Management Committee is made up of 15 elected governors together with 2 elected parent governor representatives

VSGA was set up to:

- Promote best practice in governance in schools within the Vale of Glamorgan LEA
- To promote partnership amongst schools and between schools and the LEA
- To work with stakeholders to ensure adequate resources for schools within the LEA
- To represent the Association's views on issues relating to school governance and the management and resourcing of schools to relevant authorities and organisations

In association with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Governor Support Unit

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Barry CF63 4RU



Youth Service Press Release

Presentation Evening 30.04.19

Celebrating Success

The Vale Youth Service organised a presentation event on Tuesday 30th April to celebrate the achievements of young people from across the Vale of Glamorgan. The certificates were presented by Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Eighteen young people were presented with their certificates for completing an Agored Cymru Level 1 unit about The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The Vale Rights Ambassador Project is open to all young people from across the Vale of Glamorgan. The project enables young people aged 11-25 to receive accredited training on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and to develop and deliver workshops to children, young people and professionals across the county.

Raising awareness of the UNCRC is a priority of the Welsh Government and Vale of Glamorgan Council. Vale Rights Ambassadors can deliver interactive workshops in schools, youth organisation and to professionals to raise awareness of the UNCRC and Children's Rights.

Eight young people were presented with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award which involved a weekend expedition. They had to walk for 3 days and camp overnight for 2 nights. The Duke of Edinburgh includes 3 sections which require the young people to learn a skill such as a musical instrument, take part in a physical activity outside of school and to do some volunteer work as well as a 4th section including a practice and an assessed expedition. The young people are giving training on map reading, creating route cards and first aid in preparation for the expedition.

Finally four young people were also recognised formally for all their volunteering hours through the Millennium Volunteer and Star Award schemes. A total of 350 hours were recognised. Well done to all those involved!

For more information about the Rights Ambassadors Project or the Duke of Edinburgh Award please contact the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service on **01446 709308** or email valeyouthservice@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



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Welcome

Today (30 April) we are publishing the draft Curriculum for Wales 2022, for feedback. This is the next step in the design and development of the new curriculum.

This will replace the current national curriculum with a national framework that schools and nurseries should use to develop their own school level curriculum.

The draft *Curriculum for Wales 2022* is a set of statutory guidance documents that include:

- a guide to Curriculum for Wales 2022
- guidance for each of the Areas of Learning and Experience
- proposals to inform the development of Assessment statutory guidance.

Visit Hwb to see the draft Curriculum for Wales 2022 and provide feedback – <https://hwb.gov.wales>

For more information:

To view the press release visit - <https://gov.wales/announcements/search>

You can also find general information about what's changing in education in Wales, why and by when on the Education is Changing website – <https://gov.Wales/EducationisChanging>

And articles tracking the development of the curriculum can be found on the Curriculum for Wales Blog <https://curriculumforwales.gov.wales/>

This milestone is of national importance to Wales and we need to get the widest range of views as possible, from: the entire teaching workforce, including individual practitioners and the wider school community; Universities and Colleges; industry; youth organisations; and businesses and employers from across the public, private and third sectors.

Thank you very much for your involvement and support to date – the co-construction of the Curriculum for Wales 2022 truly has been a National Mission.

To support us during the feedback phase,

I'd be grateful if you could:

- help us to raise awareness by sending this email to your own networks and communication channels;
- share information on social media using #CurriculumForWales #TalkCurriculum;
- provide feedback – the link to draft Curriculum for Wales 2022 will be on Hwb from today - <https://hwb.gov.wales> and open until 19th July; and hold your own event or workshop to raise awareness and provide feedback – for presentations, potential speakers or any other information contact CurriculumForWales2022@gov.wales

Thank you for your continued support

Steve Davies
Director of Education, Welsh Government

School Holiday Dates 2019/2020

Term	Begin	Half Term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2019	Monday 2 Sept 2019	Monday 28 Oct 2019	Friday 1 Nov 2019	Friday 20 Dec 2019	75
Spring 2020	Monday 6 Jan 2020	Monday 17 Feb 2020	Friday 21 Feb 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	60
Summer 2020	Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 25 May 2020	Friday 29 May 2020	*Mon 20 July 2020	60
				TOTAL	195

- i) **Monday 2 September 2019 and *Monday 20 July 2020** will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken, will be at the discretion of each individual school. ***It is intended that this INSET day will either be taken on Monday 20 July 2020 or at an alternative time to be decided by individual schools following appropriate consultation with staff i.e. on a weekend, during existing holidays or in the form of twilight sessions.**

75th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY CHANGE OF DATE FOR MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

All schools will be closed on **Friday 8 May 2020** for the May Day Bank Holiday. **Please note this day has been moved from the original Mon 4 May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.**

Significant dates:	Christmas	Wednesday 25 December 2019
	Easter	Good Friday 10 April 2020
		Easter Monday 13 April 2020
	May Bank Holidays	Friday 8 May 2020
		Monday 25 May 2020

VSGA Management Committee 2018-20

The Management Committee is comprised of elected governors plus the two Parent Governor Representatives (one each from the Primary and Secondary sectors).

No.	Title	Initial	Surname	School
1	Mr	R	Bailey	Peterston-Super-Ely C/W Primary
2	Mr	N	Craggs	Gwenfo C/W Primary
3	Mrs	M	Gibbs	Romilly Primary
4	Mr	A	Hennessey	Oak Field Primary & Ysgol Sant Baruc
5	Mrs	S	Hodges	Ysgol Sant Baruc
6	Mrs	E	Wapner-Carter	Ysgol y Deri
7	Mrs	A	Males	St Cyres Comp
8	Mrs	A	Malkin	Gladstone Primary
9	Dr	M	Price	St Richard Gwyn R/C High
10	Mr	R	Smith	Wick & Marcross C/W Primary
11	Mr	D	Treharne	Llansannor C/W Prim
12	Mrs	T	Vaughan-Taylor	Cowbridge Comp
13	Mrs	L	Warren	St Illtyd Primary
14	Mrs	S	Williams	All Saints C/W Primary
15	Cllr Mr	M	Wilson	Fairfield Primary & Victoria Primary
PGR - Prim	Mrs	J	Lynch-Wilson	St Athan Primary
PGR - Sec	Dr	C	Brown	Llantwit Major Comp

Parent Governor Representatives' (PGRs) terms of office

Sector	Name	Initial	Surname	School	End of Term
Primary	Mrs	J	Lynch-Wilson	St Athan Primary	11 October 2020
Secondary	Dr	C	Brown	Llantwit Major Comp	29 September 2019

2019/20 Education Update & Briefing Session Dates For Your Diary

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Monday 2 December 2019	Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	6.00 - 7.30pm
Wednesday 1 July 2020	Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	6.00 - 7.30pm

Please note that these sessions have always previously taken place on a Tuesday but have been changed to a Monday and a Wednesday for next year following feedback from governors.