

THRASS PILOT PROJECT,
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A report published in September 1999, entitled THRASS Pilot Project, has been written by Glynis Davies, Conwy LEA, North Wales. The summary indicates that "Pupils in Welsh Medium Schools responded well to the THRASS programme and made significant progress in reading and spelling".

The results from the pilot project indicate that, "In the 6 month period between testing, 61% of pupils made between 7 - 24+ months improvement in their Reading Ages, and 68% of pupils made 7 - 24+ months improvement in their Spelling Ages". An additional comment was that, "All participating teachers have improved their linguistic knowledge of English and improved their teaching of phonological skills."

All 13 pilot schools have expressed the intention to continue with THRASS and have asked for further courses for other staff. The three-day THRASS Accredited Certificate course was delivered by Glynis Davies, who has been given time by the LEA to act as a THRASS Adviser to actively support the implementation of the programme, including giving demonstration lessons and delivering presentations for governors and parents.