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Value of the month: **Responsibility**



RRS - Article 19: You should not be harmed and you should be looked after and kept safe

Dear all,

What a great start to the second part of the spring term. It has been Welsh Week across the school this week and it has been fantastic to see the children getting creative, exploring their locality, and learning more about the rich heritage and traditions of Wales. The warmer weather has been an added bonus, giving everyone the chance to enjoy some of their activities outdoors.

This afternoon, we all came together for a special showcase where each class shared their learning and some performed. It was a brilliant celebration of what it means to be Welsh and a lovely opportunity to recognise the children's hard work and enthusiasm. In this edition of the newsletter, you can read all about what the classes have been up to.

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: [Aurora-Mae Harris](#), [Rosie Black](#), [Noah Mantell](#), [Rhian Nolan](#), [Aun Rana](#), [Brychan Williams](#), [Jaxon Gale](#), [Kaleb Tennant](#), [Elsie Beresford](#), [Ollie Parker](#), [Tommy Lunnon](#).



House Points Winner this week:



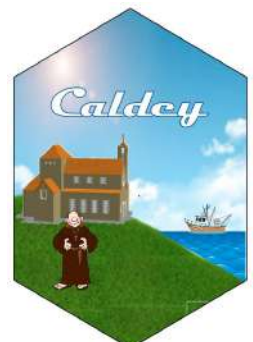
**492
Points**



**472
Points**



**467
Points**



**457
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)	87.92%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	94.92%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	97.5%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	95.56%
2H (Miss Helm)	96.37%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	96.76%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	87.96%
4D (Miss Dawson)	97.5%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	95.09%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	93.10%
6S (Mr Still)	93.33%



Birthdays this week

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

Amelia Hoskins, Charley Allen, Sasha Movchan, Reuben Sanders, Raffy Summers, Maisy Keepin, Tudor Moldovan, Abigail Payne, Luca-Jay Gardner-Ponting, Iwan Taylor.



Welsh week in nursery - written by Miss Steel

Nursery have been learning all about St David's Day. We went on a Daffodil hunt around the school and found some beautiful ones down the wild. We even found some dragons hidden outside! We made our very own St David out of recycled materials and some of us made some fantastic dragons in the block play area. For PE, we pretended to be dragons from the story 'Megan and the Dragon' and practiced our jumping and landing. We are displaying our wonderful Daffodil paintings in assembly, accompanied by our special Daffodil counting song.





Making our own St David with recycled materials



Welsh Week in Reception - written by Mrs Driscoll

What a wonderful Welsh Week we have had in Reception! We have loved learning all about living in Wales and exploring our special traditions. We read the story 'The Red Dragon / Y Ddraig Goch' and used percussion instruments to turn it into an exciting sound story, thinking carefully about how to represent different parts of the tale with music. Inspired by the artist Eric Carle, we painted in his colourful style and created our own textured papers using a variety of tools. We then used these beautiful papers to make fantastic collage dragons and dinosaur eggs. We discovered that the daffodil is our special flower in Wales and enjoyed a daffodil hunt around the school grounds, practising our photography skills to take our own pictures. We also looked closely at real daffodils and created some lovely observational paintings. To finish our super week, we proudly performed our Dragon Song to the whole school on Friday afternoon. Da iawn, Reception!



Reception/Year 1 - written by Mrs Bartle

We've had a wonderful time this week celebrating Welsh Week. We had a fantastic start to the week making dragon eyes using clay and took part in a Mabinogion storytelling workshop led by Laura from Bigfoot Arts Education who deliver creative, curriculum-based workshops to inspire, engage and bring learning to life. The children learned about the story of The Red Dragon Y Ddraig Goch. They also did some real life drawings of daffodils and learned about their importance to Wales. We went on a daffodil hunt around the school grounds and took some impressive photos. To end the week, the children worked together to use different materials to create a collage of a castle, a leek and the Red Dragon which we will display in class. They also enjoyed reciting a poem about Wales as a class during a whole school celebration assembly. Well done everyone for remembering all of the words!



2H & 3P Welsh Week 2026 - written by Miss Helm

We have had a fantastic Welsh week this year, driven by the curriculum area of Expressive arts. We have considered the concept of Cynefin - places and people that give us a special feeling of being safe and belonging and have used our school Wild and grounds to inspire and develop our skills in poetry, photography, 3D sculpture, observational drawing and drama - ardderchog!
Take a look at our Seesaw page to see your child's photography and more.



1/2D - written by Mrs Delgado

What a great Welsh Week we've had. We have been learning how to edit daffodil pictures on the iPads and have created Andy Warhol style art. Using clay we have created dragons' eyes and have made large group collages of dragons, castles and daffodils. We have found out some facts about Wales and where we are on a world map. We have even done folk dancing and have learnt a poem as a class to perform in front of the school on Friday.



4D & 5S

Throughout Welsh week, classes 4D and 5S fully immersed themselves into Expressive Arts, beginning with a nature-inspired photography session influenced by the iconic styles of Laura Ashley and Claire Tuxworth. After capturing the beauty of the outdoors, the children experimented with the textures of watercolours and gouache paint to produce impressive pieces of art. They then used Canva to transform their original photographs into intricate repeating patterns designed specifically for clothing. The creative exploration continued, where pupils used GarageBand to compose original, Welsh-inspired musical tracks. The children displayed all of their hard work in a spectacular fashion show during the Welsh assembly. A very expressive Welsh week!



Criw Cynefin & 5/6HJ - written by Miss Jones

As part of our Welsh Week celebrations, the children have been exploring their sense of *cynefin*, that uniquely Welsh feeling of belonging, identity, and connection to place. It has been a joy to watch them express what Wales means to them through a rich mix of creative activities.

Pupils in 'Criw Cynefin' and 5/6HJ created beautiful posters inspired by Welsh landscapes, symbols, and stories that shape their sense of Cynefin. From dragons and daffodils to mountains and mining heritage, their creations captured the spirit of Wales in vibrant colour and imagination.

Through stories, poems, and songs, pupils explored what makes their *cynefin* special – family, friendships, memories, and the places that feel like home. Their words and voices filled the classroom with warmth and Welsh identity.



Heddiw yw Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant. Today is St David's Day.

Dewi Sant oedd dyn caredig. St David was a kind man.

Meddylwch am bethau bychain i'w gwneud. Think of little things to do.

Mae'r cennin a cennin pedr yn symbolau Cymru. The leek and the daffodil are symbols of Wales.

Gadewch i ni rannu a bod yn garedig. Let's share and be kind.

Dathlu hanes Cymru. Celebrating Welsh history.

A wnaethoch chi rywbeth caredig heddiw? Did you do something kind today?

Cânwn gân am Ddewi Sant. Let's sing a song about St David.



6S & 5/6HJ - written by Miss Jones

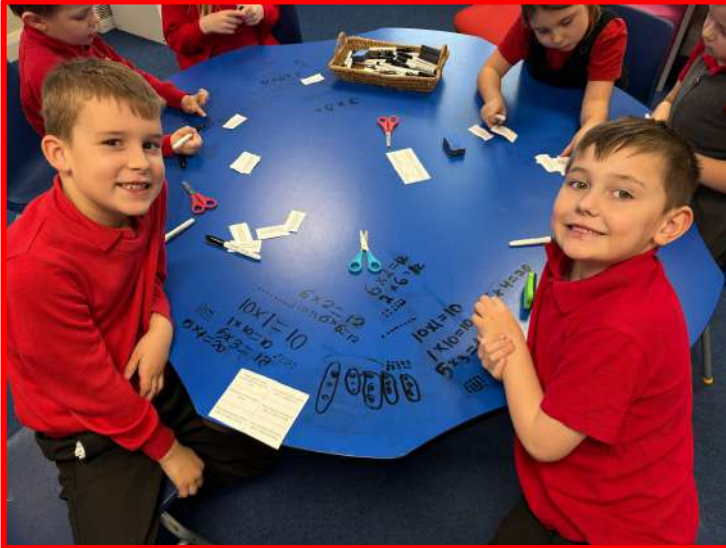
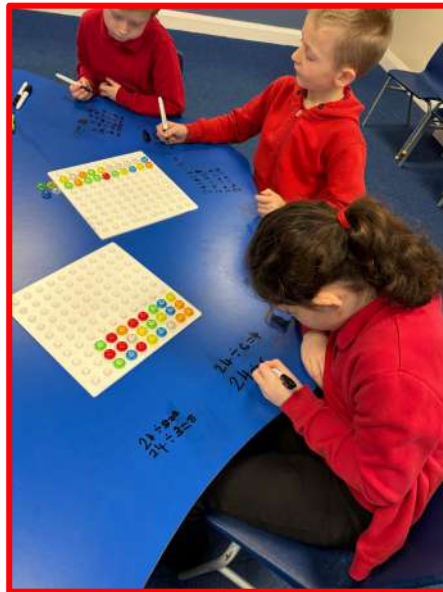
6S and 5/6HJ have been busy creating breathtaking dragon's eyes to use in their drama performance during our Welsh Week Showcase. They have put a great deal of effort into these unique designs, ensuring that no two eyes are the same. A job well done on their fantastic artistic skills!

Many of you may have had your children come home this week practising their very important parts in their play, 'Squirrel and the Fox'. Whether that be a speaking role, an acting role, or even playing a tree, everyone has had a vital part in the development of the play. **Ymdrech dda! Da iawn i bawb!**



Spring Term A in 2H - written by Miss Helm

What a whirlwind half-term we had last term exploring our Science For Survival topic! Our young scientists have been busy investigating material properties, observing chemical reactions, and expertly presenting their findings in block graphs. In our literacy sessions, the children have traveled from the page to the imagination: writing emotive diaries and senses poems inspired by the book *Stranded*, and even writing instructions to help the character from the Pixar short *Knick Knack* escape his snowglobe. Our Maths sessions have been equally action-packed, as we've mastered using arrays for multiplication and explored grouping and sharing for division. We ended the term on a high as we dove into the world of fractions by finding parts of shapes and are looking forward to our class trip and assembly for our parents this half term!

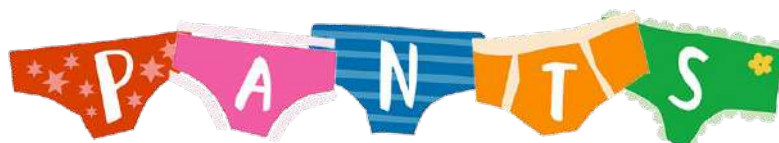


Wellbeing Update

Next week many of our pupils will be revisiting Pantosaurus to help them learn about keeping themselves safe. The lesson is delivered using simple, child-friendly language to give your child the confidence and knowledge to stay safe. Talking about the PANTS rules helps children understand that their body belongs to them and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Use this link to look in more detail on the NSPCC website:

[Simple conversations to help keep your kids safe from abuse](#)



The PANTS rules

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR
BODY BELONGS TO YOU

N O MEANS NO

T ALK ABOUT SECRETS
THAT UPSET YOU

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE
CAN HELP



[The Pantosaurus Song! | #TalkPANTS | NSPCC](#)

Sing along with Pantosaurus - his song is a catchy introduction to the PANTS messages.

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.

What's On in Spring B 2026

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

Date	Event	Additional details
Wednesday 4th March	Techniquetrip trip	2H, 3P & 3/4M
Wednesday 4th March	'Digital Dilemmas' workshop for families	Years 3-6 2pm-3pm
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March	Numeracy and Play	Nursery families 9.15am-10.30am
Tuesday 10th March	Yr 6 residential meeting for families	2.45pm
Friday 20th March	Outdoor learning for families workshops	Details to follow
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 March: 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?





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!

Small People, Big Online World

Who is this session for?

**Families who have
children in Nursery
up to Year 2.**

Helpful Tips

**Tips to get your
child off screens &
into the real world.**

Youtube

**Youtube
Vs
Youtube kids**

What do you do?

**My child is asking for
a phone, tablet, etc.**

Wednesday 25th February: 2pm-3pm

Sign up now via the School Gateway app







NUMBER AND PLAY


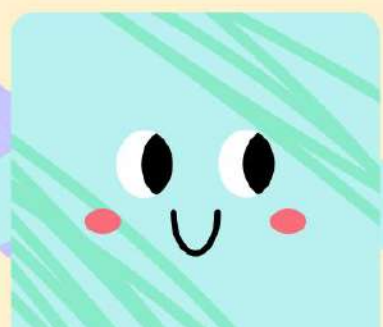



Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March

9am-10.30am



Each session has two parts: a short, practical introduction for parents and carers (with a cuppa), followed by playful, hands-on numeracy activities you'll enjoy with your child. We'll show how early number skills and play work together to support your child's learning and confidence.



*Sign up to all 4 sessions via the school gateway app
Spaces are limited - Nursery children only*



**Small cuddly
chicks, sheep or
bunnies**

**Easter
crafts**

**Sensory
toys**

**Arts and
craft**

EASTER DONATIONS

**Allergy-friendly
Easter eggs**

Stickers

**Easter
eggs**



Noak's Ark

**Children's Hospital Charity
Elusen Ysbyty Plant**

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

March

2026

TUES
3RD
MARCH

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
13TH
MARCH

Pre-loved Clothes Swap: 8.30am-9.15am & 2.45pm-3.30pm

Donate any unwanted children's clothes and pop to our pre-loved shop to pick up some freebies!

FRI
20TH
MARCH

Wild Adventures- morning

More details to follow- sign up not open yet.

MON
23RD
MARCH

Easter Eggstravaganza: 2pm-3pm

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