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GLADESTRY CHURCH-IN-WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL WOWS INSPECTION TEAM - AGAIN!

Gladestry Church in Wales Primary School has received an exceptional Estyn inspection report, with inspectors stating that “pupils demonstrate very high levels of engagement in all aspects of school life”, “the school has a strong ethos of continuous improvement that has resulted in consistently high standards over a number of years” and “the quality of teaching is consistently high”.

The school (which currently has 50 pupils) was rated as Excellent in all five key judgements:

- The school’s current performance;
- The school’s prospects for improvement;
- Key Question 1 - How good are outcomes?
- Key Question 2 - How good is provision?
- Key Question 3 - How good are leadership and management?

The report also recognised that “the school provides a very wide range of interesting and challenging learning experiences that engage pupils in their learning highly effectively” and “pupils lead the school in developing, implementing and evaluating action plans on school improvement issues”. Attendance is unusually high and behaviour is “very good in lessons and around the school”. “The partnership between staff and pupils is an outstanding feature of the school”. The positive and beneficial contributions of parents, friends and the wider community were recognised as was the Governors’ effective support. “The school is a very strong learning community” and “provides excellent value for money”.

A Powys County Council spokesperson stated that the school “should all feel justifiably very proud of this achievement. It is rare that schools are awarded an excellent judgement for both current performance and prospects for improvement. I am delighted for the whole school community”.

Head teacher Hilary Morris said, “I am very proud that the ‘sector leading practice’ and ‘superb teamwork’ of our small rural school has been recognised by Estyn.”

Reverend Mark Beaton, chair of the school's governing body, added, “The entire school community is absolutely delighted that Gladestry Church-in-Wales School has been formally recognised as an Excellent school. This is a well-deserved reward for the hard work of all pupils and staff.”

The complete report is available to read on the Estyn website - www.estyn.gov.uk.

The Church in Wales inspection concluded that. “The school ethos and pastoral care are impressive, and it is clear that the school is a vibrant and caring place of learning”