



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Confidence

RRS - Article 7: Your right to a name and nationality



Dear all,

Over the next few weeks, our pupils will be sharing and celebrating their learning in a variety of exciting ways. Some classes will be sharing their work digitally, giving families a chance to share their children's learning, while others will invite families into school for in person events.

As each year group is at a different point in their learning, not all classes will have an in school event this term. If your child's class is not inviting families in over the coming weeks, you will be welcomed to an in person showcase next term.

Please see below for dates and details of this term's events.

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| • Nursery and Reception (Mrs Whelan and Mrs Driscoll) 'Wacky Workshop' | 18th March | 1.45pm |
| • 2H: 'Science for Survival' class assembly | 19th March | 2.30pm |
| • 3P: 'Science for Survival' class assembly | 18th March | 2.30pm |
| • 4D and 5S: Cluedo Who Dunnit? | 24th March | 2pm |
| • 5/6HJ: Cluedo Who Dunnit? | 25th March | 2pm |
| • 6S: Cluedo Who Dunnit? | 25th March | 9.15am |

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: Luca-Jay Gardner-Ponting, Luca Colbridge, Aneira Felix, Chase Hill, Jasmine Tucker, Theodore Lock, Joel Danso, Olivier Zlotowski, Alexander Wojdyla, Kenleigh Fry, Hope Cabigting.



House Points Winner this week:



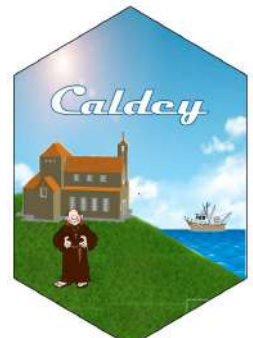
**518
Points**



**512
Points**



**500
Points**



**480
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)	88.09%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	92.54%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	99.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	94.52%
2H (Miss Helm)	96.45%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.96%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	90.74%
4D (Miss Dawson)	99.60%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	98.21%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	91.43%
6S (Mr Still)	94.67%



Birthdays this week

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

Eloise Cutter, Katie Smith, Finn Sullivan, Maya Ferreira, Ciaran Robinson, Michael Smith, Ollie Lewis.



Parent & Community Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for both Parent Governors and Community Governors. Governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure the best outcomes for all pupils.

What does the Governing Body do?

- Supports the school's vision and strategic direction
- Holds school leaders to account
- Oversees school finances

Time Commitment

Governors attend at least four meetings per year, plus committee meetings where relevant. Papers are read in advance, and governors visit school during the day as part of their monitoring role.

Parent Governors – How to Apply

All parents/carers are eligible. If we receive multiple applications, a ballot will be held. Please submit by **Friday 20th March**:

- Your name, address, email, phone number
- Your child's name and class
- A brief statement (max. 100 words) explaining your interest

Community Governors – What Are They?

Community Governors are appointed by the Governing Body to represent and strengthen links with the wider community. Ideally, they should live or work within the community served by the school. bridgend.gov.uk

How to Apply as a Community Governor

In line with Bridgend County Borough Council guidance, prospective Community Governors should contact the school directly to express their interest.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these vacancies.



Pre-Loved Children's Clothes Swap on Friday 13th March: 8.30am - 9.15am & 2.45pm - 3.30pm. If you have any good-quality children's clothes to donate then please drop them off at the school office, labelled with the size.

Bring a bag on the day and take any items you need completely free. A great way to recycle, save money and support our school community.

Fire Service Visit - 1/2D, 2H & 4D

On Tuesday two members of Bridgend fire service came to tell us all about Sbarc and how to stay safe and practiced the 'Stop. Drop. Role' method. The children were shown the different parts of the fire person's outfit and how they keep them safe during an emergency. The children were also allowed the chance to try on pieces of the outfits to see how heavy they are and to see who could get the outfit on the quickest.



A message from Bridgend Fire Service:

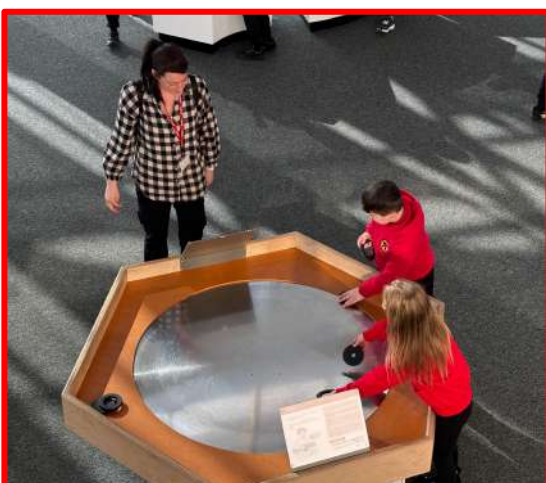
If you need a fire alarm you can contact the team who will come and do a home safety visit and fit a **FREE** fire alarm if required.

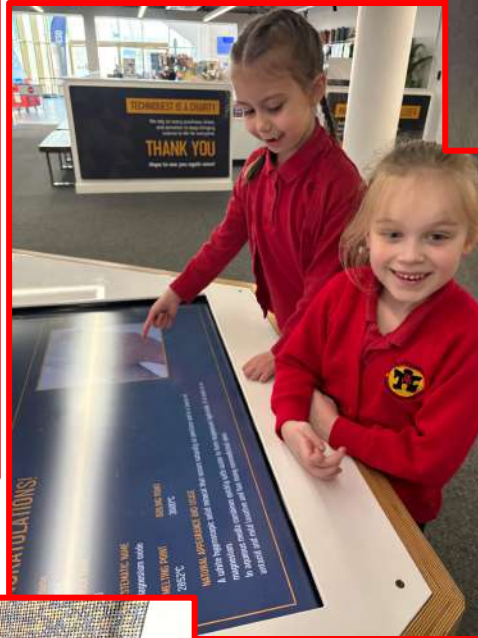
Follow the link to request a visit:

<https://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/your-safety-wellbeing/at-home/request-a-visit/>

2H, 3P & 3/4M Techniquest visit - written by Ms Pavitt

On Wednesday, as part of our topic "Science For Survival" we visited Techniquest. We had a fantastic day exploring the exhibits. There were lots of the old favourites there such as the rocket launcher, treasure chest problem and disc spinning, however there has been a whole host of exciting exhibits added such as an earthquake simulator, a hurricane simulator and you can even try your hand at a virtual operation! There was so much to see and do we didn't know where to start, and we certainly did not want to come away!





Wellbeing Update



This month we're marking National No Smoking Day, a time to reflect on how we keep our bodies healthy. Brackla Primary School is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment for everyone, and we believe all pupils, staff and visitors have the right to breathe smoke-free air in and around our school. We know that passive smoking increases the risk of serious illnesses, and that smoking is a habit which often begins in childhood. That's why we work hard to create a smoke-free environment and to help pupils develop the knowledge and confidence to make positive choices.

Please support us by ensuring there is no smoking or vaping near the school gates, in addition to our policy prohibiting smoking on school grounds and on the sports fields.

For anyone looking for quit smoking support, the NHS provide a free quit smoking service called Help Me Quit...



QUIT SMOKING SUPPORT

Help Me Quit

For anyone looking for quit smoking support, the NHS provide a free quit smoking service called Help Me Quit.

Help Me Quit can provide free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to those who have decided to stop smoking.



Contact Help Me Quit

Tel: 0800 085 2219
Email: helpmequit@wales.nhs.uk
Text: HMQ to 80818

Website: helpmequit.wales



Scan for Help Me Quit website

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
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March	Numeracy and Play	Nursery families 9.15am-10.30am
Monday 9th March	New part time nursery induction meeting	
Tuesday 10th March	Yr 6 residential meeting for families	2.45pm
Friday 13th March	Clothing swap for families	8.30am - 9.15am 2.45pm - 3.30pm
Friday 20th March		
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:

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July

Comic Relief 2026

On Friday 20th March we will be supporting Comic Relief by coming to school wearing something bright and colourful. Children can join the fun by coming to school dressed in the brightest, boldest, most colourful clothes they can find. Think rainbows, sparkles, neon, patterns — the more colours, the better!





Cost of the school day



SPRING TERM

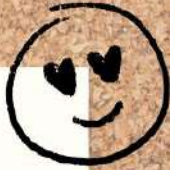
March
4th

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 cuddly
chicks, sheep or
bunnies**

**Easter
crafts**

**Sensory
toys**

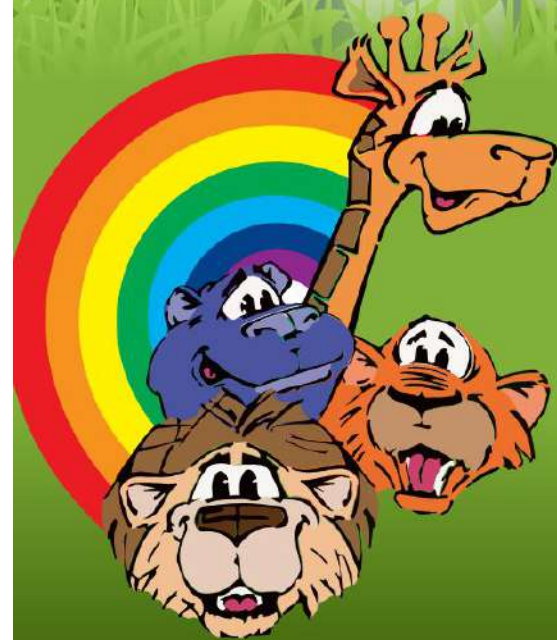
**Arts and
craft**

EASTER DONATIONS

**Allergy-friendly
Easter eggs**

Stickers

**Easter
eggs**



Noak's Ark

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We have been given a grant to develop an outdoor wellbeing area- hoping to start this after Easter.

We need help for:

- ✓ Ground work-levelling in preparation for artificial grass or contacts you might have to help us do this low cost.
- ✓ Composite fencing- supply and fit or contacts you might have to help us do this low cost.
- ✓ Painting, clearing, odd jobs



If you are able to help then email Mrs Kelland or pop to the office.

THANK YOU

familyengagement@bracklapprimary.co.uk

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

March

2026

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

FULLY BOOKED

MON
23RD
MARCH

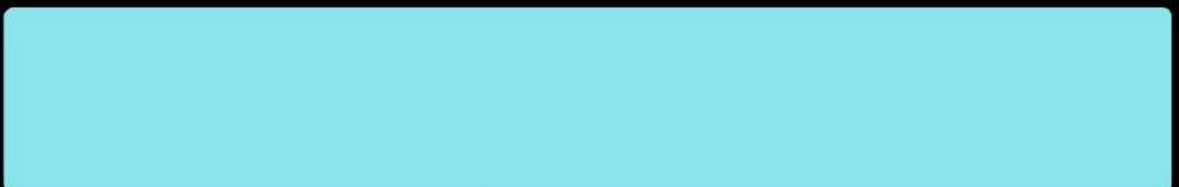
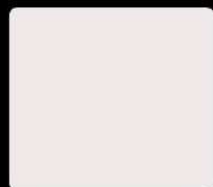
Easter Eggstravaganza: 2pm-3pm

More details to follow. Sign up not open yet.

MON
23RD
MARCH

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BASEBALL

OPEN DAY

We are holding a Baseball open day on 8th April for children who would like to try baseball and potentially join our academy. Spaces are limited, so please register your child to secure a place.



"Your chance to shine starts here – don't miss it!"

- *Ages 10-17*
- *Boys and girls welcome*
- *All equipment included*
- *No experience required*
- *Qualified coach*
- *Free to attend*

8TH APRIL 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Litchard playing fields

Register Today!

