



# Brackla Primary School

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## **Brackla Bulletin 509 (24.01.25)**

**Value of the month: Happiness**

**RRS - Article 6: You have a right to life and grow up to be healthy**

Dear all,

Our whole school topic 'Paws, Jaws and Claws' has certainly sparked the children's' curiosity and love of learning over the last few weeks. Throughout the school, the children are learning about a wide variety of different species, their habitats and unique characteristics. The enthusiasm and engagement throughout the school has been wonderful to see, and we will keep you updated over the next few weeks as to what each class is doing.

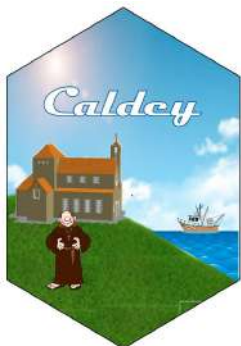
We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, so please take time to look through this newsletter and add any relevant dates to your calendar.

### **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: [Imahla Mabbitt](#), [Freddie Jopling](#), [River-Rae Wetton](#), [Reuben Howells](#), [Brychan Williams](#), [Scarlett-Rose Harris](#), [Kascey Nutting](#), [Elsie Beresford](#), [Kyra Gardner-Ponting](#), [Jemuel Olilima](#), [Grace Jaiteh](#).



## House Points Winner this week:



**603  
Points**



**602  
Points**



**592  
Points**



**582  
Points**

### 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)	91.69%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	92.50%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	87.59%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	95.67%
2H (Miss Helm)	94.83%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	96%
3/4M (Mr M <sup>o</sup> Namara)	90.69%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	94.83%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	89.33%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	92%
6S (Mr Still)	99.33%



### Birthdays this week

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

Joey Meecham, Kyra Gardner-Ponting, Kayden Tennant.



### INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 5 more INSET days this year, however, only 3 have been confirmed and are below. There are 2 more to be confirmed.

Friday 23rd May  
Monday 21st July  
2 more to be confirmed

# Wellbeing Update



If your child has any interests outside of school we would really like to encourage and celebrate any successes - large or small. We have pupils that are talented in activities like swimming, gymnastics, football, karate and dance. Your child might attend Rainbows, Brownies or Beavers and have been awarded a badge...whatever it is please can we hear about it?



If your child is awarded a certificate, badge, medal or trophy please bring them in for us to see and we will take a photo to display. Please bring them into me directly or to their class teacher and then take them home after.

Thank you  
Mrs Baldrige

## Article 15 (Rights of the Child)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations

### 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.

**Puppet BOOST Group - written by Mrs Kelland and Mrs Bartle**

Our first ever Puppet Boost group has been a great success. Years 3 and 4 have been working hard on developing puppet skills and learning new techniques. They have been collaborating as a group to add dance moves and create a fun performance to go with their song, which has been recorded and will be shared on the Seesaw app, so children can proudly share it with family and friends.



## Brackla Bake-off - written by Mrs Delgado

This week we made apple cake which was gluten-free and dairy free. We used up the leftover apples from the Brackla Pantri to help cut down on waste. The children worked in groups and everyone had a role to play, from chopping and peeling, to weighing and whisking. We made round muffins, square muffins and large cakes. They were delicious!



## 4B - written by Mrs Bartle

4B are thoroughly enjoying their new topic 'Our Ocean Planet'. We have recently been learning about marine habitats and marine food chains. We have been able to explain what a habitat is and name some different marine habitats including rockpools, sandy seafloors, open water, saltmarshes and seagrass beds. As a group we discussed and sorted a variety of creatures that would live in those habitats and learned about how animals have adapted to their habitats. We have also learned that food chains are the transfer of energy between organisms. Together we created a food web and learned lots of new vocabulary including producer, primary consumer, secondary consumer and apex predator. We look forward to learning more about life in our oceans!



**Parent/Carer Survey: Family Engagement Activities and Events Feedback - written by Mrs Kelland**

Thank you so much for all the feedback we have received back so far- it has been very informative. We would love to hear about your experiences and thoughts on our school's family engagement activities and events **over the years**. Your feedback is crucial in helping us improve and better support our school community. Please take a few minutes to share your insights by clicking on the link below. Thank you

**[Family Engagement Activities and Events Feedback Survey](#)**

**What's On Spring Term A**

**Please take a look below at what is coming up till the end of Spring Term A.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Additional details</b>
27th January	3/4M Parent/Carer meetings	
5th February	3/4M & 4B trip to Techniquest	£5 payment to be made on the School Gateway app
11th February	Community fair for families	2pm-4pm (main hall). <b>Free refreshments available</b>
13th February	Valentine's Disco	3.15pm-4pm: R-Yr 2 4.15pm-5.15pm: Yrs 3-6
21st February	Break up for half term	

We want to give you plenty of notice for upcoming events so make sure you jot them down in your diary. More details of the events will follow as well as new events so keep a look out.. Please note you'll receive an email/text when it's time to sign up.

# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

# Upcoming Events

Feb-May 2025

FEBRUARY <b>11</b> 2-4PM	<b>Community Fair</b> An opportunity to connect with over 20 local agencies and services providing valuable support, advice, and resources for families. <b>Drop in anytime between 2-4pm.</b>
FEBRUARY <b>17</b> 3.15-4.30PM	<b>Big Red Event</b> Join Mrs Kelland after school with your whole family for games, craft and a whole lot of fun – all things red for valentines. <b>Sign up required.</b>
APRIL <b>3</b>	<b>Kelland's Kahoot Quiz (Adults only)</b> Line up a babysitter, form a team of no more than 8 people with other parents/grandparents from the school and get your game face on. There's a prize to be won! Free event with nibbles ( <b>Evening event- time to be confirmed</b> )
APRIL <b>10</b> 3.15-4.30PM	<b>Easter Eggstravaganza</b> Join Mrs Kelland after school with your whole family for Easter crafts, games and even an Easter egg hunt. It's going to be eggcellent!! <b>Sign up required.</b>
MAY <b>2</b>	<b>Wild Adventures</b> Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. <b>Sign up required.</b>



# BPS

Tuesday 11th February  
Pop in anytime between 2-4pm

## Community Fair

Join us at our first Community Fair in the school hall, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with over **20 local agencies** and services providing valuable support, advice, and resources for families.

**NO sign up required**  
**All welcome**

Care for the family

Financial support

Early Help

Well being/Mental health

Citizens Advice



Refreshments provided



[familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk](mailto:familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk)

We are very excited to host our first Community Fair, a special event for all families to connect and engage with over 20 local agencies and services. This event provides an excellent opportunity to discover valuable resources, advice, and support available to families in our area and beyond. Whether you're seeking guidance on health, energy saving, education, or wellbeing, there will be something for everyone, and we encourage all families to come a long and strengthen our community ties.

**POP IN ANY TIME - between 2-4pm**

For more information speak to Mrs Kelland our family engagement officer.

