Inspection under Section 28 of the Education Act 2005

A Report on the Quality of Education in

Ysgol Beuno Sant Heol y Castell Y Bala Gwynedd LL23 7UU

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Key Question 3: How well do the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of learners and the wider community?

Grade 2: Good features and no important shortcomings

- The provision for promoting personal and social education is good. The Circle Time sessions offer pupils opportunities to discuss a range of issues such as road safety, emotions and feelings, the importance of friends and being aware of how to behave towards others.
- The school has access to a good rnge of extra-curricular activities.

 Effectiive use is made of local visits and visitors to reinforce activities and enhance pupils' education. The older pupils benefit from residential experiences at Plas Tan y Bwlch and Rhyd Ddu that promote their personal and social development as well as giving them enjoyment.
- The pupils' moral and social development is well promoted. Sharing moral messages is a prominent feature of the provision and the school ensures that pupils respect each other, adults and visitors and that they have a clear sense of ownership of and responsibility towards each other and their environment. Collecting for good causes such as the Marie Curie appeal, the British Heart Foundation and NSPCC promotes the pupils' understanding of citizenship.
- The pupils' cultural development is one of the school's major strengths. They receive a wide range of experiences at the school and in the wider community to develop their sense of Welshness and their awareness of their roots. The Cwricwlwm Cymreig is a notable feature of the provision in subjects such as history, music and art. Welsh culture is also promoted through singing and recitation and through other activities associated with the Urdd.