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Value of the month: Friendship

RRS - Article 7: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Dear all,

This week we have been busy organising the pupil groups. Thank you to all of the children that submitted an application to become a member of the Senedd. Mr McNamara read through all of the applications and the shortlisted children were interviewed by myself and Mrs Baldrige. The children didn't make it easy for us and after much discussion, the successful candidates are: [Alfie Parsons Lewis](#), [Katie Smith](#), [Orion Stanford](#), [Hobe Cabigting](#), [Cohen Stanford](#), [Henry Jones](#), [Heath Francis](#), [Miley Folley](#) and [Colin Drozdowski](#). Congratulations to you all.

Brackla Pupil Senedd

The Senedd meet regularly to discuss issues important to them, and work on areas of school improvement.



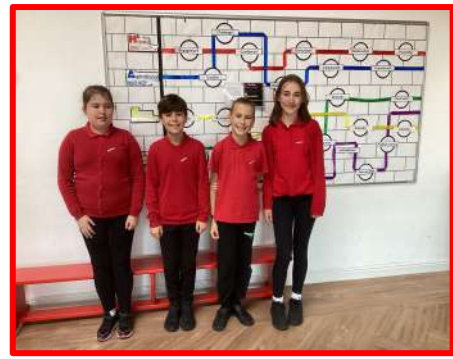
Super Savers

We also appointed new Super Saver Officers to run our weekly savings club. They are: [Christopher Ezeemo](#), [Rosie Emery](#), [Jemuel Oililima](#), [Oliver Williams](#) and [Charlie Lorimer](#). For further information on our Super Savers club please call into the school office.



Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders support creating a safe environment for everyone in BPS. They also provide support and information to pupils and staff on a variety of technology related issues. Our Digital Leaders are: [Casey Patch](#), [Dominik Bodnar](#), [Agata Zygumt](#) and [Oliver Williams](#).



Swyddogion

Each term, children in Year 6 are selected to be Swyddogion (Prefects) and congratulations to this term's Swyddogion: [Ruby-Leigh Edmunds](#), [Charlie Lorimer](#), [Charis Ezeemo](#), [Ethan Chung](#)



Play Pals

Congratulations to this term's Play Pals: [Charlie](#), [Lacey](#), [Emma](#), [Grace](#), [Coda](#), [Aden](#), [Lola](#), [Isla](#), [Kheelan](#), [Riley](#), [Oscar](#), [Dylan](#), [Heath](#), [Lewin](#), [Otis](#), [Ryan](#), [Ali](#), [Henry](#), [Ruby](#) and [Charlotte](#).



Criw Cymraeg

Applications are still open to become a member of the Criw Cymraeg and children will be selected at the end of next week.



Headteacher Awards

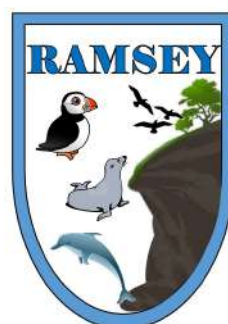
Well done to the following children on being nominated for a Headteacher Award this week. They have worked well in demonstrating the monthly value and right. Well done to: [Ivy Waldron](#), [Olivia Allen](#), [Diana Moryto](#), [Mia Larner](#), [Sophie Phillips](#), [Katie Smith](#), [Sasha Movchan](#), [Lola Thompson](#), [Harper Sheldon](#), [Olivia-May Eynon](#).



House Points Winner this week:



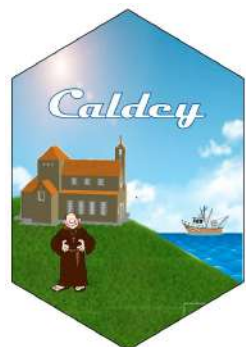
701
Points



700
Points



693
Points



682
Points

ASDA CashPot - written by Miss Helm

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative . All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between **2nd September and 30th November 2024**. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. So please download the app and opt in today!

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Attendance

Each week class attendance is celebrated in assembly and this term, we will be awarding a trophy to the class with the highest attendance. The winning class will also get an additional 5 minutes playtime on Monday. Take a look below to see how your child's class did this week:

Nursery (Mrs Whelan)	97.81%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.83%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	96.17%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	98.66%
2H (Miss Helm)	95.59%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	95.93%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	95.02%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	98.61%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	97.97%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	99.44%
6S (Mr Still)	91.38%



Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School - Year 6 Open Evening

We would be delighted to welcome you to our Year 6 Open Evening which will take place on:

Tuesday October 15th from 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

As well as hearing from senior staff and some of our learners, the main focus of the evening will be to give you an opportunity to visit classrooms, speak to teachers and pupils and to see the excellent facilities on offer. In 2023, over 170 applications were made for the 145 Year 7 places available. This demand we feel reflects the excellent opportunities our school provides all our pupils.

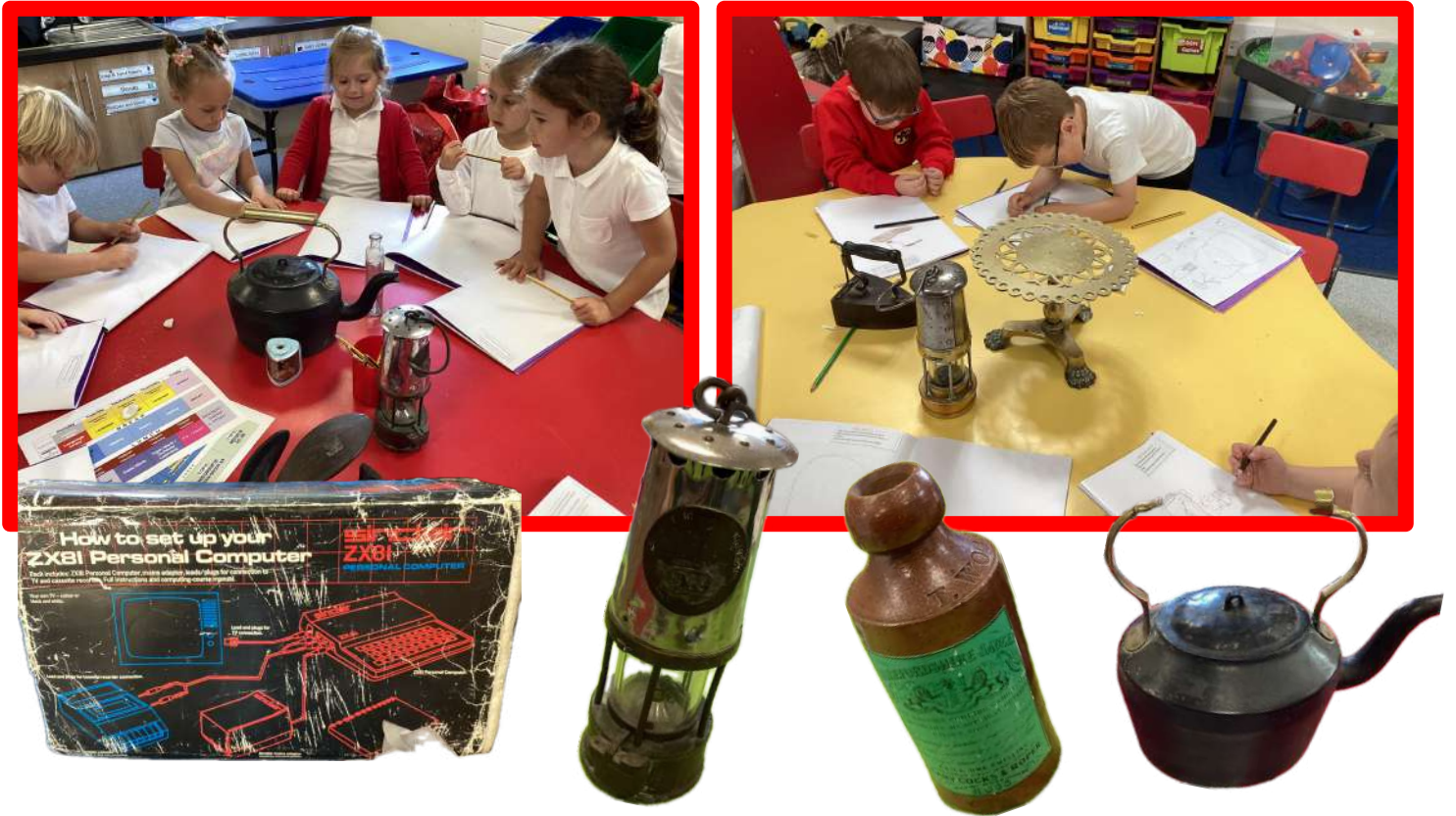
To apply for a place at our school, please use our online application form using the link below. <https://forms.gle/wr8X3qgg4iJaMbgt7>. The closing date is December 20th 2024.

Our 2025/2026 Prospectus can be accessed via the link below: [Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School - Prospectws ysgol / School Prospectus \(archbishopmg.co.uk\)](http://www.archbishopmg.co.uk).

Further information can be found on our school website <http://www.archbishopmg.co.uk/>. We look forward to meeting you and your son/daughter on October 15th .

1D Sketching artefacts - written by Mrs Delgado

This week we started our 'Time Travellers' topic by looking at artefacts brought in by the children and teachers. We had interesting discussions about how life must have been before electricity was invented and how water was heated in the olden days. We looked at a very old kettle, an old iron that would have had coal in, miner's lamps, and medicine bottles. We also looked at more recent artefacts such as VHS cassette tapes and vinyls, and even an old Spectrum computer!



Tag Rugby - written by Mr McNamara

We had our first tag rugby session on Tuesday and the children really enjoyed it. We didn't let the rain stop us getting active and having fun. It was nice to hear the positive comments from some of the girls who had never played it before. There are still a couple of spaces left so if you interested please sign up via the School Gateway app.



Wellbeing Update

I wanted to make you aware of Early Help - an umbrella of services to support children and their families. They offer a range of evidence-based programmes for those that might need some help with mental health worries like anxiety or stress, parenting, managing your child's behaviours, housing and support for any concerns with school attendance.

We, at Brackla Primary can submit a referral to Early Help for you. If you want to pop in to see me I can chat with you and help with the referral from school. Mrs Brown can also help with this. Early Help are a completely voluntary service and there to help you and signpost you to the right support for you and your child. Alternatively, there are referral forms in the school foyer and you can make a self referral.

Thanks

Mrs Baldrige



Early Help Bridgend

Information for Families

Children, Young people and their families sometimes need a little extra help and support to have happy, healthy and successful lives.

The Early Help Team can pull the right people together to help you and your family.

We put the family at the centre of the support from start to finish of any involvement with the Service.



What is Early Help all about?

It's about talking about strengths as well as areas that could be improved.

It's about getting you the right help at the right time.

It's about bringing together a team of the right people who can help your family.

It's about listening to you and giving you choices.

What will my Early Help worker do?

- Once receiving a referral the worker will arrange to meet with you to complete a whole family assessment to look at changes you would like to make to improve family life and to answer any questions you may have.
- You will agree an action plan which sets out how you will achieve positive changes and who will be responsible for each action. We may also contact other organisations who have supported your family in the past or could help in the future.
- The worker may refer to other agencies and professionals if additional help is needed to make sure you are getting the right support.



How can we help?

Some areas we are able to support you with are :

Parenting
Support for Young Carers
Managing challenging behaviour (0-25yrs)
Support in school
Issues around school attendance
Domestic violence
Benefits / debt management
Emotional health
Mental health (Anxiety & stress)
Disabilities
Employment
Housing

If you think the Early Help team can support you, please ask any professional you are already working with to submit an Early Help referral. You may also speak to your child's school to do this for you or alternatively contact the Early Help screening team to self refer on 01656 815420.

My Worker is:



Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldrige, Mrs John and Mr Still. If you are concerned about any child please come and speak with either of us at school or ring on 01656 815570. If you feel a child is at immediate risk of harm or danger ring 999.

What's On This Half Term: Spring A 2024

Please take a look below at what is coming up this half term

Date	Event	Additional details
16th September	Flu vaccine	Reception - Yr 6
24th September	School photographs (individual)	Whole school
1st October	Nursery class photo	
9th October	School visit to St Fagans	3/4M & 4B
10th October	Book fayre	More details to follow
17th October	School visit to St Fagans	1D; 2H and 2/3P
21st - 25th October	Parent/carer meeting week 1	Reception; Reception/Year 1; 1D; 2H; 2/3P
24th October	Year 1 audio test with school nurse	
25th October	Break up for half term	
4th November	Back to school	
4th-8th November	Parent/carer meeting week 2	3/4M; 4B; 4/5H; 5/6S and 6S

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 5 more INSET days this year, however, only 4 have been confirmed and are below. There are 2 more to be confirmed.

- Monday 6th January
- Friday 23rd May
- Monday 21st July
- 2 more to be confirmed

Birthdays this week

On behalf of all the children and staff at Brackla Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:

Kenleigh Fry, Harrison Black, Finley McVeigh, Frankie-Leigh Davies, Ava Evans.



School Clubs

Please take a look at the school clubs on offer this term. If your child would like to take part, please sign up using our new electronic booking system on the school gateway app (please note that karate is done directly through the instructor Christian Whale). There are a variety of clubs on offer which change on a termly basis. Thank you to all the staff for delivering this term's clubs.

SCHOOL CLUBS

(Week beginning 09.09.24)

MONDAY

Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 2 - 6	External Provider
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TUESDAY

Tag Rugby (Max 16)	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years 4 - 6	Mr McNamara
Spanish	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 1 - 4	Mrs Hayter Mrs Delgado

WEDNESDAY

Clwb Darllen	12pm - 12.30pm	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Martin Mrs Bartle
Procreate (max 10)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Stephens

THURSDAY

Netball	12pm - 12.30pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Hunter Mrs Stephens
Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 2 - 6	External Provider

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