



# Brackla Primary School

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## **Brackla Bulletin 546 (09.01.26)**

**Value of the month: Happiness**

**RRS - Article 6: You have a right to life and grow up to be healthy**



Dear all,

Happy New Year and welcome back - I hope you had a good Christmas break and are ready to start the new year.

There has been much talk of snow this week, and thankfully we have not experienced it. I am grateful for your support and cooperation at the start of the week during the icy conditions and am sure you will appreciate that changes need to be made in difficult weather conditions. Yesterday you will have received our guidelines for snow and adverse weather conditions, which is also published on our website [Snow and adverse weather conditions protocol](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that we have your most up to date contact details and that you are able to access our School Gateway app, as this will be our main method of communication.

Also this week, you will have received a brief outline of your child's learning for this term. The whole school topic is a Science and Technology based one with a specific focus on materials. Please see the links to the class pages on our website below:

- Nursery/Reception (Mrs Whelan): [Marvellous Materials](#)
- Reception (Mrs Driscoll): [Marvellous Materials \(R\)](#)
- Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis) [Crazy Chemistry \(R/1\)](#)
- 1/2D (Mrs Delgado): [Crazy Chemistry \(1/2D\)](#)
- 2H (Miss Helm): [Science for Survival \(2H\)](#)
- 3P (Miss Pavitt): [Science for Survival \(3P\)](#)
- 3/4M (Mr McNamara): [Science for Survival \(3/4M\)](#)
- 4D (Miss Dawson): [Who Dunit? \(4D\)](#)
- 5S (Mrs Stephens): [Who Dunit? \(5S\)](#)
- 5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter and Miss Jones): [Who Dunit? \(5/6HJ\)](#)
- 6S (Mr Still): [Who Dunit? \(6S\)](#)

### **Reception/Year 1**

Mrs Bartle will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 26th January. I would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Ellis who has been covering her since September and wish her every success for the future.

### **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:

[Orion Loveday-Allen](#), [Pheonix-Colt Hunter](#), [Reuben Lewis](#), [Rosie Jackson](#), [Nate Francis](#), [Connie Carter](#), [Solo-Bay Randall](#), [Mia-Gabriele James](#), [Anisa El-Maniri](#), [Amelia Nixon](#), [Harper Sheldon](#).



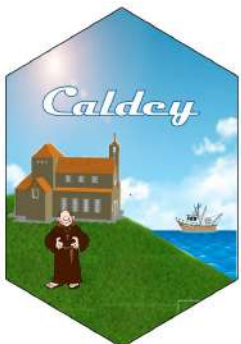
## Attendance

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:

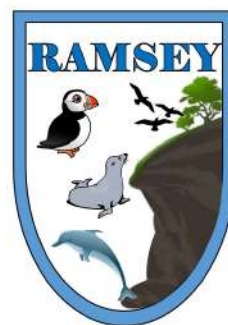
Nursery/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	88.50%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	94.92%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	98%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	92.26%
2H (Miss Helm)	92.58%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.96%
3/4M (Mr M <sup>c</sup> Namara)	82.59%
4D (Miss Dawson)	96.40%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	96.07%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	94.14%
6S (Mr Still)	96.90%



## House Points Winner this week:



**671  
Points**



**653  
Points**



**651  
Points**



**615  
Points**

## What's On in Spring A 2026

Please take a look below at what is coming up in Spring Term A - these dates will be added to as the term goes on.

Date	Event	Additional details
Wednesday 21st January	Fire Service talk	
Tuesday 27th January	Community fair for families	2.30pm-4pm
Thursday 5th February	Valentine's Disco	3.15pm - 4pm: Reception-Yr 2 4.15pm-5.15pm: Yrs 3-6
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term	
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day	School closed for children
Tuesday 24th February	Children back to school	

### INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

Monday 23rd February

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July

### Birthdays this week

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

Millie-Rose Glanville, Eric Low, Ryszard Cegielka, Tieraraye Wetton, Zac Carey, Florence Davies, Chase Hill, Maddie Rees, Alfie Meecham.



## **Block play in Nursery - written by Miss Steel**

It has been wonderful to see the nursery children thriving in our newly created block play area. With a Froebelian outlook on incorporating blocks into our learning environment, we made good use of a large part of the classroom, allowing the children to design and create freely. Research shows that block play is highly beneficial to children's learning, helping to develop mathematical, scientific, and language skills, alongside many other important life skills. We have been very impressed with the progress we have already seen and are looking forward to discovering what our youngest children create over the next term. Da iawn pawb!



**Nursery - written by Mrs Whelan**

Welcome to our new starters this term. All the children have made a super start and are enjoying exploring the new classroom areas. Here are a few of the things they have enjoyed this week.



# Welcome to Nursery



# Wellbeing Update

Attendance at Brackla Primary is really important for your child, and it's a priority for the school, Bridgend CBC, and the Welsh Government. Being in school every day helps your child make the most of their learning, build confidence, develop social skills, and form strong friendships that support their wellbeing.

Across Bridgend, all schools follow the same approach to supporting good attendance, and you will have received the *Attend to Achieve* letter, which explains your child's current attendance and how we can work together to help them thrive.

## How can you help support your child's attendance?

- ★ By ensuring your child arrives at school on time. Doors open at 8.45am and school starts at **8.50am**
- ★ Communicating with school on the first day of any absence: Ring on 01656 815570 or email [admin@bracklaps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@bracklaps.bridgend.cymru) or send a message on the school Gateway app.
- ★ Ensuring your child only misses school for days of illness or religious observance
- ★ Not booking holidays during term-time

Lisa Hicks is the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) for Brackla Primary School. She regularly meets with us in to monitor and discuss pupils' attendance and any persistent lateness. She also supports families to improve attendance and punctuality. The flow charts below shows the actions that school and the FEO follow if a child's attendance falls below 92% or if there are any concerns with punctuality.

If you have any concerns with your child's attendance or punctuality at school, Mrs Baldrige is available to discuss and support further.

### **Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School**

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldrige, 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.

# Attendance Flow Chart

Schools meet with  
EWS every 3 weeks

Attendance  
above 92% - no  
further action  
needed

Attendance  
below 92%  
Letter 1 sent to  
parents

Attendance must  
improve in 3 weeks by  
next EWS Meeting

No improvement  
Letter 2 sent –  
invite to meeting

If you attend  
Attendance will  
continue to be  
monitored and  
improvement  
expected

Attendance  
improves – no  
further action

No Improvement  
in 2/3 weeks  
Referral to EWO

Referral to EWS  
Service if parent  
does not attend

**#attendtoachieve**

# Punctuality Flow Chart

Schools meet with  
EWO every 3 weeks

No lates  
No further action

5 lates in a term  
Letter 1 sent

No improvement  
Letter 2 sent –  
invite to meeting

Punctuality must  
improve in 3 weeks

If you attend  
Punctuality will  
continue to be  
monitored and  
improvement  
expected

Punctuality  
improves – no  
further action

No Improvement  
– Referral to EWO  
made

Referral to EWO  
Service if parent  
does not attend

#attendtoachieve

# Wellbeing Update

## INTRODUCTION TO Challenging behaviour

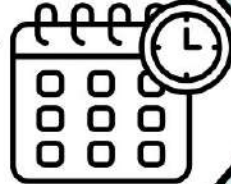


The SHINE team works closely with our school to support whole-school emotional and mental wellbeing, and they also provide guidance and practical help for families.

We are delighted to welcome Clare Blakemore, (Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner) will be delivering a session on 'Introduction to Challenging Behaviour' at school on

**Monday, January  
26th at 2:00pm**

Refreshments provided



This training explores the foundations of behaviour, including the ABCs, reinforcement, functions of behaviour and practical interventions. It also offers time to discuss real-life situations and support families with questions about challenging behaviour.

Please sign up on the School Gateway app

Our community fair was such a success last year that we're excited to be hosting another one on **Tuesday 27th January, 2.30pm–4pm**. Come along and connect with over 20 local agencies and services offering support, advice, and resources for families. Expect **freebies, refreshments, and plenty of opportunities to chat and connect**. There's no need to sign up-just drop in anytime between 2.30pm and 4pm. For more information, please speak to **Mrs Kelland, our Family Engagement Officer**.

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**Tuesday 27th January**  
Pop in anytime between 2.30-4pm

## Community Fair

Join us at our first Community Fair in the school hall, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with over **20 local agencies** and services providing valuable support, advice, and resources for families.

**NO sign up required**  
**All welcome**

SHINE

Financial support

Early Help

Well being/Mental health

Citizens Advice



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