



# Brackla Primary School

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## **Brackla Bulletin 555 (20.03.26)**

**Value of the month: Confidence**

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



Dear all,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Whether you joined us for our family engagement workshops, attended a class assembly, a 'Wacky Workshop' or a 'Who Dunit?' murder mystery, your attendance has been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a restful Easter break and enjoy the time away from school. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the summer term on Monday 13th April.

Below are some of the highlights from this term:

- **11** new pupils joined the school, making our current on roll number **335**;
- Whole school attendance for the spring term was **93.06%**;
- Highest class attendance with **96.63%** is **5S**
- **92** pupils had 100% attendance during the spring term;
- The school had a successful interim visit from Estyn in January;
- The whole school topic was 'Material Magic' and had a Science and Technology focus;
- Over 85 children went to Techniquest;
- **26** students from Swansea University attended a professional learning event on outdoor learning facilitated by Mr Williams;
- A group of children have participated part in a football tournament and netball and football matches against other schools and a swimming gala;
- Fundraising for Comic Relief raised **£300**;
- School fundraising included a Valentine's discos which support the provision of BOOST resources and transport costs;
- The school successfully secured a grant of **£7000** to develop the outdoor area;
- Whole school theme weeks/Welsh week and outdoor learning week;
- Visitors to the school included Scouts, Bryngarw Park staff; MP Chris Elmore, Mabinogion workshop, fire service, Amy from Brackla Tabernacle,
- We held our second Community Fair which was well attended and signposted families to a wide range of services;
- Children have been supported with wellbeing sessions in Starburst and small group sessions;
- Family engagement activities included: Outdoor learning workshop, coffee afternoon, 'Tots of fun', Numeracy and Play, clothing swap shop, 5 week nurture programme, online safety workshops, 'Kids v Parents', Easter Extravaganza;
- Year 6 children attended a Crucial Crew event to learn about a variety of front line services;
- Over **300** children took part in BOOST activities this term which included: music masterclass, French, orienteering, cookery, sign language, fitness, art, Lego, singing, games and wildlife warriors;
- Children in 2H and 3P delivered a class assembly to their families;
- Other rich task activities included a 'Wacky Workshop' and 'Who Dunit? Murder mystery.

### 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: Eleanor Baker, Romeo Jones, Toby Edwards-Gould, Freddie North, Reuben Howells, Romaysa El Maniri, John-Paul Jenkins, Ciaran Robinson, Savannah Gale, Isla Evans, Oliver Lloyd.



### Birthdays this week

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

Camelia Mangu, Wyatt Parry, Easton Davies, Hope Cabigting, Aun Rana, Harvey Young, Solo-Bay Randall, Aneira Felix.



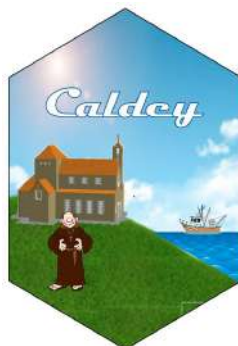
### Birthdays during the Easter holidays:

Grace Hole, Oliver Richards, Mis Gregory, Abbie O'Hara, Esmeray Arif, Toby Edwards-Gould, Henry Evans, Orion Loveday-Allen, Henry Cox, Jacob Cox, Peyton Pereira, Emily Brewer, Miyah-Grace Mantell, Lucca-Hywel Griffiths.

## House Points Winner this week:



503  
Points



502  
Points



500  
Points



434  
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)	87.27%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	81.02%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	96.67%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	98.06%
2H (Miss Helm)	97.74%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	94.07%
3/4M (Mr M <sup>c</sup> Namara)	91.48%
4D (Miss Dawson)	96.4%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	94.64%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	89.64%
6S (Mr Still)	97%



## 100% attendance

Congratulations to the following children for receiving 100% attendance for the spring term:

Elliott Abraham, Arthur Apsee, George Apsee, Emily Ashford, Jack Ashley, Bethan Badman, Mckenzie Badman, Teddy Beresford, Harry Beresford, Harrison Black, Rosie Black, Reeve Bonnamy, Lucy Brewer, Olivia Brooks, Sophia Brooks, Charlotte Burton, Connie Carter, Felix Choi, Maxwell Choi, Luca Colbridge, Enzo Corona, Henry Cox, Brayden Coyle, Joel Danso, Cai Davies, Sebastian Davies, Tristan Deevoy, Ava Evans, Isla Evans, Louis Evans, Harriet Eynon, Christopher Ezeemo, Kyra-Lee Gardner-Ponting, Mia Gregory, Theodore Griffiths, Anna Hamel, Edward Hamel, Finn Hope-Woodroffe, Koby-Leigh Howells, Ava James, Elia James, Mia-Gabriele James, Jack Jenkins, John-Paul Jenkins, Morgan-Mae Jenkins, Romeo Jones, Harry Joseph, Jacob Lee-Burke, Edith Lewis, Florence Lewis, Ollie Lewis, Erin Leyshon, Theodore Lock, Tommy Lunnon, Lewin Mann, Lyla Marshall, Finley Martin, Finley Mcveigh, George Mowbray-Harwood, Amelia Nixon, Harri Nixon, Kascey Nutting, Abbie O'Hara, Jacob O'Hara, Charlie Oliver, Maisie Oliver, Freya Parry, Wyatt Parry, Abigail Payne, Peyton Pereira, Ioan Perry, Solo-Bay Randall, Connor Rees, Maddie Rees, Isabella Richards, Alex Robinson, Ciaran Robinson, Nevaeh Rogers, Reuben Sanders, Theodore Sargent, Harper Sheldon, Hope Smith, Michael Smith, Iwan Taylor, Lily Thomas, Elizabeth Topham, Emily Wadowska, Ivy Waldron, Oscar Waldron, Leon Wasilew, Harrison Colbridge, Harvey Young.

## Who Dunit? 5S, 5/6HJ, 6S

This week, Year 5 and 6 students took part in their "Whodunit?" rich task. Families were invited to help solve the mysterious murder of Count Hepzibah, rotating through various stations to apply their scientific knowledge and eliminate suspects.

The children looked wonderful in their 1920s attire and showed great enthusiasm as they worked with their families to crack the case. It was a fantastic way to conclude our Spring term topic. Well done to everyone involved, and a huge thank you to the parents for joining us; it was brilliant to see so many of you taking the investigation so seriously!



## What's On in Spring B 2026

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

Date	Event	Additional details
Monday 13th April	Back to school	
Tuesday 14th April	New part time nursery starting	8.50am - 11am
Wednesday 15th April	Meet the Brynteg staff	2.30pm Yr 6 parents/carers come along and meet some of the staff from Brynteg
Monday 20th April	Parent/carers meetings	2H and 6S
Tuesday 21st April	Parent/carers meetings	5/6HJ
Wednesday 22nd April	Parent/carers meetings	4D and 5S
Thursday 23rd April	Parent/carers meetings	Reception/Year 1 and 1/2D
Monday 27th April	Parent/carers meetings	Nursery/Reception (am) Mrs Whelan
Tuesday 28th April	Parent/carers meetings	Nursery/Reception (Mrs Whelan) and Reception (Mrs Driscoll)
Wednesday 29th April	Parent/carers meetings	3P
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 12th May	School photos	
Wednesday 20th May	Sports day	Details TBC
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May	INSET Days	School closed for children

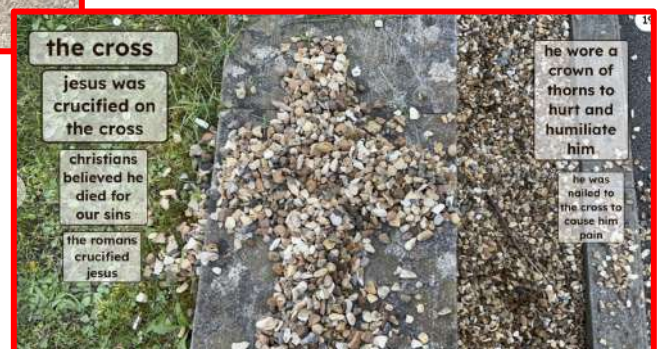
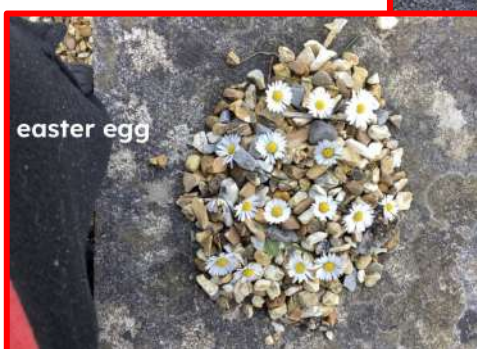
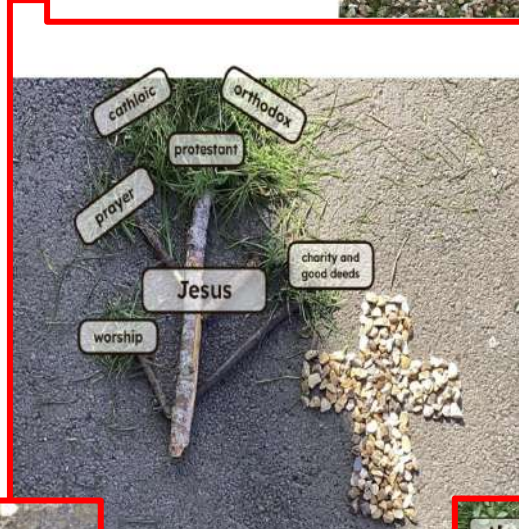
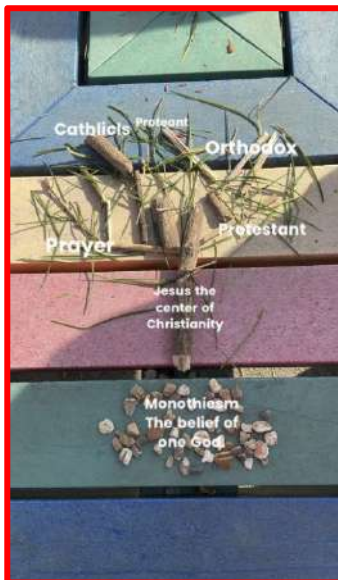
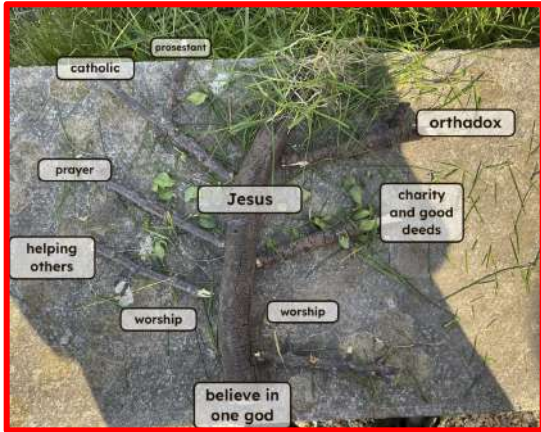
### INSET Dates

The remaining INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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Friday 22nd May  
Monday 20th July

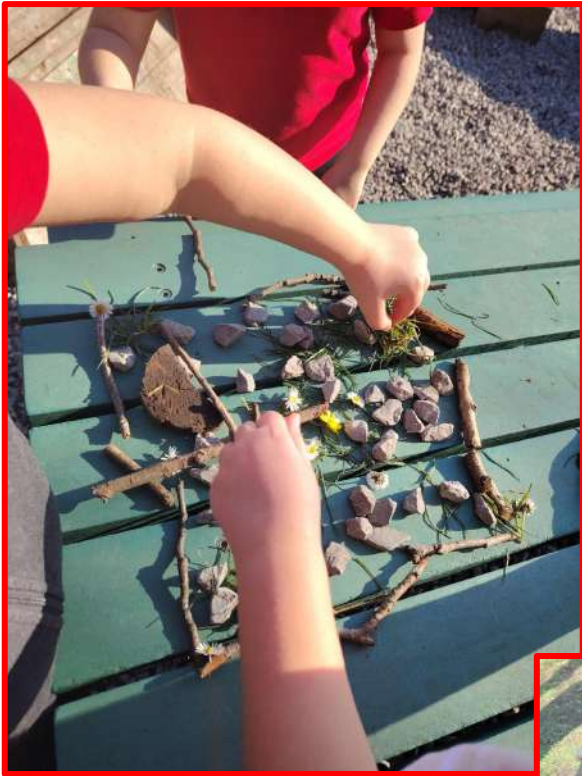
**Easter - written by Miss Jones**

In 5/6HJ, the children explored Christian beliefs in a hands-on and creative way by using natural resources from our school grounds. We worked together to build Christian and Easter symbols such as crosses, crown of thorns, easter eggs, fish, and empty tombs using sticks, stones, leaves, and flowers. The children thought carefully about what each symbol represents and why it is important to Christians. We also created a large "Monotheism and Christian Denominations Tree," using branches and natural materials to show that Christianity is one religion with many different denominations growing from the same belief in one God. This outdoor learning experience helped the children deepen their understanding of Christian faith while enjoying teamwork, creativity, and the beauty of nature. Please see our RVE project on SeeSaw to have a look at all of our hard work. They have worked hard all term during our RVE lessons - da iawn 5/6HJ.



**Outdoor Learning - written by Miss Jones**

During Outdoor Learning Week, our Criw Cynefin group embraced the beauty of our local environment by using natural materials to create their own framed artwork, sculptures, and story stones. The children explored the school grounds to gather leaves, twigs, stones, petals, and bark, then used these resources to design creative pieces that reflected their sense of belonging and connection to place. Their framed artwork celebrated the colours and textures of nature, their sculptures showed wonderful imagination and teamwork, and their story stones helped them retell Welsh tales and create new stories inspired by the land around them. This hands-on experience encouraged creativity, cultural understanding, and a deeper appreciation of our shared cynefin.



**Bridgend swimming gala - written by Mr Still**

We were thrilled to attend our first Bridgend Schools Swimming Gala in many years, and what an occasion it turned out to be. Our children were an absolute credit to the school, giving 100% effort, showing real determination, and bravely taking on their very first swimming races.

They supported one another wholeheartedly, cheering nonstop from the first event to the last, creating a brilliant sense of team spirit. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with several even expressing an interest in joining a swimming club.

Look out for Team Brackla making an even bigger splash at next year's gala!



### **Bridgend Primary 5's Football - written by Mr Still**

On Thursday this week, we attended the Bridgend district schools 5-a-side tournament. The girls team did fantastically to reach the quarter finals before narrowly losing 1-0. The boys team had some brilliant performances in the group stage and quarter finals before beating Mynydd Cynffig 3-0 in the semi-finals. We then beat Trelales 1-0 in the final to make us the winner of the entire 32-team tournament! The boys will now head to North Wales to compete in a national tournament. Mr Still was an extremely proud coach/teacher!



## **SPONSORSHIP PLEA**

Our sports teams have been doing us proud lately, but their current kits have definitely seen better days! We are looking for **parents or local businesses** to sponsor brand-new Football and Netball kits for our pupils.

### **Why join the team?**

- **Logo Placement:** Your business logo will be featured on the jerseys for all to see at local tournaments.
- **Support the Children:** Help us promote teamwork and staying active in our community.
- **Shout-outs:** We'll celebrate your support on our website and in future newsletters.

If you or a business you know could help us kit out our stars, please contact the school office or speak to Mr Still or Mrs John directly. Thank you for your consideration.

# THANK YOU



We want to extend the biggest **thank you** to all our wonderful families for the incredible generosity shown through your donations to our Easter donation trolley for **The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital**.

The collection was picked up yesterday and the team were genuinely blown away by the kindness and the amazing variety you contributed - from colourful crafts and chocolate eggs to cuddly toys and creative surprises. Every single item will be gifted to children spending their Easter in hospital, bringing them comfort, joy and a much-needed smile during their stay. Your kindness truly makes a difference.



# Noah's Ark

Children's Hospital Charity  
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# EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

WEEK 1 - MON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURS 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

WEEK 2 - TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> - FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

ONLINE BOOKING: [BRIDGENDTENNISCLUB.COM](http://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**

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**MINI CAMPS  
10-1PM  
FOR 5-11 YEARS**

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**JUNIOR CAMPS  
1.30-3.30PM  
FOR 11-18 YEARS**

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**RUN BY LTA QUALIFIED  
COACHES**

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**INDOOR COURTS**

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

**NEED MORE  
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**BRACKLA  
ACTIVE FOR LIFE  
HOLIDAY SCHEME**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Brackla Community Council

AT BRACKLA SPORTS CENTRE

30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday - Thursday

Times: 10am-2pm

Ages: 8-11 years



\* Registration Evening \*

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

4:00pm – 5:30pm

At Brackla Sports Centre

**ACTIVE FOR LIFE**

**2026**

**Easter**



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

# Upcoming Events

April-July

2026

WK BEG  
MON  
11TH  
MAY

## The Great School Swap

Parent-led workshops. More details to follow.

TUES  
7TH  
JULY

## BPS Picnic Fest

More details to follow