

## Future Use of Ogmore-By-Sea Centre – A Survey

### Survey (1)

The full survey was carried out in January 2008

73 Head Teachers were asked to complete and return a questionnaire on their school's use of the Ogmore by Sea Centre during 2006 - 2007.

8 of the 73 schools were unable to use the facilities at Ogmore by Sea as their pupils were too young. 17 of the 65 schools responded to the survey which represents a 25% response rate. Of the respondents, 13 were primary schools, 1 a junior school, 1 an infant school and 2 were comprehensives.

The results of the survey are detailed below.

### Summary of findings

1. The Centre has been used in the last year by a minority of schools and for relatively small numbers of pupils.
2. A good majority of schools do not intend to use the Centre in future if it is open; only 6 schools returning the questionnaire said they would wish to use the Centre.
3. A total of 261 pupils attended the centre for the given year from the schools responding. These were entirely drawn from key stage 2.
4. 13 of the 17 activities undertaken at the Centre were organised by the school themselves.
5. The reasons given for not having used the centre in the last year are similar to those for not wishing to use it in the future, namely:
  - Cost
  - Availability
  - Preference to use other venues for activities
  - Limited number of courses now available
  - Staff not interested in using the Centre for activities
6. Schools are using 8 other venues as alternatives to Ogmore. Although not covered by the survey, the orchestra is already using alternative provision, not listed on the returns, for residential events.
7. The survey confirms soundings which have been taken at previous headteachers' meetings when the great majority has been present i.e. that

they have been obliged because of the higher costs and decreased availability at Ogmore to seek alternatives and that these alternatives are meeting their needs.

## Survey (2)

A follow-up telephone/e-mail survey was conducted to get a better perspective on how far the full survey returns reflected the overall picture. This survey asked the simple question as to whether the school had used the Centre in the last 2 years.

One third of schools had used the Centre and two-thirds had not. This is based on a 94% response.

Comments received back on this follow-up survey, though unsolicited, mirrored those made in the questionnaire.

Schools that have used Ogmore Centre in last 2 years	23
Schools that have not used Ogmore Centre in last 2 years	46

## Collated responses to the full survey:

Activity	Number of Schools	Days	Boys	Girls	Year Group	Organised by School?
Art	2	3	6	10	4-5	
Basketball	5	3-6	16	16	5-6	Yes
Dance	3	3	0	3	5-6	
Drama	2	3	0	7	5-6	Yes
Field Study Courses	1	3	10	10	7	Yes
IT	3	6	17	18	4 -5-6	Yes
Literacy	2	3-5	9	8	6	Yes
Mathematics	2	3	5	0	4 -5-6	Yes
Multidisciplinary also known as the Birdie	1	3	0	6	4	
Netball	3	3-5	0	17	4-5	Yes
Rugby	7	3	13	4	5-6	Yes
Short Tennis	1	3	10	0	5-6	Yes
Teambuilding challenges	1	3	15	16		Yes
Orchestra	4	3	5	16	5-6	Yes
Mini Basketball	1	3	5	0	6	Yes
Creative Music	1	2	2	5	5-6	Yes
LINKS run by Lea	1	0	6	6	6	

**Comments received to the following questions:**

*“If your pupils have not used the Ogmores Centre during 2006 – 2007 could you please state why not?”*

- Activities have not been suitable for us, we are key stage 1
- Cost
- Course too expensive for our pupils - community 1st
- Not as much information seems to have been circulated to our school from the centre as in previous years.
- Only used for the Bridgend schools mini basketball course which i helped to coordinate with other teachers
- Reduced number of activities organised at school - staff prefer other venues
- Too expensive
- We have not received any course details for some time. We used to receive them regularly and your records will show that we have made very good use of the centre in the past.

*Do you propose to use the Ogmores Centre, if available, during 2008?*

**Yes 6**

**No 10**

*“If Yes, for what activities?”*

- We would use it for the same type as before-but I’ve heard it is going to be more expensive. If this is the case children may not be able to afford to go.
- We would use the centre for a wide range of activities i.e. Maths, Art, I.T, Music Literacy, Netball, Rugby etc.
- Dependent on what is available and cost – probably similar to those outlined

*“If No, please state why not?”*

- Already organised residential opportunities
- As previously listed
- Basketball and rugby
- Cost prohibitive - building not suitable for purpose
- Costs of activities compared to previous.
- It would depend on the range of courses available and the cost.
- Pupils are unsure at the moment, in principle we wish to support Ogmores Centre. Details of courses provided by the centre will determine the activities
- Rugby, Netball, Orchestra, Outdoor Pursuits
- Staff not interested
- Too expensive

- Very much depends on information being circulated and timing and cost. I also noted that an item in a previous Head's seminar discussed this matter. Was there feedback following this discussion?

*Please list any other centres you propose to use for any activities during 2008.*

Name of Centre	Activity
Glanllyn	Welsh - Specialist staff important
Llangrannog	Bilingualism / outdoor pursuit
Llangranog	Outdoor activities
Margam Centre	Environmental Studies Weekend
Orielton, Pembroke	Sixth Form Fieldwork
OSMINGTON BAY	A RANGE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
PGL	Outdoor education and teambuilding as a transition event
PGL - Ross on Wye	Outdoor activities
Plas Tan y Bwlch	Science activities
Llangranog	Welsh cultural activities
Stackpole	Various

The school's that responded to the survey were:

Abercerdin Primary  
 Betws Primary  
 Brynmenyn Primary  
 Brynteg Comprehensive  
 Corneli Primary  
 Cwmfelin Primary  
 Litchard Junior  
 Ogmre Comprehensive  
 Oldcastle Infants  
 Oldcastle Junior  
 Plasnewydd Primary  
 St Roberts R C Primary  
 Tondu Primary  
 Tynyrheol Primary  
 Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr  
 Trelales

Heol – y Cyw

APPENDIX 1

Responded to say they did not use the centre, therefore did not complete survey