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Dear Parents,

This report captures the key areas of the academic year September 2023 to July 2024. The report will outline the strengths of the school, its successes and objectives for the following year. This is also an excellent opportunity for our Governing Body to reflect on the work done at the school and the performance overall to confirm that the school is delivering the highest quality education for all of our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our Governing Body who work tirelessly and in their own time to support the school so well. They show enthusiasm for all aspects of school life and spend time visiting to meet the children and to look at the school environment. Most recently, the Governors have been supporting the Head Teacher with the work to extend the school. This has included meeting with architects and attending multi-agency meetings to facilitate the build. Governors have met with trades people and have been a link between school and County Hall. This has been a huge support to the Head Teacher.

Post Inspection 2018 the Governors have worked very hard to deepen their understanding of the role of the Governing Body and the level of challenge as well as support is now excellent and a true strength of the school as a whole.

It is always a pleasure to visit the school, for formal monitoring and special events, and I am delighted to report that the children and staff always give a warm and friendly welcome.

Finally, it just remains for me to thank all the staff for their dedication, commitment and hard work throughout the last year and especially Mrs Jones, in her first full year as headteacher, who has led the school with enthusiasm and professionalism.

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Chair of Governors

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School Fund

Voluntary School Fund Certificate Year ended 31 March 2024

School:		DRURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	
Balances b/fwd.	£	Balances c/fwd.	£
Current account b/fwd.	2161.78	Current account c/fwd.	
Savings account b/fwd.	0.00	Savings account c/fwd.	0.00
Less unrepresented cheques		Less unrepresented cheques	0.00
Plus outstanding credits		Plus outstanding credits	0.00
Petty cash b/fwd.	0.00	Petty cash c/fwd.	0.00
Total funds b/fwd.	2161.78	Total funds c/fwd.	0.00
Payments			
Expenditure for the year	35129.65		
Less cheques written off			
Total payments in year	35129.65		
Receipts			
Total income in year	37320.87		
		Reconciliation	£
			2161.78
		Total payments in year	35129.65
		Total income in year	37320.87
		Total funds c/fwd.	4353.00

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Ysgol Gynradd Drury was built in 1974 and is an established primary school set in the heart of the village of Drury, near to Buckley in Flintshire, North Wales.

The area has comparatively low levels of unemployment and there are very few socio-economic disadvantaged and low income households.

The school currently has 149 pupils on roll, including 16 part time Nursery children. There are 0 pupils enrolled for EE. The school has seven classes of single entry up to Year 2 and mixed age classes thereafter. We have 6.6% FSM, 9.3% ALN and 3.2% ethnic minority children.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

<i>Staff training day</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>1st September</i>	
<i>Staff training day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>4th September</i>	
School Opens	Tuesday	5th September	
School Closes	Friday	27th October	Half term break
School Opens	Monday	6th November	
School Closes	Thursday	21st December	End of Term
<i>Staff training day</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>22nd December</i>	

SPRING TERM 2024

School opens	Monday	8th January	
School Closes	Friday	9th February	<i>Half term break</i>
<i>Staff training Day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>19th February</i>	
School Opens	Tuesday	20th February	
School Closes	Friday	22nd March	End of term

SUMMER TERM 2024

<i>Staff training day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>8th April</i>	
School opens	Tuesday	9th April	
<i>School Closed</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>6th May</i>	<i>May Day</i>
School Closes	Friday	24th May	Half term
School Opens	Monday	3rd June	
<i>School Closed</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9th July</i>	<i>Buckley Jubilee</i>
School Closes	Friday	19th July	End of Year

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"The school's journey towards realising the revised vision and new bespoke curriculum is well underway.

After consideration from all stakeholders, strengths are celebrated and a clear focus on the delivery of a curriculum that includes all learners, in real life contexts, is in force.

Staff have worked with courage and conviction to drive our new curriculum forwards and through self-evaluation and reflection it will be an ever-improving process of growth and discovery.

Drury is a warm and welcoming place that values all staff, pupils, governors and families. We strive for an inclusive and nurturing ethos where children feel happy and safe. Our dynamic staff are committed and creative and supported through a pro active governing body with us every step of the way."



<h3>Our School</h3> <p>Drury Primary's Beech Tree logo represents our commitment to the nurturing of each individual child as they grow on their journey through the school. We have an inclusive and safe environment where everyone is valued and enveloped in Welsh culture and tradition.</p>	<h3>We realise our vision through the FOUR PURPOSES</h3> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> <p>Ambitious, capable learners</p> <p>Healthy, confident individuals</p> </div> <div> <p>Enterprising, creative contributors</p> <p>Ethical, informed citizens</p> </div> </div> <p>LIFELONG LEARNERS</p>
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<h3>Vision and Values</h3> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column;"> <div> <p>Confident</p> <p>Pupils who feel secure in their environment who display positive attitudes to all challenges in their learning.</p> </div> <div> <p>Ambitious</p> <p>Learners who understand the vision their teachers have for their education and show passion to achieve and surpass goals.</p> </div> <div> <p>Resilient</p> <p>Learners develop self help strategies to face the modern world beyond the school and the local community, developed through a curriculum planned with real life experiences and contexts.</p> </div> <div> <p>Respectful</p> <p>Learners who understand the importance of good manners and positive actions. They empathise with others and look for opportunities to help, care for and celebrate the good in themselves and others.</p> </div> <div> <p>Family</p> <p>Learners value our school environment as a place to not only better themselves but to make each day a positive experience for all stakeholders.</p> </div> </div>	<h3>Mandatory</h3> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column;"> <div> <p>Religion, Values and Ethics</p> </div> <div> <p>Relationships & Sexuality</p> </div> <div> <p>Welsh and English</p> </div> <div> <p>Cross Curricular Links</p> </div> </div>
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Breadth and Balance

All topics planned ensure an experiential curriculum across the continuum. Our creative curriculum deepens thinking, challenges discussion and fosters inquiry based activities. Whilst ensuring the experiences shared are relevant and current, including the use of technology for the 21st century.

We believe this makes our pupils **LIFE LONG LEARNERS**.

Expressive Arts

Health & Wellbeing

Science & Technology

Humanities

Maths & Numeracy

Languages, Literacy & Communication

Assessment and Progression

Taith 360

Personalised Assessments

Teacher Assessment

Formative & Summative

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Our Governing Body

Simon Griffiths - Community (Chair)

Ian Magill - Parent - (Vice Chair)

Katie Mullock - Parent

MaryAnn Evans - LEA

Paul Whittaker - Parent

Nick Batt - Parent

Ern Dorans - Staff

Rebecca Griffiths-Pengelly - Community

Jenny Williams - Teacher

Mo Duffy - Community

Dennis Hutchinson - LEA

The work of the Governing Body is clearly defined and set out in law. Further details can be found at www.governorswales.org.uk . Our primary objective is to:

- ✓ Secure the wellbeing of pupils and staff
- ✓ Ensure that the school attains the standards and outcomes expected for all pupils
- ✓ Have a duty to promote the highest standards of education achievement
- ✓ Establish a strategic framework for the school
- ✓ Regularly review the progress made

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Our Committees.

At Drury we have a number of statutory sub committees that meet termly to agree on issues arising in school. Each of the Governors take an active role on one of these committees.

Finance

- Rebecca Griffiths-Pengelly
- Simon Griffiths
- Nick Batt
- Dennis Hutchinson
- Mo Duffy
- Claire Evans

Staffing

- Paul Whittaker
- Rebecca Griffiths-Pengelly
- Ian Magill
- Ern Dorans
- Katie Mullock
- MaryAnn Evans

Standards, Policy and Curriculum

- Dennis Hutchinson
- Jenny Williams
- MaryAnn Evans
- Paul Whittaker
- Ian Magill
- Rebecca Griffiths-Pengelly

Additional Needs

- MaryAnn Evans
- Mo Duffy

Link Governors attend on a termly basis to carry out learning walks. They are part of some monitoring exercises throughout the year which directly link to the SDP and the SIP therein.

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Our school staff.

Headteacher Mrs Elizabeth Jones

Deputy Head Mrs Sian Ellis

Class Teachers
Mrs Rebecca Phelps
Miss Jenny Williams
Miss Kate Owen
Mrs Maxine Roscoe
Mr Jack Crompton

ALNCo Mrs Kate Barnes

Teaching Assistant Mrs Lowri Ashley

HLTA Mrs Sian Catherall

Teaching Assistants Mrs Claire Nuttall

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Mrs Debbie Wainwright

Miss Lynsey Hughes

Mrs Ern Dorans

Mrs Cathy Mayers-Jones

Mrs Angela Van-Delden

Mrs Lynn Meikle

Mrs Marion Evans

Miss Jane Durham

School Secretary

Mrs Jo Jones

Caretaker

Mr John Catherall

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Our pupil numbers are as follows.

Year	Males	Females	Total
Year 1	7	7	14
Year 2	14	7	21
Year 3	8	13	21
Year 4	11	12	23
Year 5	6	15	21
Year 6	12	11	23
Year N2	9	7	16
Year R	2	8	10
Year NI	0	0	0
Totals			

Year	Reg	Males	Females	Total
Year 1	Pili Palas	7	7	14
	Total	7	7	14
Year 2	Cwddi Hw	14	7	21
	Total	14	7	21
Year 3/Year 4	Broga	11	17	28
	Total	11	17	28
Year 4/Year 5	Malwen	10	20	30
	Total	10	20	30

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Year 5/Year 6	Hebog	16	14	30
	Total	16	14	30
Year N2/Year N1	Nursery	9	7	16
	Total	9	7	16
Year R	Reception	2	8	10
	Total	2	8	10
	Totals	69	80	149

Attendance

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Reception 3323	16	181		0	3520	94.9
Pili Pala 4352	60	335		26	4773	92.4
Gwdi Hw 7878	86	223		53	8240	96.7
Broga 9788	59	409		36	10292	95.7
Malwen 10188	128	659		10	10985	93.9
Hebog 10519	189	532		10	11250	95.2
Totals 46048	538	2339		135	49060	95.0

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Our target for attendance remains 96% and the school work well with parents to achieve this. Parents are reminded and discouraged from taking holidays during term time and this has a positive impact on our attendance data. Our current status is 95%

Year Group	Students	Avg. attendance
Year R	15	13
Year N1	2	0
Year 1	21	19
Year N2	9	8
Year 2	21	20
Year 3	23	22
Year 4	21	19
Year 5	23	22
Year 6	19	16
Totals:	154	139

Staffing/Classes

All classes have made a fantastic start to the first term. It has been very busy managing classroom duties and providing the extra experiences for the children has been the usual challenge for all. The staff have worked so well together as a team supporting each other and sharing the load.

- Mrs Ellis in her first official term as Deputy has proven herself to be a strong leader and her abilities to support the smooth running of the school are excellent. She has been a huge support to the SLT, pupils and parents. As Head, I would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school and her role. She has been focussing on policy documents and producing new up to date versions of mandatory policies.
- One family have a flexi home school arrangement. This has been agreed on a short-term basis. Parents have signed a contract. This will be reviewed half termly by the Head teacher.

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Pupil Activities and Curriculum

- The children have enjoyed several trips including Year 5 visiting Dangerpoint at Talacre. This trip focusses on general day to day safety and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils attended an athletics competition with Mrs Phelps and Mrs Hoyland. The children showed great sportsmanship, congratulating each other and providing emotional support for those in the toughest races. We were pitted against much larger schools (Drury was the smallest school there) yet they gave the other competitors a run for their money. Thank you to the staff, especially Mrs Phelps who stepped in last minute to ensure the children could attend.
- The children in Malwen have worked alongside Charlie from Groundworks to clear the pond area which looks wonderful. All pupils can now have direct access to the habitat to support teaching and learning.
- Iwan Edwards from the Woodlands Trust has worked with year 1 pupils to make apple juice using a press and to prune our fruit trees ready for winter. The children have learned about the importance of gentle pruning and the correct times and actions to harvest the fruit.
- The year 6 children have weekly French lessons from Madame Charon who teaches basic language patterns as part of a transition initiative led by the Elfed High School.
- Kate Owen has run a singing after school club.
- Jenny Williams and Sian Ellis have run a netball after school club.
- Nev has continued the after school football club.
- Mad Science carried out a six-week session of afterschool activities which the children really enjoyed.
- All pupils from Year 2 – 6 have completed their online assessment test for reading and numeracy.
- Dosbarth Hebog have completed their swimming lessons.

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- Our year 5 and 6 pupils attended Nant BH with Jack Crompton, Maxine Roscoe, Jo Jones and Tracey Hoyland. A huge thank you to those staff for giving up their own time to accompany the children. The trip was a massive success and the behaviour of the pupils was very good. Staff were so proud of each child and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Community

- Volunteer Lou Campbell attended school to paint the new fencing in the Reception outdoor area.
- Lynn Meikle and Elizabeth Jones attended a Remembrance event at the Elfed High School. Thank you to our very own Jane Durham for creating a fantastic wreath with the children which made an appearance on ITV Wales news broadcast which covered the event.
- The school now support the Foster Bear initiative to highlight the role of fostering across the county. The children were visited by a representative and now take it in turns to take our very own Foster Bear home and document him in their homes.
- Pastor Richie joined us for an assembly where he talked about Jack o Lanterns and making people smile and the candle representing light in your life. The children loved learning a new song and thinking about how they can bring positivity and joy.
- We hosted our 20th Macmillan coffee morning which was very well supported. We have since had a thank you card for raising over £9,000 in this time.
- Megan Astbury who is an ex pupil is volunteering in Reception as part of her Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.
- The construction company responsible for the build hosted a community event in the school hall for all members of the school and local community to view the most recent plans. This was well attended.

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HSA

- The HSA continued with some ice cream Friday's to use up left over lollies and to make the most of the sunny weather back in September.
- There was a non-uniform day planned to collect bottles to make hampers to raffle at the Christmas concerts.
- Mrs Lewin, chair of the HSA met with Elizabeth Jones and Jenny Williams to map out fund raising opportunities for the remainder of the school year. The HSA will be funding some new reading scheme books for the children and paying to have the new hall touch screen installed.

Health and Safety / Site

- John Catherall has received up to date asbestos training.
- John Catherall carries out daily, weekly and monthly checks both inside and outside on our site.
- Snags connected to the new disabled toilet building have been repeatedly reported to county. It has been communicated to Alan Stewart in charge that these issues are outstanding.
- The works on the new roof have begun. Scaffolding was erected on Saturday 18th November. The works on day 1 caused flooding to the school hall and there is some permanent damage to the floor. The contractors PENDLEBURYS will be responsible for correcting this. They have also arranged for the drains and soak away at the rear of the building to be properly assessed prior to the works continuing.

New Build / Roof

- Jenny Williams and Elizabeth Jones met Peter Weston from County Hall to assess all our tech needs for the new build.
- Elizabeth Jones continues to work closely with the county to move to stage 4 of the planning for the new build this includes fencing for the perimeter of the school and secure gate and access point at the front of the school.
- Elizabeth Jones attended a site meeting with all agencies to discuss the proposed pathway to the Beech Tree. Thank you to our New Build Subcommittee for agreeing the plans so promptly.
- The work on the new roof has begun. There have been some teething troubles. Francesca Upton from county has been very supportive. There was a substantial flood in the school hall which has damaged the parquet flooring. This will be remedied by the contractors. Some drain issues have been brought to light so plumbers have attended to support work to address these issues.

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Pupil Activities

- The children have enjoyed several trips including the Titanic Museum, the RSPB and Dangerpoint. We have welcomed visitors to the school. Pastor Richie from the Baptist Church came and talked to the children about forgiveness in assembly.
- Children from the junior classes were selected to compete in a cross-country event. They were all impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day.
- The children have engaged with several after school clubs; football, athletics and singing this term.
- All pupils contributed to the creation of the willow dragon that proudly stands at the front of the school. This project was organised by Mrs Roscoe in conjunction with Twigtwisters Willow Sculptures by Sarah Gallagher Hayes.
- The allotments at the front of the school have been a huge success. Every child has planted a fruit or vegetable and all pupils are involved in the watering and weeding of the allotments. They are so proud of their harvest and the front of the school looks amazing and the vegetables are being sold to families.
- We have had many compliments on the “no mow lawn” under the tree at the front of the school. The children are delighted that we are supporting bees and allowing butterflies a sanctuary at our school. The path mown into the grass allows the children to walk through the meadow and observe the wildlife.
- The children celebrated the King’s Coronation as a whole school.
- Malwen and Llygoden have completed their class assemblies for parents, both of which were a great success.
- Don’t Touch Tell, theatre company visited the school to talk about drink and drug safety.
- All junior classes have now completed their own block of swimming lessons.
- Year 6 have a leavers assembly planned for July 12th 2pm. July 19th is the Year 6 fun day which will comprise of an inflatable activity (paid for by the HSA) and a McDonalds lunch.



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Community

- Dandy's Top Soil kindly donated a huge amount of soil to the school which has transformed our outdoor areas. The company have been thanked through free advertising via our newsletter and twitter.
- Volunteer Lou Campbell attended school to mow and to clip out a much needed path around the pond area.
- Mrs Barton Morris supported Year 1 children for a road safety session.



HSA

- The Summer Fayre was June 30th 3pm.
- The children wore non-uniform in exchange for a bring a bottle drive to support the Summer Fayre.
- Ice cream Friday's have been very popular and are generating income for the school.
- Funds already raised by the HSA have contributed to several purchases to support the curriculum. Thanks to Mrs Lewin who leads the HSA for all their hard work. Mrs Lewin and staff now meet regularly and staff prepare lists of resources required in order to raise and spend funds efficiently and to make maximum use of all monies raised.

New Build

- We had a preliminary visit from Paula Vogt and Liz Barron with new plans for the modernisation.
- A further meeting with all contractors, the architect, county representatives, Nick Batt and myself explained in detail what the proposal for the development is and questions were raised and answered.
- There are plans to carry out improvements to the existing roof some of which have started already.

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School Improvement Targets 2023 - 2024



To develop a curriculum and culture that improves oracy skills



To develop the skills and knowledge required for independent numeracy reasoning



To create a culture of bilingualism across the school

These are the current focus targets for school improvement.

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Toilet Facilities.

We provide within the school enough toilets and washbasins for those expected to use them. Children in the mobile classroom are still walking into the main school building to access the toilets.

Reception Class have their own toilets.

Nursery through to Year 6 use the toilets near the back door of the school.

Staff have access to three toilets near the office at the front of the school.

One disabled toilet with a specialised toilet washing and drying facilities is positioned at the rear of the school. Sanitary products and bins are readily available for pupils and staff. Products for washing and drying hands are available. Spare clothing and nappies are available along with wipes, disposable gloves and aprons for those providing intimate care.

Parking Facilities.

There are not enough parking spaces for all staff and therefore the layby is used and the surrounding streets.

Complaints Policy.

This can be found on the school website. Ysgol Drury has an open door policy and welcomes the feedback from parents and other stakeholders.

Where issues are arising, the school will always attempt to resolve problems through honest and open dialogue. Where this is not sufficient the policy and procedure will be followed.

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