Welcome to the second newsletter in relation to the new 3-16 Welsh Medium School in Haverfordwest.

**TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY**

The temporary governing body for the new school has now been established and has conducted two meetings. The Local Authority appointed the governors, as required by Welsh Government Regulations. All members are currently governors on the governing bodies of Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau, Ysgol y Preseli, Ysgol Hafan y Môr and Ysgol Gelli Aur/Golden Grove Community School. Mr Tegryn Jones (Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau) and Mr Gareth Jones (Ysgol Gelli Aur/Golden Grove Community School) have been elected Chair and Vice-chair respectively.

See below an update from the Chair of Governors.

The second meeting of the Temporary Governing Body was held at Ysgol Hafan y Môr in Tenby on Tuesday 26th September. The following issues were discussed and agreed:

- a decision was taken on the process to appoint a Head and a plan of action to make the appointment was agreed;
- a discussion was held on the budget for the first year the school will be open;
- a shortlist of names for the schools was drawn up and;
- plans to market the new school to prospective pupils and parents were discussed and these will be implemented as soon as the new Head has been appointed.

The next meeting of the Temporary Governing Body will be on Monday 23 October 2017; thanks to the co-operation of the contractors, Willmott Dixon, it will be held on site in order for governors to gain an idea of the build and help towards the marketing of the school.
NAME OF THE SCHOOL?

Following an invitation to pupils and parents of the partner primary schools and the public a number of names were suggested for the new school. A shortlist of three was drawn up by the Temporary Governing Body, with slight variations on these being offered. They are:

- Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau / Ysgol Calon y Cleddau
- Ysgol Gymraeg Llwynhelyg
- Ysgol Bro Waldo / Ysgol Gymraeg Waldo Williams

A process of consultation will now take place with pupils, parents and members of the public. Any views should be submitted to admin.glancleddau@pembrokeshire.gov.uk by Friday 20th October. The Temporary Governing Body will then make a recommendation, which will require the approval of Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet.

SITE VISITS

Site visits are currently being arranged for year 6 pupils of the four partner primary schools and the Temporary Governing Body to have tours of the new site before the end of autumn term. Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau pupils are due to be the first to attend on Friday 13 October. There will be further opportunities for younger pupils to visit the school in the spring term. An open evening at the new site for prospective year 7 pupils and their parents is currently in the process of being arranged - our thanks to Willmott Dixon for allowing us to hold this event.

TOPPING OUT CEREMONY

The official ‘topping out ceremony’ will take place on Monday 20 November 2017; Alun Davies AM, Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language, will be in attendance. Topping out is a ceremony to mark the structural completion of the building and provides an opportunity for the client, design team, contractor and workforce to toast the success of the building.

TRANSPORT FOR SIBLINGS

The following arrangements will apply in respect of home to school transport entitlement. For secondary transfers in September 2018 and 2019, free transport will be available for pupils who have siblings at Ysgol y Preseli. This involves pupils currently in years 5 and 6 of Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau and Ysgol Gelli Aur/Golden Grove Community School only if they have brothers or sisters in years 7-11 at Ysgol y Preseli at the time of admission.

As previously determined by Council, pupils who attend Narberth Community Primary School and Ysgol Hafan y Môr, Tenby, will have the choice of either attending Ysgol y Preseli or the new 3-16 Welsh Medium School in Haverfordwest for a period of 5 years until 2024. It is anticipated that a review will be undertaken on both of these primary schools during this time to determine future partner school arrangements.
Willmott Dixon, our contractors for this build, have updated us on their progress to date. During August, the structural steel was all but complete; roofing external cladding and internal partitions had also commenced. Ground works were ongoing and structural floors continued to be put in place to the ground and lower ground floor as well as concrete stairs being installed.

By September, roofing external cladding and internal partitions was progressing well and the structural steel had been completed. Mechanical and electrical installations have now commenced as well as the preparation for seeding the sports pitches.

For their next period, masonry works will commence, internal works will continue in terms of plastering, mechanical and electrical installations, seeding of the sports pitches and concrete floors to be completed.

See below some pictures of the building work to date.
IVOR GOODSITE
Willmott Dixon’s mascot Ivor Goodsite, visited schools during the summer term to deliver a fun and interactive Health and Safety presentation. The presentations aimed to highlight the importance of staying out of construction sites and site safety for primary age pupils.

‘CONSIDERATE CONTRACTORS HOARDING COMPETITION’
Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau designed and painted the banner outside the site which was submitted nationally for judging; the design was runner up overall. Pupils were consequently presented with certificates and medals. Congratulations!

Willmott Dixon have informed us that their Community Liaison Officer has been busy preparing resources for workshops booked with the partner primary schools during the autumn term; we hope to have an update in the next edition of the newsletter.

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