



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Kindness

RRS - Article 12: Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to

Dear all,

On Tuesday, our school came together for a thoughtful Remembrance Assembly to honour those who served and sacrificed. A special thank you to the children in 6S for talking about their topic 'World at War', which helped us reflect on the importance of peace and understanding. We also want to thank 4D and 5S for sharing their beautiful watercolour poppy artwork, which added a creative touch to the occasion. Thank you to everyone that supported the Royal British Legion with your donations for poppies in the main office.



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 Bialobrzski](#), [Tieraraye Wetton](#), [Tobias Latham-Davies](#), [Ollie Davies](#), [Frankie-Leigh Davies](#), [Miyah Mantell](#), [Dylan James](#), [Camelia Mangu](#), [Maya Ferreira](#), [Ana Evans](#), [Elizabeth Topham](#).



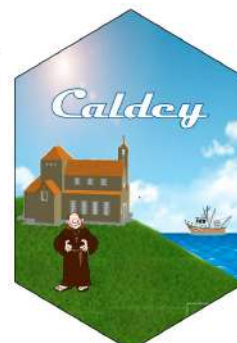
House Points Winner this week:



673
Points



670
Points



654
Points



637
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)	90.63%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	86.67%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	97.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	94.52%
2H (Miss Helm)	95%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.86%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	97.04%
4D (Miss Dawson)	98%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	92.50%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	94.29%
6S (Mr Still)	95.86%



Birthdays this week

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

Lucy Brewer, Charlotte Burton, Reuben Lewis, Mia James, Erin Leyshon, Aderyn Felix.



INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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

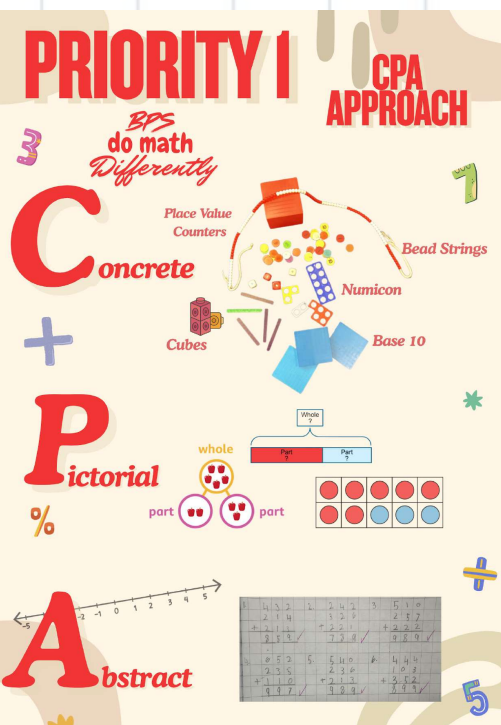
Senedd meeting with the Governors - written by Mrs. Williams

On Wednesday three of the year 6 representatives presented to the school governors.

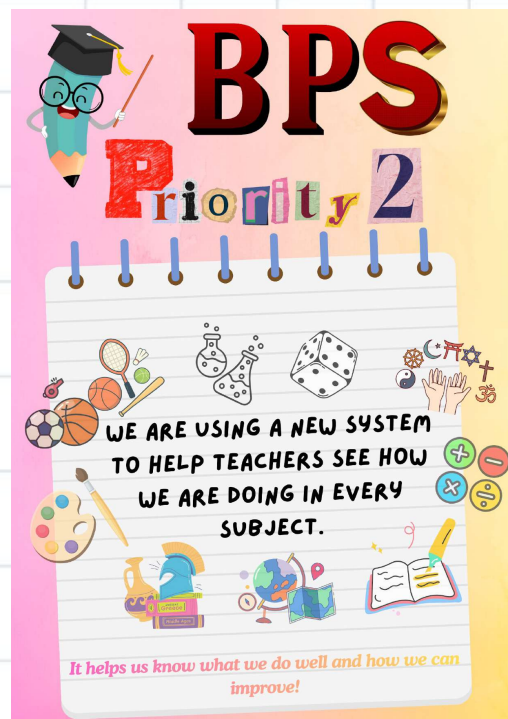
In September Mrs. John tasked the Senedd members to turn the School Development Plan (SDP) Priorities into child speak. They decided the best way to present their work was in the form of posters. After planning and collaborating they used their digital skills to create the posters on Canva. They have been added to our Brackla Pupil Senedd display in the foyer and we hope to distribute them around the school.



Priority 1



Priority 2



Priority 3

PRIORITY 3

We want to help everyone become better writers by making writing lessons even more exciting!

This will help us to improve our ideas, vocabulary, and writing skills.

Your writing makes a difference to the world

USE YOUR VOICE TO MAKE WRITING FUN

Use your super vocabulary to make your writing the best it can be

*Larger versions of posters at the end of newsletter

Children in Need 2025



Children in Need

As a result of your donations today for Children in Need, we raised **£403.59**.

Thank you for your generosity.



Wellbeing Update

Do you look after a family member or a friend who because of disability, illness, mental health condition or addiction couldn't cope without you?

If yes, you are a **Young Carer**

Things a **young carer** might do:

- Practical tasks, such as cooking, housework and shopping
- Physical care, such as helping someone out of bed
- Emotional support, such as talking to someone who is distressed
- Personal care, such as helping someone dress
- Collecting prescriptions and helping to dispense medicine
- Helping someone communicate
- Looking after brothers and sisters



Bridgend Young Carers ID Card

The Young Carer ID is a simple card that can be used by Young Carers to identify themselves, feel validated, and receive the support that they deserve. The Bridgend Young Carer ID Card is part of a Wales-wide scheme, funded by Welsh Government in collaboration with Carers Trust Wales and Local Authorities. The card is to help professionals including doctors, teachers and pharmacists to recognise you are a Young Carer which will help them give you the appropriate support you need and deserve.

Contact us to apply for your ID Card

If you live in Bridgend, Bridgend Young Carers Wellbeing Project team will be able to help you with your ID Card application. Email – joanne.jenkins2@bridgend.gov.uk

To help make sure we give you and the person you support the best and most appropriate information, advice and help possible please let us know about your caring responsibilities. You can do this by contacting joanne.jenkins2@bridgend.gov.uk or your school support teacher.




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.

Christmas @ BPS

Dec 3 rd 10 a.m.	Mrs Whelan's N/Rec concert
Dec 3 rd 2 p.m.	Year 1 concert
Dec 4 th 10 a.m.	Reception concert
Dec 5 th a.m.	Odeon trip Years 1 -6 (bring a bag of sweets/crisps & a drink)
Dec 8th	Nursery and Reception Clumsiest Christmas Elf show in school
Dec 12 th 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Christmas Fayre
Dec 15 th Christmas discos	Rec, Y1, Y2 3.15p.m. - 4p.m. Years 3, 4, 5, 6 4.15 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.
Dec 17th	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Dec 18 th	Santa due to visit and class parties - (bring you own plate of food)



Christmas Fayre

If you would like to hold your own stall in the Christmas Fayre the cost is £10 per table. Please call into the office to reserve a table.
Thank you

What's On Autumn Term

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

Date	Event	Additional details
Wednesday 26th November	Parent/carer meetings	3/4M
Thursday 27th November	Family wreath making workshop	9am - 10.30am
Monday 1st December	Year 1 Audio testing	School nurse
Wednesday 3rd December	Mrs Whelan's Nursery/Reception Christmas concert	10am
	Year 1 Christmas concert	2pm
Thursday 4th December	Year Reception Christmas concert	10am
	After School Christmas event for families	3.15pm - 4.30pm
Friday 5th December	Christmas cinema trip	Years 1 - 6

Christmas is coming...



On Monday, 17th December, a clothes rail will be set up by the school entrance near the office, filled with nativity costumes and Christmas jumpers/outfits. If you would like one, please feel free to help yourself. These items have kindly been donated throughout the year—thank you so much for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
2PM-4PM**

**CELEBRATE THE
SEASON WITH
STALLS, GAMES,
FESTIVE TUNES,
TOYS & FAMILY FUN**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Raffle prizes or vouchers

TOMBOLA DONATIONS:

- Canned food
- Bottled items
- Sweets/chocolate
- Gift sets
- Toiletries

TOY DONATIONS:

**Any good condition toys
for our toy stall**

Children in Year 5 or 6 may attend on their own and will be permitted to leave the school grounds at 3.15pm (if they normally do so)

TICKETS

Tickets for the stalls can be bought at the office from Tuesday 9th December

STALLS

**Want a stall? £10
per table – sign up
in the office**

PICK UP

**Collect your children from
classrooms at 1:50pm. If
you can't attend, collect
from Nursery at 3:15pm.**

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

November-
December

2025

THURS
27TH
NOV

Wreath making: 9am-11am

Adults only and cost involved- limited numbers. Sign up via the school gateway app.

THURS
4TH
DEC

Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

TUES
9TH
DEC

Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

WED
17TH
DEC

BPS Quizmas Cracker- 7pm-8.30pm

Evening event for adults only full of festive cheer and fun. Sign up by emailing Mrs Kelland on familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk

Quizmas Cracker

Adults Only Festive Quiz Night! Join us on Wednesday 17th December, 7-8.30pm for a fun-filled evening of festive trivia, laughter, and fantastic prizes. Test your seasonal knowledge in a lively quiz designed just for adults-guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! Sign up now by emailing Mrs Kelland at familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk



QUIZMAS CRACKER

Test your festive knowledge, take part in a lively quiz, and win fantastic prizes—an evening of fun just for adults!



WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC | 7PM-8.30PM

Brackla Primary School




QUIZ

PRIZES

FUN



Sign up by sending Mrs Kelland an email
familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk



Wreath making workshop

You can now sign up for the adult only wreath making workshop via the school gateway app. The workshop is on Thursday 27th November 9am-11am and costs £15. The cost includes all the materials to make the wreath and there will be light refreshments too (as well as some Christmas music!!).

Please note: Spaces are limited and this is a strictly adult only workshop due to all the equipment that will be around the room- including hot glue guns!



THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
9AM-11AM ; £15

Wreath making Workshop

ALL OF THE MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED

ADULT ONLY EVENT

ALL YEAR 1 & 2 PUPILS
CINEMA TRIP

ELF

PG



**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



**FRIDAY
5TH DECEMBER**

£12

**PRICE INCLUDES:
TICKET
BUS TRANSPORT
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

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PRIORITY 1

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Counters

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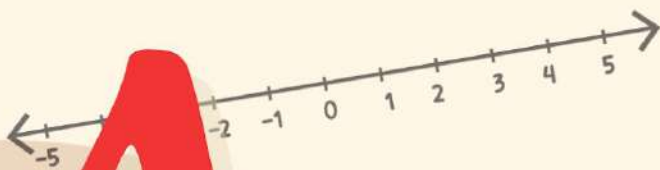
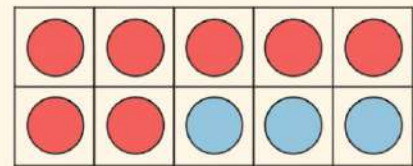
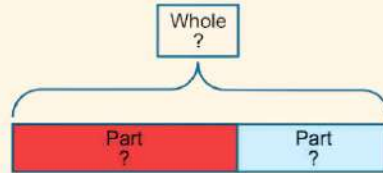


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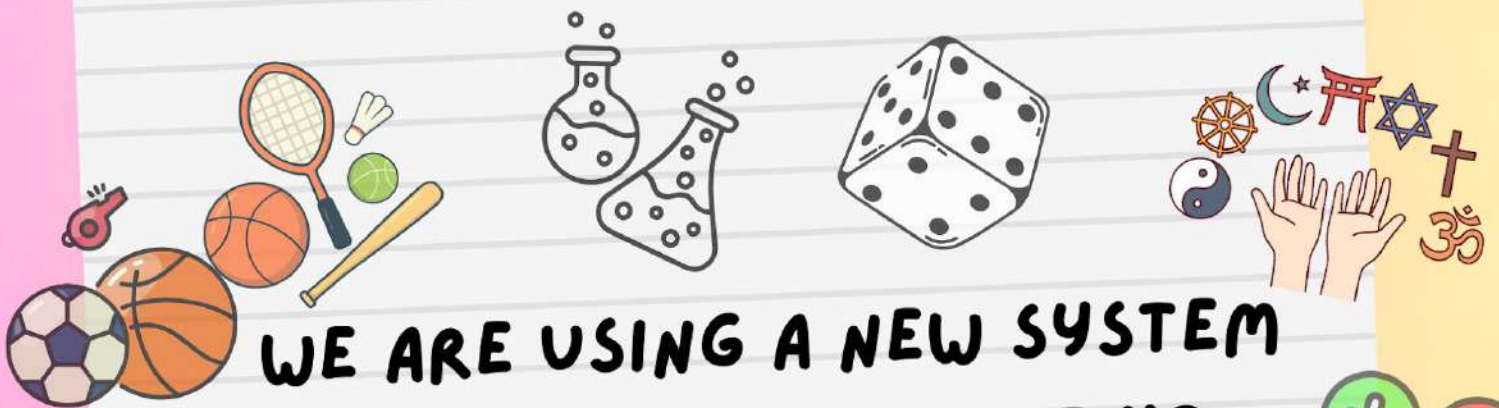
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	+213		+221		+222
	859 ✓		789 ✓		989 ✓
4.	652	5.	540	6.	444
	235		236		103
	+110		+213		+352
	997 ✓		989 ✓		899 ✓





BPS

Priority 2



WE ARE USING A NEW SYSTEM
TO HELP TEACHERS SEE HOW
WE ARE DOING IN EVERY
SUBJECT.



It helps us know what we do well and how we can improve!

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