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Value of the month: Confidence

RRS - Article 7: Your right to a name and nationality

Dear all,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. This week has been Welsh week in school and you can read what the children have been up to in this newsletter. Today we had a 'Super Bwst' day which was attended by the Bridgend Male Voice Choir and the children looked 'bendigedig' in their Welsh costumes and clothes. More information and photos on what the day involved in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that supported the book swap for World Book Day on Thursday. We had a fantastic response and you can read all about it on page 4.

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: [Esmeray Arif](#), [Noah Mantell](#), [Leon Wasilew](#), [Harri Simmons](#), [Dylan Burnell](#), [Arizona Francis](#), [Alexander Wojdyla](#), [Beatrix Porch](#), [Jake Burnell](#), [Oscar Bialobrzkeski](#), [Madison Redway](#).



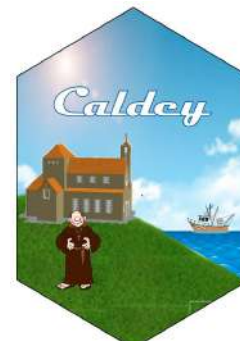
House Points Winner this week:



**570
Points**



**568
Points**



**555
Points**



**540
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)	90.89%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	93.93%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	96.43%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	94.67%
2H (Miss Helm)	99.31%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	94.67%
3/4M (Mr M ^o Namara)	93.79%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	93.45%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	100%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	95.67%
6S (Mr Still)	96%



Birthdays this week

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

Katie Smith, Finn Sullivan, Maya Ferreira, Ciaran Robinson, Michael Smith, Ollie Lewis.



What's On Spring Term B

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

Date	Event	Additional details
11th March	Year 1 Audio screening	School nurse (am)
12th March	Reception - Height Weight & Vision	School nurse (am)
21st March	Comic Relief	Wear red to school
31st March	INSET day	
W/b 31st March	Parent/carer meeting week	Details to follow
W/b 7th April	Parent/carer meeting week	Details to follow
3rd April	Rec & R/Y1 trip to Cefn Mably farm park	
11th April	Last day in school	Break up for Easter holidays

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 4 more INSET days this year:

Monday 31st March

Thursday 22nd May

Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st July

Wellbeing Update

We all have times when we may be feeling overwhelmed, stressed or anxious. We teach the children relaxation techniques which really help to calm down and regulate. Try some of these activities...it may even help if you try these together.

Stress toys

This exercise releases muscle tension and massages your hands.

Make your own stress balls by filling balloons with dry rice or pulses. Take the balls in one or both hands and squeeze and release.

Experiment with squeezing the ball. Find a way that is right for you, adjusting the speed, pressure, and timing of your squeezes to whatever way you like.



Bubble breaths

Imagine you are blowing the biggest bubble ever! Take in a breath and imagine you have a pot of bubble liquid.

Slowly and gently blow bubbles into the room.

Do you feel better? (Remember to encourage the children not to get excited by popping the bubbles!)



Push against a wall

This is perfect for getting rid of stress without having to go outside or even leave the room.

Push against the wall for 10 seconds. Imagine you can push the wall over if you try hard enough! Repeat three times.

When you do this your muscles contract and then relax, releasing feel-good hormones into the body.



Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldridge, 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.

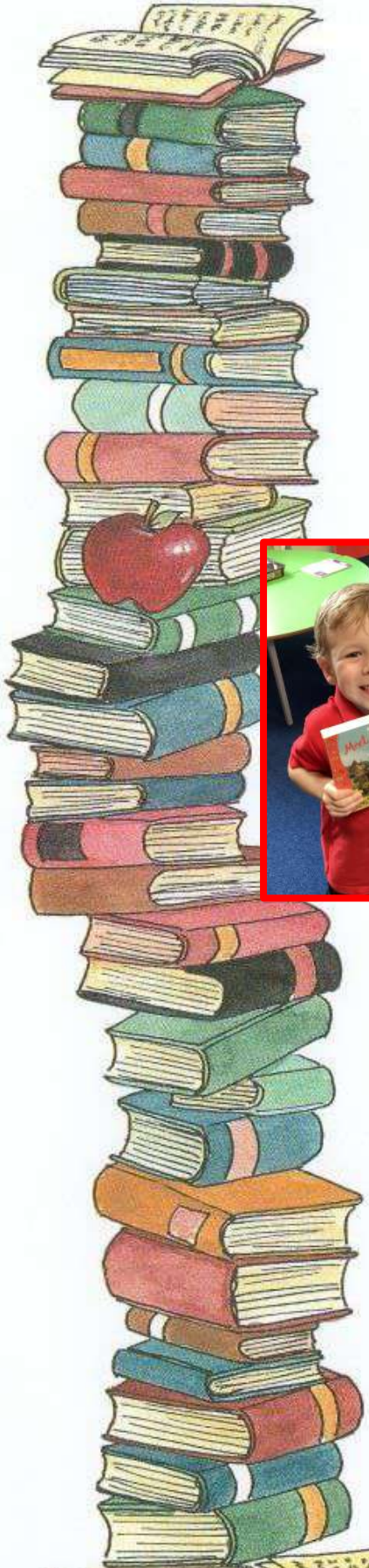
WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day with a very successful book swap. Children brought in preloved books and exchanged them for something different to take home with them. Great to see how many children have such a love of reading and are looking forward to going home and becoming lost in their new book!



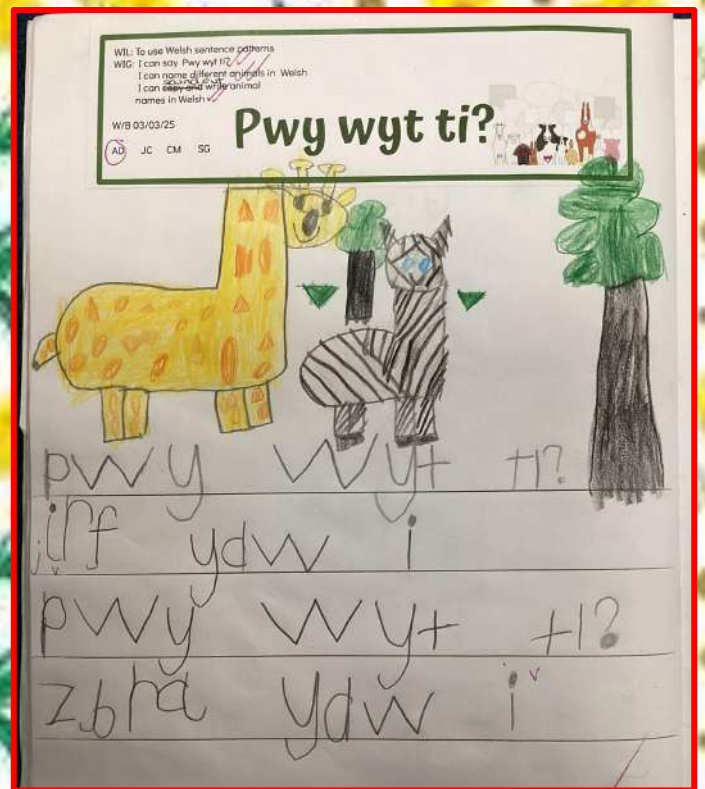
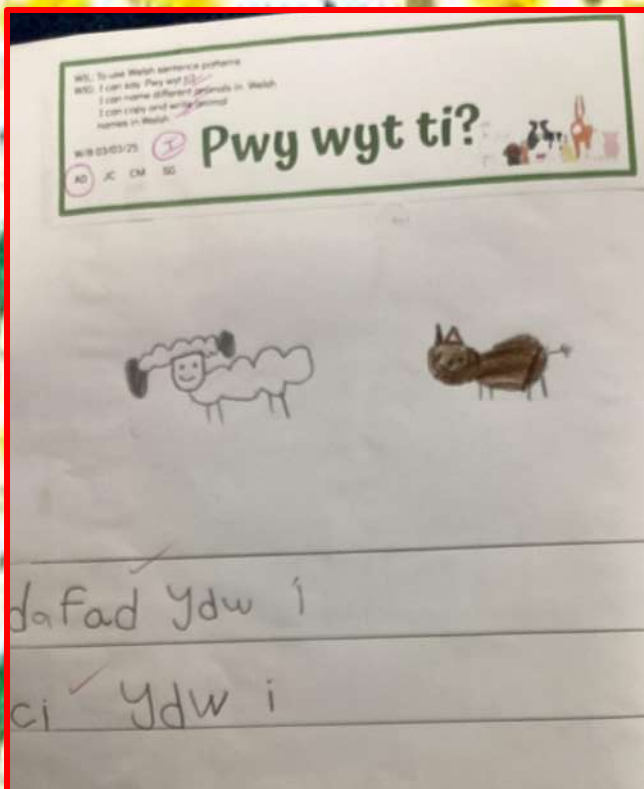
Reading is dreaming with your eyes open





Wythnos Cymraeg - Reception - written by Mrs Driscoll

We have enjoyed our Welsh week in Reception and been using lots of Welsh. We read 2 Welsh books to help us learn about farm and jungle animals and played a game where we had to ask and answer the question 'Pwy wyt ti?' We wore animal masks and pretended to be the different animals. It was lots of fun! We were so good and say our Welsh sentences we decided to write them too. Take a look at some of our super writing. Bendigedig! We also learned about 3D shapes and we built Welsh castles to help us learn about their different properties.



Wythnos Cymraeg - Reception/Year 1 - written by Mrs Martin

Cyfarfod â'r anifeiliaid ar Fferm y Tarw Du. Meet the animals on Black Bull Farm. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our books of the week Fferm ar ras and Dawns yr Anifeiliaid. The children walked and talked as the different Farm and Jungle animals from our books, asking each other "Pwy wyt ti?" and "Ble rwyd ti'n byw?" The children had to answer in Welsh if they were Jungle or Farm animals. The children were fantastic with their Welsh sentences this week they have also written and recorded them. Ardderchog pawb! We had a Welsh theme for our other lessons this week, the children have learnt 3D shapes whilst building group castles and addition using Welsh symbols and numbers. More Welsh fun to come in our Welsh celebration assembly and Super Bwst on Friday.



Welsh Week in 2H and 2/3P - written by Ms Pavitt

We had lots of fun this week with all our learning based on the welsh language and our local environment. We walked around the vicinity of the school to assess the litter problem and then wrote letters to Bridgend County Borough Council asking for more bins in the area. We also carried out some data collection asking each other about what pets we have and recording our data in a block graph. All Our My Time activities were based on Wales and the Welsh language. Have a look in next week's newsletter to find out how our Super Bwst got on.

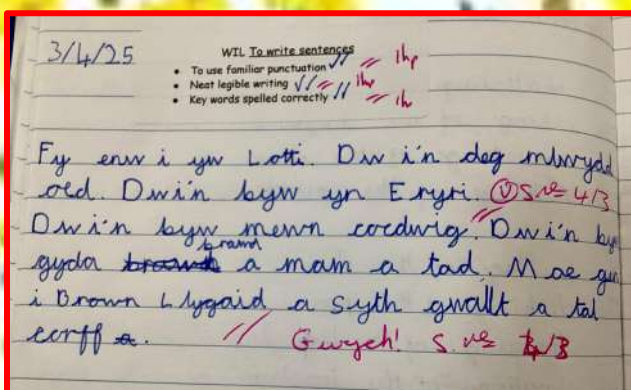


Welsh Week in 3/4M - written by Mr McNamara

We started our Welsh week by reading a giant tale from Wales about an angry giant called Rhitta who lived in Snowdon and collected beards. The children then researched about different mountains in Wales and their Welsh names before ordering them in size. For our P.E. lesson we had a tag rugby session when the pupils counted in Welsh the different amounts of tags they collected. The pupils then designed and labelled their own giants using Welsh phrases before writing a descriptive piece of work about their giant. In their independent sessions they collaborated on what makes them proud to live in Wales before finishing our week with our Super Bwst.



I'm proud to live in wales because we have good welsh food. I'm proud to live in wales because we can write in welsh. I'm proud to live in wales because we have our own ocean. I'm proud to live in wales because we have welsh mountains. I'm proud to live in wales because we have the welsh dragon.



Welsh Costumes



If you have any
Welsh
costumes/rugby tops
you don't think you'll
need next year and
wish to donate them
to school please
pop them into the
office.
Diolch yn fawr

DONATIONS



WE ARE COLLECTING
ANY WELSH COSTUMES,
RUGBY TOPS &
NATIVITY COSTUMES.
PLEASE DROP THEM
INTO THE OFFICE



KELLAND'S KAHOOT

QUIZ!

Get ready for an evening of fun and friendly competition at our adults-only quiz night! Line up a babysitter, form a team of up to 8 people (minimum 2 people) with fellow parents and grandparents from the school, and bring your game face- there's a prize to be won!

 **Thursday 3rd April** | **6-7.30pm**

NIBBLES • HOT DRINKS • PRIZES

SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE OR EMAIL
familyengagement@bracklapprimary.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Specific help needed for outdoor painting and garden maintenance, however as a school there are always a variety of ways that you can volunteer and support us. Please can in touch if this is something you'd be interested in.

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GET IN TOUCH



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.. Easter Eggstravaganza is now full on Thursday 10th April. As a result of the big uptake we have decided to run the event on Monday 7th April too. There are still some places available.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	
APRIL 3 6-7:30PM	Kelland's Kahoot Quiz (Adults only) 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! Sign up now!!
APRIL 7 3.15-4.30PM	Easter Eggstravaganza 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!! Sign up now!!
APRIL 10 3.15-4.30PM	Easter Eggstravaganza 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!! FULLY BOOKED
MAY 2	Wild Adventures Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. Sign up required.

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MRS KELLAND