



Brackla Primary School

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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 we welcomed Estyn inspectors to the school to review the progress we had made since our last inspection. Exactly two years to the day, they came back to look undertake a one day visit and spent time in classrooms, talking to the children and staff and meeting with leaders. The outcome of the letter will be published by the end of February and will be shared with you once available. I would just like to thank all of the children and staff for working so hard and showcasing the amazing work that goes on every day in BPS!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcome student teachers from Swansea University to spend time looking at how we approach outdoor learning in Brackla Primary. We have also been recognised as a School For Nature and thanks to Mr Williams for leading on this.



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: [Iwan Taylor](#), [Arthur Apssee](#), [Rae Muckell](#), [Tilly Parker](#), [Archie Kelland](#), [Lily Thomas](#), [Jack Ashley](#), [Mia James](#), [Daniel Guz](#), [Maddie Rees](#), [Oscar Thomas](#).



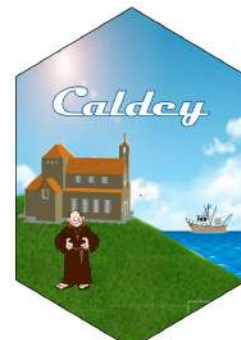
House Points Winner this week:



**610
Points**



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**552
Points**



**541
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)	74.61%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	93.21%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	95.67%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	94.19%
2H (Miss Helm)	93.87%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	95.56%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	88.55%
4D (Miss Dawson)	89.20%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	98.93%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	93.79%
6S (Mr Still)	98.97%



Birthdays this week

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

Harriet Eynon, Archie Kelland, Reeve Bonnamy, Ivy Waldron, Eran Bardhi.



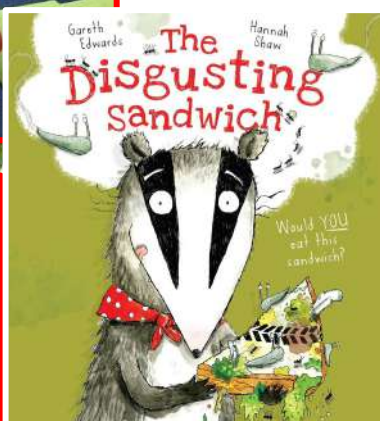
3/4M - written by Mr McNamara

We have had a busy last couple of weeks making predictions and carrying out investigations in our topic lessons, creating friendship bracelets as part of our Thrive on Monday mornings as well as working on different ways of sending and receiving equipment in our P.E. lessons. The children have also been exploring colour mixing and creating their own pieces of artwork to match different moods. In our language lessons we started off by gathering ideas for a senses poem by exploring our wild area. We then worked on adjectives and adverbs before completing our final poems.



Reception/Year 1 - written by Mrs Bartle

Wow! What a week it has been in Reception / Year 1. As part of our Crazy Chemistry topic we learned about yeast through an exciting science experiment. We predicted what might happen to the balloons when we mixed yeast, sugar and warm water together. We explored what would happen if we didn't add sugar to one of the bottles and discovered that the balloon didn't inflate as much as the other balloons that had yeast and sugar. Did you know that yeast is a tiny living thing? It is so small you can't see it without a microscope, but it is part of the same family as mushrooms. When you feed it sugar and warm water, it "wakes up" and starts to eat. As it eats, it breathes out tiny bubbles of gas. Those tiny bubbles get trapped inside bread dough and act like millions of tiny balloons that push the bread up to make it big, soft and spongy. We also had lots of fun making bread with Mrs Charles. This week we read 'The Disgusting Sandwich' story so we made disgusting sandwiches in the wild with Mr Williams.



What's On in Spring A & B 2026

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

Date	Event	Additional details
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	
Wednesday 4th March	Techniquet trip	2H, 3P & 3/4M
Friday 27th March	Break up for Easter	

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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

Kids vs Parents- After school event

Get ready for an action-packed hour of fun, laughter and friendly competition! We are excited to invite children in **Years 3–6** (and their parents/carers) to our after-school event next week on **Tuesday 3rd February: 3.15pm-4.15pm**. This will be one hour of non-stop games, challenges and team competitions, where children go head-to-head with their parents to see who will be crowned the ultimate champions! **Sign up via the School Gateway app (you need to sign up each child individually)** and join the fun! We can't wait to see who wins... Parents or Children?



Wellbeing Update



The Nurturing Programme

We are excited to be holding the Nurture programme at school for 6 weeks beginning **Tuesday February 10th 9.30 - 11.30 for six weeks.**

The Early Help Nurture Programme supports parents/carers to better understand children's behaviour, recognise the feelings behind it, explore positive approaches to discipline, and build co-operation and self-discipline at home – while also helping parents look after their own wellbeing.

If you are interested in joining please register on the School Gateway App.



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.

How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on *The Parenting Puzzle* book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:

Brackla Primary School
STARBURST ROOM

When:

STARTS: Tues 10th Feb for 6 weeks.

TIME : 9:30am - 11:30am (Term Time Only)

Contact details:

Please ask and complete the relevant registration forms with Brackla Primary to register your interest for Nurture Parenting Group Programme.



The Centre for Emotional Health

familylinks.org.uk
Registered charity 1062514



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The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



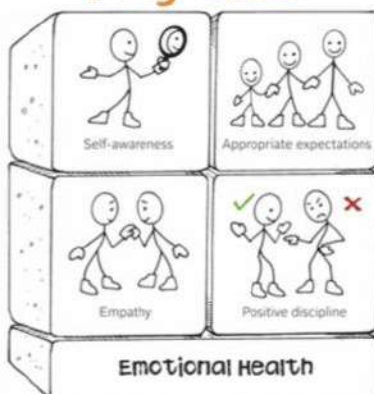
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including

Understanding

why children behave as they do

Recognising

the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring

different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle





Cost of the school day



SPRING TERM

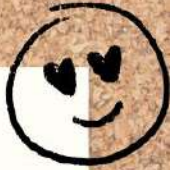
March
4th

Techniquetrip -
2H, 3P, 3/4M
£10

Valentine's Discos Feb 5th

Rec - Year 2 3.15 - 4.pm £3

Year 3 - Year 6 4.14 - 5.15 pm £2 plus tuck



Feb
25th

Mabinogion storyteller
sessions

Feb 25th

R/1, 1/2D, 2H, 3P - school to fund



Look out for

Family

Engagement

activities for this
term!

March 18th

Wacky Workshop for Parents

Mrs Whelan & Mrs Driscoll's classes

FREE!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events



February-March

2026

TUES
3RD
FEB

Kids vs Parents: 3.15pm-4.15pm

One hour of fun, games & head-to-head competition. Will parents win....or will the kids take the crown? ??

FRI
20TH
MARCH

Wild Adventures- morning

More details to follow- sign up not open yet.

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23RD
MARCH

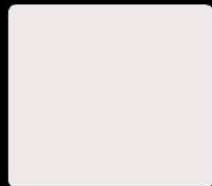
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FEBRUARY 5TH

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



Claim your
30 Hours
Funding

February Half-Term Holiday Club

Book your place now
01656 668849



Real-time updates on Parent App



Fingerprint biometric access

CCTV

operates throughout our nurseries

Banana Moon Day Nursery Bridgend
Triangle Shopping Centre, Bridgend CF31 2LL
Call us on 01656 668849
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