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Value of the month: **Respect**

RRS - Article 14: Your right to follow your own religion

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fayre over the last several days - it was wonderful to see so many children excited about reading. We also saw the start of swimming lessons for our Year 5 pupils, who have made impressive progress as the week went on. Their behaviour was exemplary, and the instructors were full of praise for their positive attitude and effort - well done, Year 5! Next week it is the turn of year 6 and we look forward to hearing how they get on.

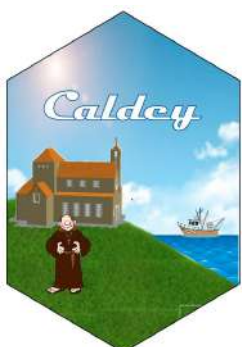
Our Year 6 children welcomed staff from Brynteg School on Monday, who came to talk about the transition to secondary school. It was a valuable and engaging session that helped answer lots of questions and build excitement for next year. Just a reminder that there is an open evening in Brynteg on Thursday 23rd October between 4pm-6.30pm.

To round off the week, our after school Autumn event for families was another great success. The turnout was fantastic, and it was lovely to see our families come together to work together with your children - a big thank you to Mrs Kelland for organising the event.

Today, I had the pleasure of accompanying our netball team to Litchard for a full day of games. The team represented the school brilliantly and more details and highlights will be shared in next week's newsletter.

I have published some diary dates up until the end of November, so please check page 7 for information. An important date to note is the deadline for payment for our Christmas trip to the cinema for years 1-6. We have to confirm cinema and bus numbers, so the last date for payment will be Friday 21st November and please note that NO further payment will be taken after this date. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points Winner this week:



**608
Points**



**559
Points**



**537
Points**



**465
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/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	89.87%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.52%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	91%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	92%
2H (Miss Helm)	98.39%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	88.93%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	90.74%
4D (Miss Dawson)	99.20%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	97.78%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	97.50%
6S (Mr Still)	95.17%



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: Jack Coxon, Adam Halbert, Abigail Payne, Emily Wadowska, Oliver Black, Sebastian Davies, Felix Choi, Florence Lewis, Savannah Gale, Caitlyn Excell, Henry Jones.



Birthdays this week

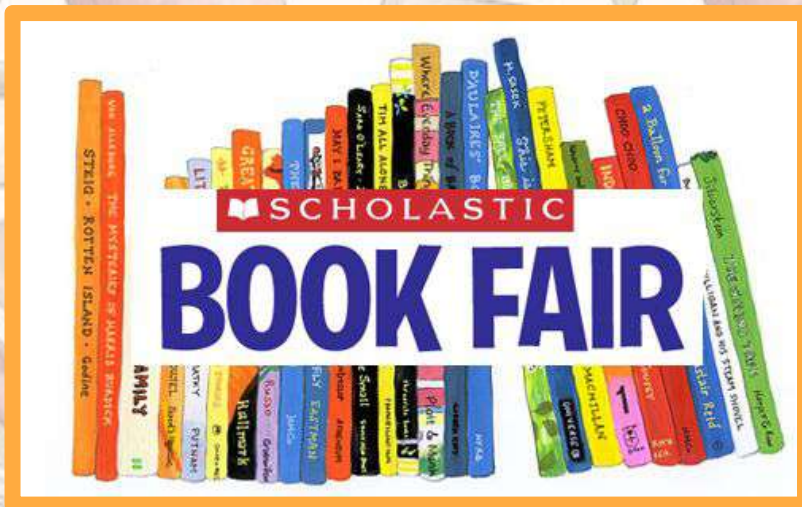
On behalf of all the children and staff at Brackla Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:

Rosie Jackson, Kasey Nutting, Emily Richards, Lyla Marshall, Hallie Evans, Alex Robinson, Brayden Coyle, Anna Hamel, Rosie Black.



Brackla Primary School Book Fair - written by Miss K Davies

Over the past five days, our school has been full of excitement as we hosted our Book Fair — and what a fantastic success it was! It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you, from all age groups, diving into the joy of reading. Whether it was a funny tale, a themed adventure, or an all time favourite, the enthusiasm was contagious. I was amazed by the turnout and the sheer number of books that found new homes. Hearing comments like *"I can't wait to read this tonight!"* reminded us all of the magic that stories bring — both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you to you all who joined us and helped make this event such a success. Your support brought smiles to many faces and helped spark a love of reading that we hope continues to grow. I hope you enjoy your new stories — and happy reading!

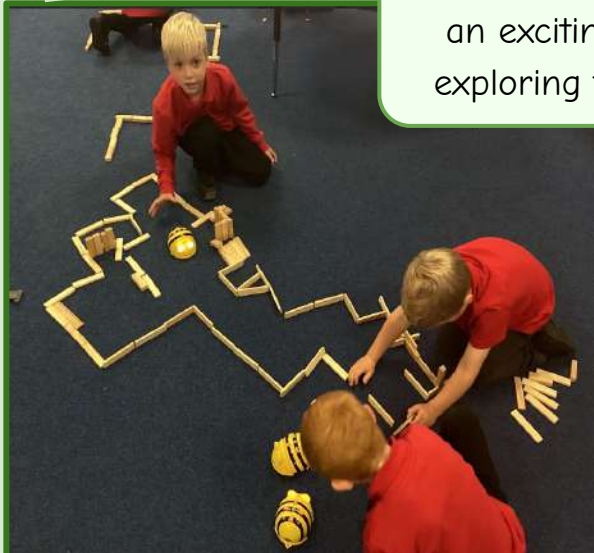




CODING CREW



Our Coding Crew group has had an exciting start to the term, exploring the world of coding!



Week 1: We were introduced to Bee Bots and learned how to programme them using simple button commands. When things didn't go quite as planned, we practised debugging to fix our code. We even designed and built our own mazes for the Bee Bots to navigate!

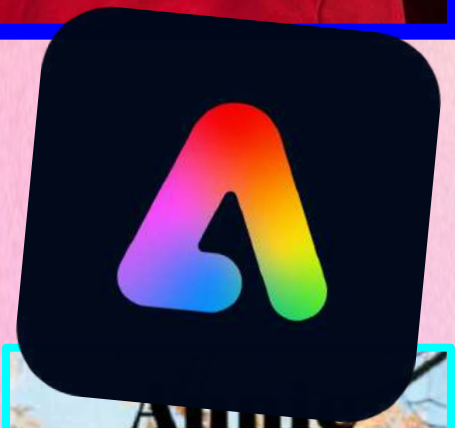


Week 2: Building on what we learned, we worked in pairs to make our Bee Bots dance together. We also explored the Scratch Jr app, where we animated our names using the blue movement blocks and the yellow 'green flag' block to start our code.



BOOST Adobe Express - written by Miss K Davies

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 and 6 have been diving into the exciting world of digital design through Adobe Express. Together, we've explored a wide range of creative skills — from designing eye-catching posters and using various tools to build personalised web pages inspired by our interests, classroom topics, and imaginative ideas. Adobe Express has been a fantastic addition to our BOOST activities, sparking creativity and confidence in digital expression. The children have embraced the platform with enthusiasm, and we're thrilled to continue using it in the classroom to support expressive arts, topic work, and even projects beyond school life. I can't wait to see what the children create next!





Size of Wales Maint Cymru



Size of Wales Workshop - 4D

Last week Size of Wales came in and delivered a workshop that encourages the children to be 'ethical, informed citizens'. Working together they looking into the Atlantic Forest or Brazil and one of it's largest indigenous groups, the Guarani. The children looked at how deforestation is affecting their daily lives, one of the products in particular being Soybean harvesting.



What's On Autumn Term

Please take a look below at what is coming up till the end of November. These dates will be added to as the term goes on, so please keep checking.

Date	Event	Additional details
9th,10th, 13th, 14th and 15th October	Book fayre	315pm-3.45pm (small hall)
13th - 24th October	Swimming fortnight	Years 5 and 6
24th October	Break up for half term	
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day	
Tuesday 4th November	Children back to school	
Tuesday 4th November	Parent/carer meetings	2H and 3P
Wednesday 5th November	Parent/carer meetings	Reception and Reception/Year 1
Thursday 6th November	Parent/carer meetings	5S and 1D
Monday 10th November	Parent/carer meetings	5/6HJ
Monday 10th November	Flu vaccine	
Tuesday 11th November	Parent/carer meetings	6S and 4D
	Parent/carer meetings for 3/4M to be confirmed	
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	Wear something spotty or yellow

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

Monday 3rd November
Monday 23rd February
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May
Monday 20th July

Children In Need 2025 Friday November 14th

We're thrilled to be taking part in a fun-filled day to support Children in Need! To help us celebrate, please help your child to come to school dressed in something **spotty or yellow**.

Donations are welcome either in **cash**, handed to your child's teacher, or **online** through the **School Gateway app** from Monday 10th November.

Let's come together to make a difference while having a fund day at school!

Thank you!



Harvest Celebrations

The whole school will be joining in a joyful Harvest Celebration on Tuesday 21st October, with a beautiful display of donated items from each class. If you'd like to contribute, every class has been invited to bring in specific items, all of which will go towards supporting The Pantri. Donations are completely optional, but if you'd like to take part, please send items in before the celebration so they can be included in the display. Please ensure all food items are in date and unopened. We're really sorry, but we cannot accept any fresh food. Thank you so much for all your donations so far-our trolley is overflowing. Keep the donations coming!



WE ARE SUPPORTING FARESHARE AND WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL IF YOUR CHILD COULD BRING ANY ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW FOR OUR SCHOOL PANTRI.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

NURSERY & 3P- ANY TINNED FOOD

RECEPTION & 5/6 HJ- PASTA

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 & 5S - RICE

1/2D & 4D- CEREAL

2H & 3/4M- TOILETRIES

6S- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE TROLLEY AT THE OFFICE OR HAND TO THE CLASS TEACHER

Upcoming events

We've got a fabulous mix of family engagement events coming your way - some during the day, some after school, and even a few in the evening, so there's something for everyone. Make sure you check your messages and emails for all the exciting details coming soon!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Autumn 2025

THURS 16 TH OCT	Autumn Adventures: 3.15pm-4.30pm Families with children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to an after-school celebration filled with seasonal crafts, exciting games, and cozy autumn vibes. Sign up is now open.
THURS 27 TH NOV	Wreath making: 9am-10.30am Adults only and cost involved- limited numbers. More details to follow.
TUES 9 TH DEC	Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm After school event for families. More details coming soon.
WED 17 TH DEC	BPS Quizmas Cracker- 7pm-8.30pm Evening event for adults only full of festive cheer and fun- more details to follow

→ FAMILYENGAGEMENT@BRACKLAPRIMARY.CO.UK

MRS KELLAND

ALL YEAR 1 & 2 PUPILS
CINEMA TRIP

ELF

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**FRIDAY 5TH
DECEMBER**

£12
PRICE INCLUDES:
TICKET
BUS TRANSPORT
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN CAN BRING A SMALL BAG OF
SWEETS OR CRISPS AND A DRINK

SIGN UP VIA THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

YEARS 3-6 CINEMA TRIP

HOME ALONE PG



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Just to clarify this Christmas, children in Progression Step 1 will be performing Christmas concerts:



Dec 3rd 10.00 a.m. **Nursery** Children from Mrs Whelan's class

Dec 4th 10.00 a.m. **Reception** children from Mrs Whelan's, Mrs Driscoll's and Mrs Ellis' class

Dec 3rd 2.00 p.m. **Year 1** children from Mrs Ellis and Mrs Delgado's

Children in Years 2 - 6 (including Mrs Delgado's Y2) will perform for families later in the year.

Christmas Fayre
Dec 12th
Stall costs and raffle

Individual photos
Sept 23rd
Various prices

Oct 13th - 24th
Swimming lessons - Y5 & 6
FREE!

November 21st
Children In need
Donations

BOOST
BOOST off site activities -
FREE!

Dec 3rd
Nursery concert
Y1 concert
Tickets £2

Dec 4th
Reception concert
Tickets £2

Christmas Discos
Dec 15th
Rec - Y2 £3
Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck money

Dec 17th
Christmas Jumper day -
recycled jumpers available

Dec 18th
Christmas parties
Bring a plate of food