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Value of the month: Happiness



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

Dear all,

This week, the whole school have become fully engaged in our Science and Technology based topic on materials. If you missed last week's newsletter, you'll find links there to each class's topic overview for more details.

On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome a special visitor - a Chemical Engineering student from MIT University in Boston, who worked with 4 classes to share his knowledge and also set them creative and science based challenges.

In this newsletter, you will also find write ups from 1/2D on their 'Crazy Chemistry' experiments and learn about Dr Whoopsie's Wacky Workshop in Nursery and Reception.

Coming Up....

We also have some exciting events coming up. Clare Blakemore from Shine will be running a session on behaviour on Monday 26th January at 2pm. Plus, don't miss our Community Fair - a fantastic opportunity to connect with over 20 agencies offering support and advice (along with some free goodies)! Last year's fair was a huge success and we are looking forward to this year's event on Tuesday 27th January 2.30pm-4pm.

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: [Elis James](#), [Rowan Hopson-Griffiths](#), [Jack Jenkins](#), [Hailey-Mai Hopson](#), [Ava Evans](#), [George Mowbray-Harwood](#), [Harry Blank](#), [Harrison Black](#), [Morgan-Mae Jenkins](#), [Jacob Lee-Burke](#), [Heath Francis](#).



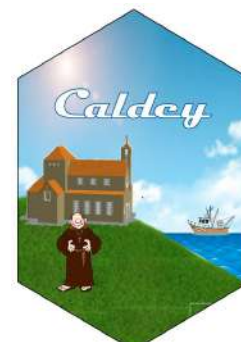
House Points Winner this week:



**618
Points**



**615
Points**



**603
Points**



**544
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)	92.05%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	96.27%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	93.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	95.16%
2H (Miss Helm)	93.87%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.96%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	89.63%
4D (Miss Dawson)	90.80%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	90.36%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	92.41%
6S (Mr Still)	93.10%



Birthdays this week

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

Mia Owen, Evelyn Morgan, Jenson Powell, Aston Cheung, Emilie Jones.



Important

Communication from parents

To ensure all your enquiries are handled as efficiently as possible, We are updating how we manage communication between home and school.

What is changing?

From Jan 16th 2026, we will be moving all parent-initiated messaging to the School Gateway app.

How to stay in touch:

Seesaw: You will still receive class announcements, photos of work, and general updates from your child's teacher. However, the "reply" and direct messaging functions for parents will be disabled.

School Gateway: Please use this app for all two-way communication, including replies to school messages or any questions you may have for staff.

Phone: As always, for urgent matters or detailed discussions, please feel free to call the school office directly.

By streamlining our messages through the School Gateway, we can ensure that your queries reach the right person and are responded to promptly.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school communication as effective as possible.



Seesaw

Schoolgateway

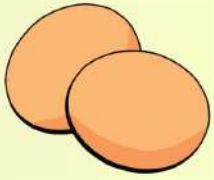


CRAZY CHEMISTRY!

1/2D have kickstarted their Crazy Chemistry topic with some wild and wonderful experiments. We watched coca cola explode, predicted and observed what happened to skittles when warm water was poured on them and created rainbow clouds using shaving foam and coloured water. This week we had to work out which was the boiled egg without breaking the eggs, so we had to come up with ideas to try to see which one was different. We realised that boiled eggs spin quickly but fresh eggs don't!



I've boiled an egg for my salad and now I don't know which one it is. Can you help me?



Do boiled eggs float?

Do boiled eggs roll differently?



MARVELLOUS MATERIALS

Nursery and Reception have had a great start to their new topic 'Marvellous Materials'. We had a Wacky Workshop with Dr. Whoopsie. It was lots of fun but all of the experiments went a little bit wrong. It's ok though because we are going to learn all about materials and send messages to Dr. Whoopsie to help him. We have already started by learning about the properties of materials, how they can change shape and we even made our own playdough to squash and squeeze into different shapes!





Bend it, Stretch it, Squash it!



WIL: To show curiosity about materials
WIG: I can use trial and error to explore the materials
I can talk about the differences
I can share my ideas and discoveries with my friends



PIC·COLLAGE



Dr. Whoopsie's Problem of the Week

Oh no boys and girls!
My playdough keeps going wrong. It's
either too runny or like a bouncy ball!



Please help me. It
should look like this!



flour

salt

We made
playdoh!

Food colouring

Mix, mix, mix!

oil

PIC COLLAGE

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

Ospreys in the community

Ospreys in the Community Camps, will be running in the February half term and are open to primary-school-aged children of all abilities.

The camps are designed to be **fun, active and inclusive**, giving children the opportunity to:

- Stay active and healthy
- Build confidence and teamwork skills
- Take part in rugby-based games and activities led by experienced coaches
- Enjoy a safe, positive environment during the school holidays

👉 **Camp information and booking link:**

<https://www.ospreysrugby.com/community/defender-rugby-camps>

They are also running a girls only rugby camp in February for pupils in year 6 to year 9, They have 30 spaces available for this camp and would love to sell it out and promote girls' rugby within the Ospreys region.

<https://tktp.as/EFYXWG/charlie-mundy>



SCHOOL CLUBS

(Week beginning 12.01.26)

TUESDAY

Card Swapping (Max 20) Card swapping club - bring your card collection to school to swap your cards with other children. Any cards are fine (pokemon, football, dinosaur cards, etc).	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 3 - 6	Mr Still
Crafty Kids (Max 15)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Delgado

WEDNESDAY

Choir	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years 3 - 6	Miss Dawson
Film Club (Max 15) Watch short clips from popular films and take part in follow up activities and discussions.	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 & 3	Mrs Hayter

THURSDAY

Rangers	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Brackla Rangers	Mr Williams
Criw Cynefin (Max 15) We will be exploring children's sense of belonging. There will be arts and crafts style activities, games, stories and other activities.	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 - 4	Miss Jones

Wellbeing Update

INTRODUCTION TO Challenging behaviour

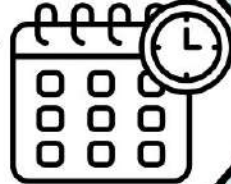


The SHINE team works closely with our school to support whole-school emotional and mental wellbeing, and they also provide guidance and practical help for families.

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**.

A promotional poster for a community fair. At the top left, 'BPS' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. To its right, 'Tuesday 27th January' is written in blue, with 'Pop in anytime between 2.30-4pm' below it. The main title 'Community Fair' is in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, a paragraph of text describes the event. A central graphic features a large green megaphone with a blue outline. To the left of the megaphone, five blue rounded rectangles are connected by a dashed line to a central point. These rectangles contain the text: 'SHINE', 'Financial support', 'Early Help', 'Well being/Mental health', and 'Citizens Advice'. To the right of the megaphone, a blue circular icon contains a white coffee cup and saucer, with the text 'Refreshments provided' below it. At the bottom center, there is a small green envelope icon with an '@' symbol, followed by the email address 'familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk'. The background of the poster is light green and white with abstract shapes and lines.

NATIONAL TRUST FREE PASS

Simply pick up a copy of the Daily Mirror or Sunday Mirror by
Sunday, January 18, 2026

Click on the link to find out more:

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/money/free-national-trust-pass-worth-29765694.amp>

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

2026

January-
March

TUES
27TH
DEC

Community Fair- 2.30pm-4pm

Pop along anytime between 2.30pm-4pm and connect with over 20 local agencies and services offering support, advice, and resources for families.

TUES
3RD
FEB

Parents vs children- Years 3-6

More info to follow- sign up not open yet

STARTS
TUES
10TH FEB

The Nurturing Programme- 9.30am-11.30am

6 week course starting Tuesday 10th February (every Tuesday) 9.30am-11.30am. Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun but looking after them can be stressful and challengeing. This programme helps deals with those challenges.

FRI
20TH
MARCH

Wild Adventures - Morning

More details to follow- Sign up not open yet

MON
23RD
MARCH

Easter Eggstravaganza- 2pm-3pm

More details to follow- Sign up not open yet

MON
23RD
MARCH

Easter Eggstravaganza 3.15pm-4.30pm

More details to follow- Sign up not open yet

The background is a light pink color with a border of red hearts and balloons. At the top, two large red hearts hang from thin black lines. The rest of the page is decorated with various sizes of red and light blue balloons, some of which are heart-shaped. Small red hearts are scattered throughout the top half of the page.

FEBRUARY 5TH

Valentine's
Discos

3.15pm - 4pm

Rec to Y2 - £3

4.15pm - 5.15pm

Y3-Y6 - £2

(plus tuck money)



Sign up on
School gateway
app

GIRLS UNDER 14s WINTER *Training*



Do you enjoy keeping fit, hanging out with friends and want to try out cricket for the first time?

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

NO PRESSURE IS PUT ON YOU

JUST GOOD VIBES & A GREAT TEAM

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE RULES!

TURN UP AND TRY CRICKET FOR YOURSELF



What You Get:

- New Skills
- New Friends
- Fun Sessions
- Confidence Boost
- Games, Matches & Fun

New Year Training Dates:

1st February

8th February

1st March

8th March

22nd March

4pm to 5pm: Cowbridge

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