



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Friendship

RRS - Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Dear all,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break and you made the most of the amazing sunshine. It has been fantastic seeing the children fill the school with so much energy, enthusiasm, and big smiles this week as they catch up with friends and get back into the swing of learning.

We are delighted to welcome several new staff members to Brackla Primary School. Miss Wolfe joins us as Year 1 teacher, while Mrs Rees will be teaching Year 4/5. Additionally, Mrs Apsee and Mrs Wilson are joining the team as Learning Support Officers. We are so pleased to have them all with us at Brackla Primary.

Mrs John is needing to be away from school for a short period of time; Mrs Baldridge and Mr Still will be stepping up in her absence. To cover Mr Still's classroom commitment, Miss Jones will be working alongside Miss Helm in 2/3HS.

Mrs Bartle in Reception/Year 1 is also away for a short period of time and during this period, we welcome Miss Carbis to cover the class ensuring there is continuity and a familiar routine in place for the children.

Our whole-school Humanities topic for this term is 'World Across Time', with each class exploring its own unique subtopic. For a closer look at what your child will be diving into, we will be sharing Class Placemats out next week.

Be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming diary dates - we have plenty of information and exciting events coming your way over the next few weeks!

Just a few reminders

PE Kit: Children are welcome to wear their PE kit to school on PE days, but we kindly ask for your support in ensuring they follow the correct kit:

- White t-shirt
- School jumper or cardigan
- Black shorts or black joggers
- Appropriate footwear for physical activity



Your support in helping us maintain a smart and consistent appearance is greatly appreciated.

Fruit Snack

A gentle reminder that snack time at Brackla Primary School is strictly fruit only.

To ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all, please send only fruit for your child's snack.

Here are some great examples of fruit snacks:

- Apples (sliced or whole)
- Bananas
- Grapes (cut in half for younger children)
- Pears
- Peeled Oranges or easy peelers
- Berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- Melon slices
- Pineapple chunks
- Dried fruit (such as raisins or apricots – in moderation)



Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep snack time safe, healthy, and enjoyable for everyone!

Nut-Free School: Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** due to children with severe allergies. We kindly ask that no nut products are brought into school in lunchboxes or snacks. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

- Friday 2nd October
- Monday 15th February
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

Birthdays this week

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

Samuel North, Oscar Ford, Teddy Beresford, Reya Ferreira, Isabella Griffiths, Aliyanna Jones, Imogen Blank, Isabella Richards, Tomasz Gorski.



Packed lunch boxes:

At Brackla Primary School, we encourage children to eat a healthy, balanced and varied diet. We ask that if your child has a packed lunch, your child's lunchbox **does not contain sweets or fizzy drinks and only limited chocolate based snacks.**



If your child brings a packed lunch to school, it can be tricky to think of new ideas. Below you will find some information for new ideas.

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS](#)

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)



School communication

Here at Brackla Primary we use two main platforms for home communication.

Please make sure you have both of the apps downloaded.

Log-in codes for Seesaw have been handed out to children this week. There is one log-in code for the child (this is where they can access homework and upload work) and there is another log-in for a family member (view your child's work, receive some messages from the class teacher, etc.)

Have a look at the leaflet below to see the main differences

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH BRACKLA PRIMARY

Seesaw

Our digital, interactive learning platform that **children & family members** allows to have separate accounts

- Engage in your child's learning
- Messages from class teachers
- View photos/videos of your child

School Gateway

School communication app for **parents & carers** to keep up with key school information

- Emails & Texts from the School office
- School Calendar
- Payments for school concerts & trips

Seesaw

Schoolgateway

The infographic is a colorful leaflet comparing two school communication apps. It features a light blue background with orange and pink decorative elements. The top section has a yellow banner with the text 'KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH BRACKLA PRIMARY'. Below this, the 'Seesaw' app is described as a digital learning platform for children and family members, with three key features listed in yellow buttons: 'Engage in your child's learning', 'Messages from class teachers', and 'View photos/videos of your child'. The 'School Gateway' app is described as a communication app for parents and carers, with three key features listed in pink buttons: 'Emails & Texts from the School office', 'School Calendar', and 'Payments for school concerts & trips'. The bottom of the leaflet shows the logos for both apps: Seesaw (a blue circle with a colorful bow) and Schoolgateway (a blue infinity symbol).

First Day Back @ BPS







Pantri

Our BPS Pantri is open to all families every Tuesday from **2.45pm–3pm** during term time. Fresh deliveries arrive each week, so the items change but the value stays great. Please note that due to rising supplier costs, it's now **£3 to fill a bag**. Bring your own bag, pop by, and pick up a brilliant bargain.



PANTRI

Every Tuesday

2.45pm–3pm

£3.00 to fill up a bag

Deliveries arrive every week, so the items will vary but the value won't. Bring your own bag and grab a great deal.

- Tinned food
- Pasta
- Fruit and vegetable
- Fridge food
- Toiletries
- Rice

The Pantri is open to all families at BPS

We have a donation trolley near the office that we use throughout the year and we want to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions you've made - from Pantri donations to Harvest, Christmas and Noah's Ark. Your generosity has made such a difference. We'll be using the trolley again this year and to kick things off we're collecting **toiletries and cleaning supplies** for our Pantry. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.



Product of the MONTH

TOILETRIES & CLEANING SUPPLIES

Item ideas:

- Fairy liquid
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Anti bac spray
- Shampoo & Conditioner

Thank you for supporting our BPS Pantri

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