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Value of the month: **Thoughtfulness**

RRS - Article 3: Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child

Dear all,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the spring term. Please take a look at some of the highlights since January.

- **7** new pupils joined the school, making our current on roll number **333**;
- Whole school attendance for the spring term was **93.94%**;
- Highest class attendance with **97.01%** is **6S**;
- **61** pupils had 100% attendance during the spring term;
- The whole school topic was 'Paws, Jaws and Claws' and had a Science and Technology focus focus;
- **116** children went on a school trip which included Techniquet and Cefn Mably
- **143** children received a Headteacher Award this term;
- **20** students from Swansea University attended a professional learning event on outdoor learning facilitated by Mr Williams and Mrs Hunter;
- The Nursery looked after **10** chicks through the Living Eggs Nursery;
- A group of children have participated part in a district football tournament and netball and football matches against other schools;
- Fundraising for Comic Relief raised **£270.90**;
- School fundraising included a Valentine's discos which support the provision of BOOST resources and transport costs;
- Health checks include height, weight and vision (Reception) and audi testing (Yr 1);
- Visits from other schools to observe practice included: curriculum and standards; independent learning and outdoor learning;
- Staff training included: early years; leadership; humanities; sensory needs; safeguarding, Religion, Values and ethics (RVE);
- A focus group was held with parents to identify how the school can support with the cost of the school day;
- The school has supported **3** PGCE student placements this term;
- Whole school theme weeks/days included online safety, Welsh week and World Book Day;
- Visitors to the school included Bridgend Male Choir, the fire service, Tabernacle Church
- We held our first Community Fair which was well attended and signposted families to a wide range of services;
- Family engagement activities included: fitness class, the Big Red and Easter Extravaganza;
- Over **250** children took part in BOOST activities this term which included: musical mayhem, board games and Scratch, beebots, local heroes, puppets, Polish, minecraft, super sports, Strictly Brackla, Canva creations, gardening, Brackla Bake Off and Rockin' Resin;
- Children in 2H and 2/3P delivered a class assembly to their families.

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)	87.15%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	94.07%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	94.64%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	91.33%
2H (Miss Helm)	92.76%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	94.83%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	91.03%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	96.55%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	95.86%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	98%
6S (Mr Still)	94.33%



100% attendance

Congratulations to the following children for receiving 100% attendance for the spring term:

Arthur Apsee, George Apsee, Abigail Aydin, Mckenzie Badman, Anthony Baker, Annie Bebb, Rory Benson, Harry Beresford, Harrison Black, Dominik Bodnar, Lotti Bodnar, Olivia Brooks, Charlotte Burton, Maxwell Choi, Tobias Choi, Enzo Corona, Henry Cox, Colin Drozdowski, Harri Drozdowski, Henry Evans, Lacey-Jay Evans, Harriet Eynon, Edward Freeman, Savannah Gale, Anna Hamel, Edward Hamel, Finn Hope-Woodroffe, Aisha Jaiteh, Dylan James, Finn Jones, Ollie Lewis, Oliver Lloyd, Iwan Madbouly, Miyah-Grace Mantell, Finley Martin, Max Meecham, George Mowbray-Harwood, Thomas Mowbray-Harwood, Amelia Nixon, Harri Nixon, Kascey Nutting, Abbie O'Hara, Jacob O'Hara, Jemuel Olilima, Alfie Parsons-Lewis, Abigail Payne, Solo-Bay Randall, Madison Redway, Madeleine Rees, Alex Robinson, Ciaran Robinson, Olivia-May Sheard-Eynon, Carwen Sokolowski, Archie Stephens, Otis Still, Elizabeth Topham, Harley Walters-James, Harrison Colbridge, Oliver Williams, Olivier Zlotowski, Agata Zygmunt.

Highest class attendance for Spring Term 2025:



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: Alex Robinson, Yurii Shvets, Hailey-Mai Hopson, Wyatt Parry, Reuben Abbott, Aston Cheung, James Heath, Mia James, Navayah Richards, Hallie Evans, Lewin Mann, Thomas Mowbray-Harwood.



House Points Winner this week:



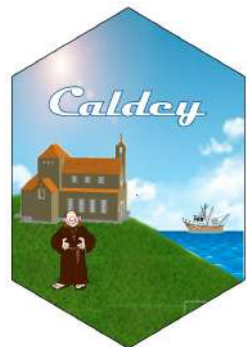
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Points



622
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600
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581
Points

Birthdays this week

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

Emily Brewer, Miyah-Grace Mantell, Lucca-Hywel Griffiths, Lacey Jenkins.

Birthdays during the Easter holidays: Harri Drozdowski, Theodore Lock, Imogen Jones, Ollie Parker, Evie Penpraze, Darran Ray-Sims, Florence Lewis, Serenity Dale, Emma Kolarova, Akil Singhage, Ariyah Richards, Darcie Fargher.



Thank you

A huge thank you to Mrs Stovell who gave up a morning to help prepare the ground works for the new nursery equipment that will be arriving after Easter. As a result of a successful grant application completed by Mrs Whelan, we will be enhancing the nursery outdoors with:

- Climbing frame tower slide
- Loose parts obstacle course
- Mini monkey bars
- A storytelling stage
- Reading shed

We will keep you posted on our progress.



4/5H, 5/6S & 6S-written by the children's very proud teachers! - written by Mrs Stephens

A huge round of applause for the incredible pupils of 4/5H, 5/6S, and 6S, who have presented their 'Dino Park Rich Task' this week. Over the term, the children have worked extremely hard in their business groups, and their hard work culminated in truly impressive presentations.

We were all absolutely blown away by the professionalism shown during the pupils' presentations. From their in-depth understanding of science and technology to their creative and thoughtful ideas, each child shone brightly. It was clear that their enthusiasm and teamwork brought this project to life.

Congratulations to all the budding scientists involved. You've made us all very proud, and taught us a lot too!!



Rounders in 4/5H, 5/6S & 6S

On Tuesday, the children of 4/5H, 5/6S, and 6S showcased their incredible rounders skills, putting into practice everything they have learned during this half term's P.E. lessons. It was wonderful to see their hard work, determination, and sportsmanship shine through in every match. Well done everyone!



Cefn Mably Farm Trip - written by Mrs Martin and Mrs Driscoll

Reception and Reception/Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to Cefn Mably Farm last week. The trip was a wonderful ending to our 'Perfect Pet' topic. The children enjoyed their experience visiting and seeing a variety of farm animals and were shocked to see pets there too! The Guinea pigs and rabbits were very cute and the children had the opportunity to stroke and touch the animals in the petting area. One of the main highlights of the trip for us all was a journey around the farm on the train. The classes took separate trains and loved waving at their friends from their carriage. We waved to a few ducks, donkeys and even saw a couple of Llamas to shout hello to.

We were so lucky that the weather stayed sunny and warm for us, after lunch the children had a fantastic time enjoying the park and of course the huge soft play, which had the biggest slide the children had ever seen! It was a fun-packed day, and most of the children finished with a snooze on the bus journey back home.









HAPPY Easter



This week, Amy from Brackla Tabernacle Church joined us for Collective Worship. She shared why Easter means so much to Christians, and we listened to the Bible story about Jesus' amazing love for His people, how He died on the Cross, and then rose again on Easter Sunday. Big thanks to Amy for helping us reflect on Easter in such a special way!





This week, Mrs Kelland led the Easter assembly for children in years 3-6. She arranged for a friend of hers to pay us a visit. The mad scientist demonstrated how to fit a boiled egg into a small bottle without breaking it - making the impossible, possible. She also explored the true meaning of Easter - thank you to Mrs Kelland..... and her 'friend!'



What's On Summer Term A

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

Date	Event	Additional details
28th April	Back to school	All children
28th April - 2nd May	Outdoor learning week	
28th April, 12th May, 19th May	Literacy and Play	Nursery (sign up required) 9am-10.30am
30th April	New nursery part time children start	1pm-3.10pm
2nd May	Outdoor learning for families	Pm
6th May	Information session for families: Maths	9am-10am: 1D, 2H and 2/3P 2pm-3pm: 3/4M, 4B, 4/5H, 5/6S and 6S
9th May	Outdoor learning for families	Pm
13th May	School class photos	
14th May	Football tournament in Bryntirion	Details to follow
15th May	3/4M parent/carer meeting	
16th May	Sports day	Am: Yrs 2-6 Pm: Nursery - Yr 1
22nd and 23rd May	INSET days	School finishes for children on Wednesday 21st May
2nd June	Back to school	

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 3 more INSET days this year:

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

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 lookout.. We have some exciting events coming up- dates will be confirmed soon.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
Upcoming Events
April-July **2025**

MAY 2 1-3PM	Wild Adventures Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. FULLY BOOKED
MAY 9 1-3PM	Wild Adventures Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. FULLY BOOKED
DATE TBC	Kelland's Fitness and fun Kelland's fitness and fun is BACK- this time outdoors!!!! Date to be confirmed
DATE TBC	BPS Bingo bash Join us for an adults only bingo evening. Guaranteed laughs, nibbles and maybe you might even win a prize or two!!
DATE TBC	BPS Picnic fest A family event after school for the WHOLE family. Bring a picnic, bring a picnic blanket and join us for some fun and games!

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