



# Brackla Primary School

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## Brackla Bulletin 541 (21.11.25)

Value of the month: Kindness

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

Dear all,

It's been another fantastic week of learning across all our classes, and now the countdown to Christmas has officially begun! Our PS1 children have been working hard, learning festive songs and practising their lines for the upcoming Christmas concerts. We can't wait to see them on stage! Please keep an eye on the school diary – there are lots of exciting events coming up, and we don't want you to miss a thing.

**Christmas Fayre Donations** We are now collecting items for our Christmas Fayre. If you are able to contribute, we would be so grateful. Suggested donations include:

- Canned food
- Sweets and chocolates
- Toiletries
- Bottles
- Gift sets
- Toys

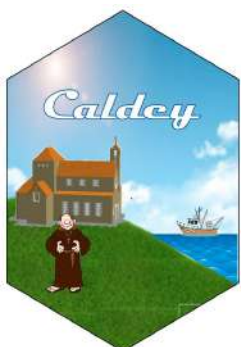
All proceeds will go towards raising funds for our school. Thank you for your continued support – together we can make this festive season extra special for our children.

### 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: [Amelia Hoskins](#), [Sunnie O'Donnell](#), [Peyton Pereira](#), [Megan Mitchell](#), [Diana Moryto](#), [Finn Jones](#), [Finn Sullivan](#), [Charley Allen](#), [Kaito Langmaid](#), [Harry Beresford](#), [Ryan Stovell](#).



## House Points Winner this week:



608  
Points



577  
Points



545  
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/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	82.53%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	93.33%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	95%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	93.87%
2H (Miss Helm)	96%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.86%
3/4M (Mr M <sup>c</sup> Namara)	91.11%
4D (Miss Dawson)	97.20%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	94.29%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	91.79%
6S (Mr Still)	98.67%



### Birthdays this week

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

Luca Colbridge, Olha Goncharova, Penny Still, Olivier Zlotowski, Tommy Lunnon, Amelia Nixon.



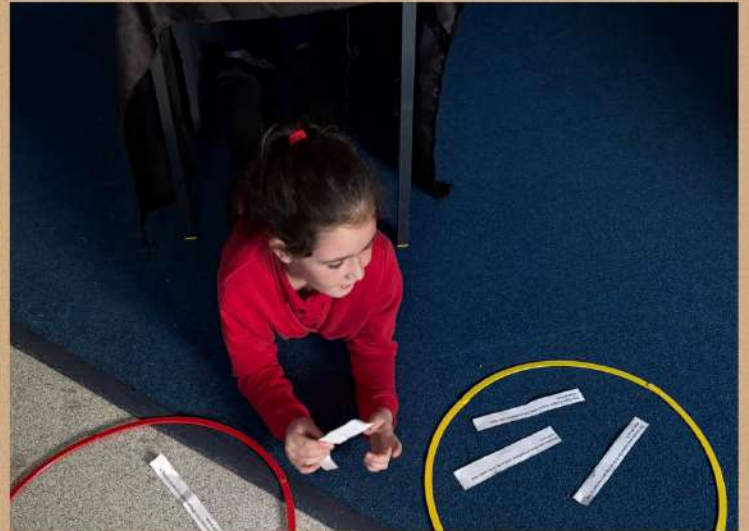
### INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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

**Topic Time for 2H and 3P - written by Miss Helm**

2H and 3P are loving their latest history sessions on Brackla! They have been exploring the history of the "eight x's" and the transformation of Island Farm from worker housing to a POW camp. The highlight was learning about the 1945 escape. The students put their new knowledge to the test in a team "escape challenge." They had to decide if historical facts were true or false, then crawl through a tunnel to deliver their answer to the corresponding hoops. Correct answers meant freedom, while wrong answers meant capture!



# Thank YOU



Huge congratulations to **Miles Davies**, who has raised an amazing **£156** for **Bristol Children's Hospital!** Miles took part in the **5K Hot-Dog Dash** around Bristol to support this wonderful charity, which helps children manage the stresses and fears of being in hospital.

Such a fantastic act of kindness — **da iawn, Miles!** We're all so proud of you.

### **Kindness Assembly - written by Mr McNamara**

On Monday, Amy from the Tabernacle came in to lead an assembly about kindness. She told us a story about a tax collector called Zacchaeus. The story of Zacchaeus shows us how to be kind by not judging people based on what others say about them, because Jesus was kind enough to visit someone everyone else called a "sinner." Even though Zacchaeus was mean before by cheating people, Jesus still showed him respect and love, which is a great example of forgiveness and second chances. Because Jesus was kind to him, Zacchaeus felt sorry for his mistakes and was kind in return by giving his money to the poor and paying back everyone he had cheated. This teaches us that true kindness is about seeing the good in others and making things right when we are wrong. So, just like Jesus looked past the crowd and saw Zacchaeus, we should be kind to everyone we meet, even if they are different or have made mistakes.



**Boost - written by Mr McNamara**

We haven't let the bad weather from the last two weeks stop us getting active in our Boost sessions. The children have enjoyed taking part in parachute games and creating dance moves on different themes.



# Christmas @ BPS

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m.	Mrs Whelan's N/Rec concert
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 p.m.	Year 1 concert
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.	Reception concert
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Christmas Fayre
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	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...



A clothes rail is 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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  
9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Schools Family Advice- Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice will once again be offering free, confidential support at our school. They visit every other week, and their next session will take place on **Friday 28th November, from 9:00am to 2:30pm**. Further details about the service and how to book an appointment can be found below.

# Schools Family Advice

Citizens Advice • Bridgend

## School Visit Schedule

### Tuesday

- Pencoed Primary School

### Every Other Thursday

- Cynffig Comprehensive

- Ogmore Vale Primary School

### Every Other Friday

- Porthcawl Comprehensive

- Brackla Primary

- Archbishop McGrath Comprehensive

- Maesteg Comprehensive

## How to Book

To book an appointment call **01656 762800** and ask for a school appointment, or pop into your school reception to request a referral. You can attend a session at **any** participating school in the Bridgend area — it does not have to be the school your child attends.

Drop-in appointments may also be available on the day **if there are spare appointments**. Ask at school reception.

## Is This Service For You?

**YES — this service is for you if:**

- You have school-aged children
- You are worried about affording food, heating, rent or bills, uniforms, or other essentials
- You have debt
- You are unsure where to turn for support

Any or all of these issues can be discussed in an advice session with us. We offer **FREE advice and signposting** to a range of support to help you and your family.

## What the Sessions Offer

We deliver advice sessions directly within local schools across Bridgend, making it easier for parents and carers to get support closer to home and without the need to travel. These sessions are free, confidential, and focused on helping you find clear next steps.

We understand that rising bills, reduced income, and daily pressures can make life difficult for families. Our advisers can help with a range of concerns, including benefits, income maximisation, housing, energy costs, and debt. Each parent or carer can receive a full benefit check, personalised advice, and signposting to additional support services.

Where appropriate, emergency help such as food or fuel vouchers may be available. If needed, we can also refer you to our specialist debt team for ongoing, in-depth support beyond the school-based session.

## 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  
27<sup>TH</sup>  
NOV

### Wreath making: 9am-11am

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

THURS  
4<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC

### Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

TUES  
9<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC

### Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

WED  
17<sup>TH</sup>  
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](mailto: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](mailto:familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk)



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



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