



# Brackla Primary School

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## Brackla Bulletin 511 (07.02.25)

Value of the month: Responsibility

RRS - Article 19: You should not be harmed and you should be looked after and kept safe

Dear all,

This week we welcomed over 20 trainee teachers from Swansea University to be part of a professional learning day. We were asked by the university to put together a programme on outdoor learning, which was identified as a strength of the school by Estyn last January. A big thank you to the group of children from Reception/Year 1 and 6S that were involved in working with the students, and to Mr Williams and Mrs Hunter for their fantastic contributions during the day.





## Children's Right of the Month

### Article 19: You should not be harmed and you should be looked after and kept safe

In assembly this week, I discussed the importance of our behaviour online. During February, in class and during assemblies, we will be exploring how to keep safe online in more detail.



# INSPIRING CHANGE ONLINE!



- 1** Be kind to yourself and others
- 2** Treat others the way you wish to be treated
- 3** Report bullying to a trusted adult
- 4** Don't copy the behaviour of others if it feels wrong
- 5** Don't spread unkind rumours or gossip
- 6** Remember, we are all different and may not always agree
- 7** Don't speak out in anger
- 8** Make amends if you have upset someone
- 9** Don't say things online you wouldn't face-to-face
- 10** Be a good listener

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SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024!

### 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: Harvey Young, Freddie North, Harmony Harris, Hallie Latham, George Mowbray-Harwood, Charlie Livick, Theo Lee-Burke, Anisa El Maniri, Maxwell Choi, Christopher Ezeemo, Charlie Lorimer, Oliver Williams.



## House Points Winner this week:



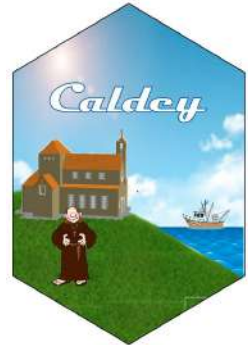
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Points**



**518  
Points**



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**511  
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### Birthdays this week

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

Coco Jones, Reuben Howells, Annie Bebb, William Butler, Emma Dauncey, Ella Abbott, Megan Mitchell.



## 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>
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	

## 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)	83.08%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	98.93%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	93.79%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	96%
2H (Miss Helm)	96.55%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	95%
3/4M (Mr M <sup>o</sup> Namara)	93.45%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	93.79%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	98.27%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	93.67%
6S (Mr Still)	96%



## INSET Dates for 2024-2025

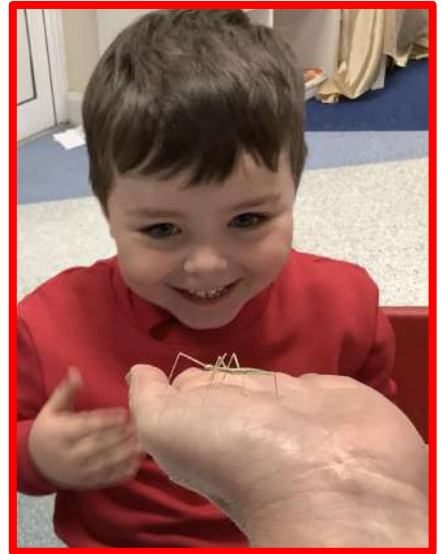
We have 5 more INSET days this year, however, only 3 have been confirmed and are below. There are 2 more to be confirmed.

Monday 31st March  
Thursday 22nd May  
Friday 23rd May  
Monday 21st July



**Nursery - written by Mrs Whelan**

This week we have been learning about how animals stay safe. We talked about why some animals hide and explored animal patterns. We found out that some animals are hard to see because they use camouflage. Everyone has been very excited to meet our newest member of nursery! We have adopted a stick insect and are learning to take care of it. He has brambles to eat and water, and we have made him a lovely home. The children shared their ideas for names and we have agreed his name is .....STICKY-GLUE!





We have been having lots of fun learning about different animals for our topic 'The Perfect Pet'. Over the past 2 weeks we have learned about how animals can camouflage themselves in different ways to stay safe. We read 'The Mixed Up Chameleon' and granted his wishes to be different animals in oracy. We investigated to see which chameleons could hide the most in different coloured paper and made predictions to say what we thought would happen. We matched animals to their different prints and we even made our own animal prints using different coloured papers.





**Techniquet Trip - written by Mr McNamara**

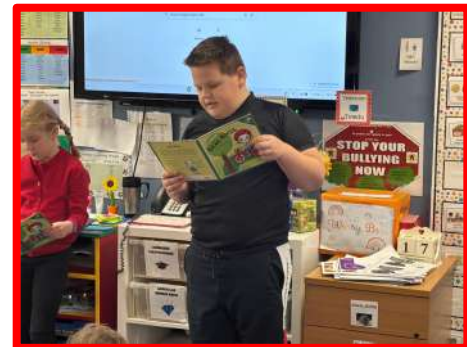
On Wednesday 4B and 3/4M were lucky enough to go to Techniquet for an Ocean Explorers Science show and to explore the exhibits. The children really enjoyed the day exploring all the different areas and trying out some new things. It was really pleasing to see how much the children have already learnt about our Ocean Planet by explaining about bioluminescence and answering lots of questions the presenter was asking.



**Polish and Minecraft Boost - written by Mrs Szarlat and Mr Sobocinski.**

In our Boost we are taking children on a journey to explore Poland and learn many important facts about this country. The children have really enjoyed learning about different cultures, trying to speak a new language and tasting traditional Polish treats and sweets.

Another exciting part of our Boost is Minecraft. The children are building a famous Polish landmark, the Palace of Culture and Science, which is located in the capital city, Warsaw. This activity encourages them to use Minecraft skills while incorporating the new knowledge we've learned together all in fun and engaging way!





**Design Technology 2H and 2/3P - written by Ms Pavitt**

At the beginning of the term we started a project which will involve designing and making a moving model of an animal. We investigated a range of mechanisms and decided that a pneumatic mechanism would be best suited to our model as we wanted a smooth movement. The children have worked with a simple but effective pneumatic system and will begin to design their model over the next few weeks. Look out for their models that they will bring home at the end of the term!





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

Puppet Boost is GREAT FUN and our new group is very enthusiastic!!!! 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. We hope you enjoy.





**Upcoming events - written by Mrs Kelland**

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

<b>FEBRUARY</b> <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. REFRESHMENTS AND FREEBIES</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b> <b>18</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>
<b>APRIL</b> <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> )
<b>APRIL</b> <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>
<b>MAY</b> <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>



# Wellbeing Update



**Thank you to all those who have brought in their fantastic badges, medals and certificates. There's still room for more!**

If your child is awarded a certificate, badge, medal or trophy in an outside school activity, 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.



# 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. Whether you're seeking guidance on health, energy saving, education, or wellbeing, there will be something for everyone. **REFRESHMENTS AND FREEBIES**

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

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



**BIG RED EVENT** - written by Mrs Kelland

**SIGN UP IS OPEN.** Join us on **Tuesday 18th February, 3.15pm-4.30pm** for the **BIG RED EVENT** with our family engagement officer, Mrs Kelland. It's a great opportunity for families to come together and enjoy games, craft activities and family fun- all things red for Valentines. This is a sign up event for families from Nursery - Year 6 and numbers are limited so please sign up in the office or email [familyengagement@bracklapprimary.co.uk](mailto:familyengagement@bracklapprimary.co.uk).

**BPS**

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**SIGN UP**

IN THE OFFICE OR  
EMAIL MRS KELLAND





# Valentine's Disco

## February 13th



Rec, Y1, Y2

3.15pm - 4.00pm

£3

(includes drink and crisps)

Y3 - Y6

4.15pm - 5.15pm

£2

(sweets available to buy at the  
Disco)



Tickets available on  
School Gateway app





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