Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Confidence

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

Dear all,

What a wonderful week it has been with our Outdoor Learning Week - we have certainly been lucky to have the sunshine on our side! It has been action packed - from exploring nature to taking our learning beyond the classroom, pupils have thrown themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm. We rounded off the week with a fantastic '*Wild Adventures*' session, where families joined us for hands on fun and a taste of the outdoor fun their children have enjoyed. You can read all about the *Wild Adventures* session in Mrs. Kelland's newsletter next week.

A very big thank you to Mr Williams, whose thoughtful planning and hard work made this week such a success - diolch Mr Williams! Please take the time to read about all the fantastic activities from this week later in this newsletter.

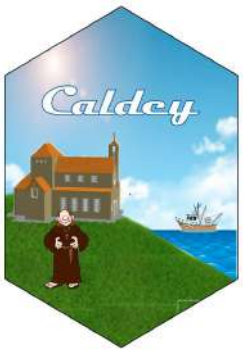
Continuing with the theme of the outdoors, we have been fortunate to secure a grant to develop the outdoor area into a calm and welcoming space for the children t use throughout the day. You may have noticed initial work in the garden area outside 3P and 6S is underway, with the shed and other structures being removed. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to seeing this space be transformed.

We would greatly appreciate any community contacts or recommendations for groundwork preparation, artificial grass or composite fencing. If you know of anyone who could support this work, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

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: Kailani Baker, Donata Karpovc, Kai Packwood, Harmony Harris, Zacary Evans, Arizona Francis, Finley Martin, Grace Stovell, Kaito Langmaid, Fayea-Jane Raymond, Ava Rowsell

House Points Winner this week:



710 Points

694 Points

650 Points

667 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)	86.36%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	87.80%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	92.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	93.55%
2H (Miss Helm)	96.77%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	96.43%
3/4M (Mr McNamara)	94.81%
4D (Miss Dawson)	100%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	97.14%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	94.29%
6S (Mr Still)	85.67%

Birthdays this week

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

Esme Allin, Jaxon Gale

Nursery/Reception Rich task - *written by Mrs Whelan*

On Wednesday, we welcomed many parents into our *Wacky Workshop* to celebrate all the incredible learning the children have been doing this term. The atmosphere was buzzing as families got stuck into bubble experiments, muddy masterpieces, paint mixing, and a whole host of hands-on science fun.

The children shone with confidence as they shared their discoveries, showed off their skills, and proudly demonstrated just how curious and creative they've become. With the sun beaming down and smiles all around, it was the perfect way to round off our topic in true Nursery style-messy, joyful, and full of wonder.

Reception Rich task - *written by Mrs Driscoll*

We had a fantastic time in Reception this week showcasing our learning in our Wacky Science Workshop, celebrating our "Marvellous Materials" topic this term. The children explored a range of exciting experiments and activities, including melting ice, testing waterproof materials, and manipulating play dough in different ways to understand how materials can change.They confidently shared their knowledge and explained their discoveries to their parents, demonstrating how much they have learned. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements, and we all had a great afternoon filled with fun, exploration, and enthusiasm for science!

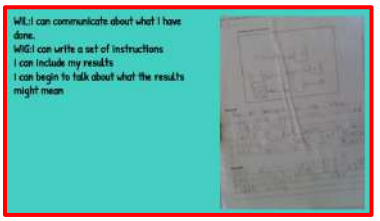
Rec/Year 1 and 1/2D Rich Task - *written by Mrs Delgado and Mrs Bartle*

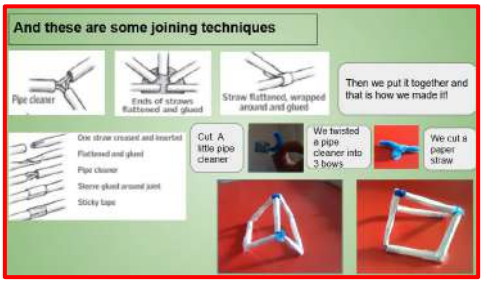
This term as part of our Crazy Chemistry topic we have been looking at different materials and their properties. In Outdoor Learning with Mr Williams the children made model rafts by whittling wood and using string to tie the twigs together. After doing experiments on which materials sink or float, we then talked about how we could make our rafts as buoyant as possible. The children worked in groups to add materials to their rafts and we tested the buoyancy of their finished rafts by putting weights on the rafts until they sank. The winning teams won a prize!

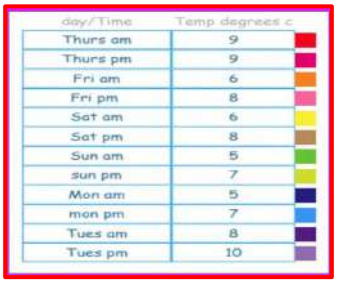
3P Rich task - *written by Ms Pavitt*

3P had the pleasure of presenting their learning to their families and peers during a class assembly on Wednesday. Over the previous 2 weeks the children decided what parts of the topic "Science For Survival" they were going to present, planned what they might include in their presentation, wrote a script for their groups and even created a slideshow to accompany their presentations. They even went so far as to create a Feedback Friday quiz for everyone to take part in at the end.

It was wonderful for Mrs Davies and myself to hear how much they had to share and we are incredibly proud of them for taking complete responsibility for the entire process. They presented with enthusiasm, professionalism and a dash of humour. Well done 3P!







day/Time	Temp degrees c
Thurs am	9
Thurs pm	9
Fri am	6
Fri pm	8
Sat am	6
Sat pm	8
Sun am	5
sun pm	7
Mon am	5
mon pm	7
Tues am	8
Tues pm	10

Sports Report - written by Henry Jones and Jacob O'Hara

Last Friday afternoon, our netball and football teams braved the elements to play their second home fixture of the year. The children showed fantastic resilience, teamwork, and a real sense of how much they've developed since September. Despite facing tough opposition, both teams came away with brilliant wins. To top it all off, the sun finally made an appearance, and the children rounded off the afternoon with a triumphant belly slide down the banking.

We're excited for the months ahead, with more matches and tournaments on the horizon, and we can't wait to share our future results.

Criw Cynefin - *written by Miss Jones*

Over the past few weeks, Criw Cynefin have been incredibly busy exploring what *cynefin* means to us and how it connects to our everyday lives. We began with a lovely nature walk, taking time to observe and appreciate the world around us. This helped us think more deeply about our local environment and how it shapes our sense of belonging.

We have also enjoyed sharing traditional Welsh tales and stories, bringing them to life through discussion and imagination. Alongside this, we've been learning and singing Welsh songs, building our confidence and celebrating our culture together.

One of our favourite activities has been decorating and colouring our very own story blanket. Using natural materials collected from our outdoor learning, we created pieces of art and challenged ourselves to invent stories inspired by what we made. It has been wonderful to see such creativity and teamwork.

Throughout all of our sessions, we have been having thoughtful discussions about *cynefin* and what it means to belong, and how both our school and the natural world play an important role in shaping who we are. Looking ahead, we are excited to take our learning even further by writing our own song all about *cynefin*.

Da iawn Criw Cynefin – keep up the fantastic work!

OutdoorLearning@BPS

WALES OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK

SCHOOL FOR NATURE 2025-26

Love Of Life Itself!

2026

HIGH QUALITY OUTDOOR LEARNING FOR ALL

WOLW2026 THEME

This year's theme, "High Quality Outdoor Learning for All," highlights the importance of inclusive, well-planned outdoor learning experiences and the wide-ranging benefits they offer. Learning outdoors plays a vital role in supporting mental, physical and social wellbeing at every stage of life, while also helping learners build skills, develop knowledge, and overcome challenges.

16–22 March 2026

WELCOME TO WALES OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK 2026

Scouts Cymru

ARMY BE THE BEST

awen

Parc Gwledig Bryngarw
Bryngarw Country Park

Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2026 - Written by Mr Williams

With the theme for this years Outdoor Learning Week being 'High Quality Outdoor Learning For All' the challenge had been set to create a range of activities more engaging than what had gone before, that surpassed Outdoor Learning Week 2025, were multi curricular and would leave the children of Brackla Primary School wishing that they would never end...

Scouts Cymru
BRACKLA A CLOSE COMMUNITY
Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe
SCHOOL FOR NATURE 2025-26
OutdoorLearning@BPS
EST 2021
awen
MARCAM PARK ADVENTURE
BRACKLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Love Of Life Itself!
PIC•COLLAGE

Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2026
4D
The 'Deadfall' Trap!
The Classic Net Trap!
It's A Trap!
PIC•COLLAGE
Creating some 'Home Alone' inspired traps to protect our belongings!

Tree Climbing
Bits & Pieces
Hide & Seek
Mud Kitchen
Trim Trail
School Value Of The Month: Confidence
Drawing
Spending Time With Friends!
Reception
Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2026
Sunbathing
PIC•COLLAGE
Fun in the sun whilst learning through play!

Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2026
Year 6
We prepare young people with skills for life.
Be Prepared!
Scouts Cymru
PIC•COLLAGE
Pitching tents and a spot of problem solving with the 2nd Bridgend Scout Group!

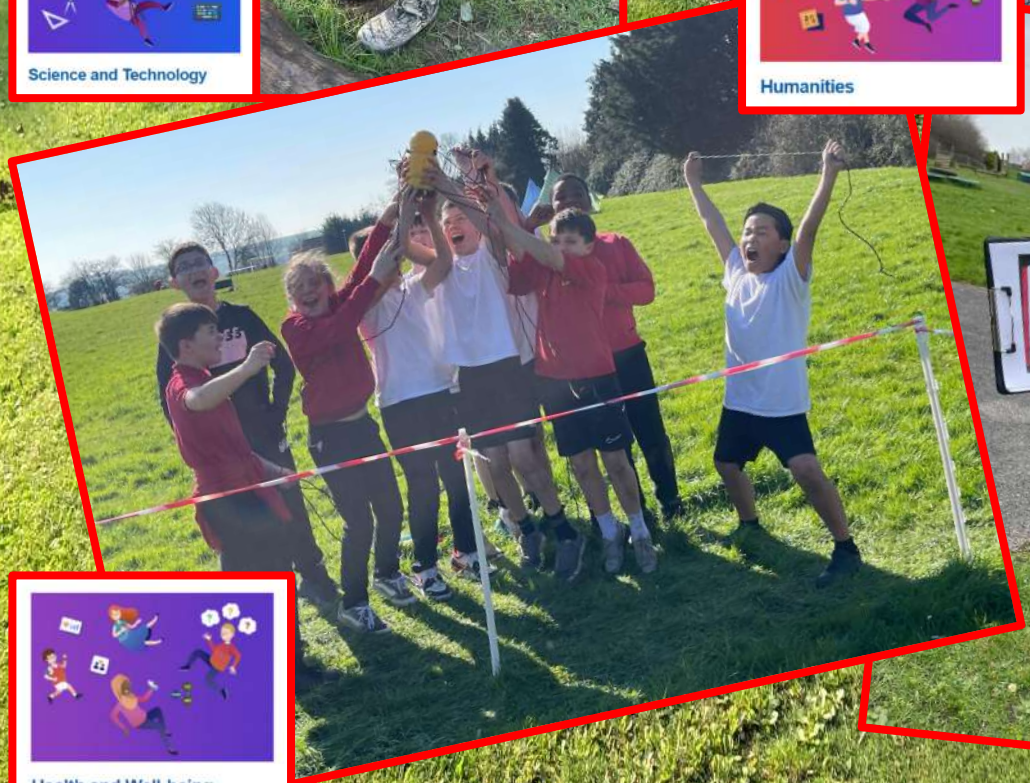
Back To Basics
Year 5
Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2026
PIC•COLLAGE
Learning about the importance of fire in a survival situation!

Expressive Arts

Mathematics and Numeracy

Science and Technology

Humanities



Health and Well-being

Languages, Literacy and Communication

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
Friday 20th March	Outdoor learning for families workshops	Details to follow
Tuesday 24th March	Cluedo Who Dunnit?	4D - showcase of learning 2pm 5S interactive workshop - 2pm
Wednesday 25th March	Numeracy and Play	Nursery families 9.15am-10.30am
Wednesday 25th March	Cluedo Who Dunnit?	6S interactive workshop- 9.15am 5/6HJ interactive workshop - 2pm
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

The Case of
the Missing Recipe

4D WHODUNIT

Topic showcase

24TH MARCH | 2PM

We would like to invite you into our classroom, where the children will demonstrate the different experiments we carried out to catch the 'Recipe Thief'.

We'll be showing how to find the density of liquids, use a scientific microscope, checking the PH of different liquids and chemical reations.

We'll also show how we designed and coded an alarm system using a Micro:bit

Easter donations for Noah's Ark Children's hospital

We've been in touch with Noah's Ark Hospital, and they are absolutely thrilled with the Easter donations so far. They will be collecting the donations at the end of next week, so there's still plenty of time to contribute.

If you're able to donate, please send items in by **Wednesday 25th March** (Next week).

Thank you so much for your generosity- your support truly makes a difference and it's sure to bring lots of smiles to the children.

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 artifical 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@bracklaprimary.co.uk

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

March

2026

MON 23RD MARCH	**Easter Eggstravaganza: 2pm-3pm** FULLY BOOKED
MON 23RD MARCH	**Easter Eggstravaganza: 3.15pm-4.15pm** SPACES AVAILABLE

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MRS KELLAND

EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

WEEK 1 - MON 30TH MARCH - THURS 2nd APRIL

WEEK 2 - TUE 7TH - FRI 10TH APRIL

ONLINE BOOKING: BRIDGENDTENNISCLUB.COM

*OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

*FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

*INDIVIDUAL DAY BOOKING OPTIONS

*20% DISCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

BRIDGEND TENNIS SQUASH & BOWLS CLUB

BLUE CAMPS
10-11AM
FOR 3-4 YEARS

MINI CAMPS
10-1PM
FOR 5-11 YEARS

JUNIOR CAMPS
1.30-3.30PM
FOR 11-18 YEARS

RUN BY LTA QUALIFIED COACHES

INDOOR COURTS

PACKED FULL OF RELAYS, DRILLS, FUN GAMES, TEAM BUILDING AND POINTS PLAY

NEED MORE INFORMATION:

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BRACKLA ACTIVE FOR LIFE HOLIDAY SCHEME

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Brackla Community Council

AT BRACKLA SPORTS CENTRE

30th March – 2nd April

Monday - Thursday

Times: 10am-2pm

Ages: 8-11 years

BRACKLA A CLOSE COMMUNITY

* **Registration Evening** *

Wednesday 25th March

4:00pm – 5:30pm

At Brackla Sports Centre

ACTIVE FOR LIFE 2026

Penybont Bridgend Atal Prevention & Lles Wellbeing

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Bridgend County Borough Council