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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,

It has been another fantastic week at Brackla Primary! We reached a big milestone in Nursery as some of our youngest learners stayed for lunch for the very first time. They did brilliantly, and we are looking forward to welcoming them full-time starting next week.

BOOST is back! There was a fantastic buzz around school this afternoon as pupils came off curriculum to enjoy enrichment activities with different staff and children from across the school. It was great to see so much engagement, collaboration and enthusiasm. We can't wait to tell you more about BOOST next week!

Our staff have also appointed this term's Swyddogs. A huge well done to [Savannah](#), [Kobey](#), [Jaxon](#), and [Annie](#) in Year 6, who are fantastic ambassadors for BPS and will be working closely with our leadership team to help with responsibilities around the school.

Our newly selected Play Pals are doing a wonderful job supporting our younger children during lunchtime. They assist during mealtime and lead and manage playground games with resources that keep everyone safe, active, and healthy. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and hard work already!

Looking ahead, next week is an important one for pupil voice. Many children are eager to join the Brackla Pupil Senedd, and candidates will be interviewed by Mrs. Baldridge and Mr. Still. Led by Miss Dawson and Mrs. Williams, this group will be the Voice of the pupils and make a real difference at BPS. Watch this space next week to see who has been successful!

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:

[Rosie Stothert-Wheatley](#), [Albie Treharne](#), [Amelia Hoskins](#), [Adam Halbert](#), [Harper Hampson](#), [Lucy Brewer](#), [Emily Ashford](#), [Theo Llewellyn](#), [Felix Choi](#), [Eric Low](#), [Sophia Brooks](#).



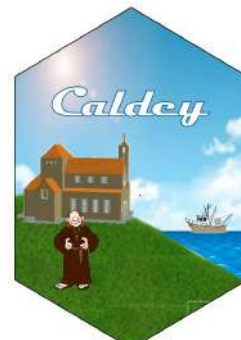
House Points Winner this week:



**318
Points**



**310
Points**



**298
Points**



**280
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 (Mrs Whelan)	92.24%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	91.20%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle)	91.48%
1W (Miss Wolfe)	97.31%
2P (Ms Pavitt)	95.29%
2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still)	91.67%
3D (Mrs Delgado)	90%
4D (Miss Dawson)	92.67%
4/5R (Mrs Rees)	99.64%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	91.33%
6S (Mrs Stephens)	96.56%



INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:
(1 more inset day to be arranged)

- 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:

Ava Evans, Theodore Sargent, Maxwell Choi, Joel Danso, Jacob Spivak, Arizona Francis, Isabella March.



Meet our new Swyddogs

The Swyddogs have been chosen as responsible leaders who work with our leadership team and staff to help with important jobs around the school.



**Autumn
Term 2026**

Scholastic Book Fair 5th - 8th October

We will be running our annual book fair this year from the 5th to the 8th October. Come along to the infant hall at 3.20pm to browse and pick up some fabulous books for your child.

Your child also has the opportunity to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair by simply entering our 'Get Caught Reading' competition - there is a voucher for each class. Get your creative caps on and take a photo of your child reading in an imaginative way or place! You can submit your photos to your child's class Seesaw account or hand it to their class teacher by Monday the 28th September.

SEE WHAT'S NEW!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

AVAILABLE 5/10/20

DOG MAN: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
DAVE PILKEX
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

ONE ONLY Ivan
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

blended
SHARON M. DRAYER
PAPERBACK £7.99
HARDBACK £12.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

THE BABY-SITTER'S CLUB
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

AMERICAN FRIENDLY ADVENTURE
DANIEL JEFFERSON
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

FRESH PRINCESS
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

THE FRUIT PRINCE
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

PIG & SLOB
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

SCHOLASTIC

Tudor Detectives in Class 4/5R! - written by Mrs Rees

Class 4/5R stepped back in time this week for an exciting online Tudor workshop, joined by a special guest expert live from Hampton Court Palace.

Putting on their 'history detective' hats, the children took on the challenge of researching a real-life trumpet player called John Blanke from the court of King Henry VIII. By examining historical documents, analysing Tudor artwork, and piecing together clues from the past, the pupils uncovered brilliant insights into what life was really like during the Tudor era. It was a fantastic session full of curiosity and discovery—well done to all our young historians!



A Wonderful Start to Our School Gardening Club - written by Mrs Whelan

A big welcome to all our new gardeners and what a fantastic first meeting. The children explored our raised beds and polytunnel and harvested an amazing selection of vegetables and fruit! They picked **tomatoes, cucumbers, gherkins, green and yellow courgettes, golden beetroot, purple beans and runner beans**. One of the most exciting parts of the session was seeing the growth of our melon plants. This was our first time planting and growing **Ojen melons and watermelons**. The children were thrilled to pick our prize watermelon, what a weight! At the end of our busy harvesting we shared a wonderful moment cutting open our melon and everyone tasted it. It was so sweet and juicy! There is plenty more to look forward to over the coming weeks. We will be harvesting, collecting seeds, making seed packets and planting garlic.



What's On in Autumn A 2026

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

Date	Event	Additional details
Tuesday 22nd September	- School photographer - individual photos - Archbishop Open Evening (4.30pm)	Whole school Year 6 & parents
Thursday 1st October	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	All families welcome 2pm
Friday 2nd October	Inset day	School closed for children
Wednesday 14th October	Flu vaccinations	Reception - Year 6
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October	Swimming week	Year 5
Tuesday 20th October	Autumn Adventures with Mrs Kelland	More details to follow soon
Wednesday 21st October	Trip to Dan Yr Ogof Caves	2/3HS & 3D
Friday 23rd October	Last day in school	
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term	School closed
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school	

Sept 22nd
Individual
photos
Various
prices



w/b Oct 19th
Swimming
week
Year 5
FREE

October 21st
2/3HS & 3D trip
Dan-yr-Ogof
showcaves
£11

September
Tudor workshops
in school
Y4- Y6
FREE

Dec 8th 2pm
Miss Wolfe's
concert
Tickets £2

December 4th
Christmas
Fayre
**Stall costs
and raffle**



Nov 13th
Children In
need
Donations

Dec 9th 2pm
Mrs Bartle's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 9th 10am
Mrs Driscoll's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 8th 10am
Mrs Whelan's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 14th
Christmas Discos
Rec - Y2 £3
**Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck
money**



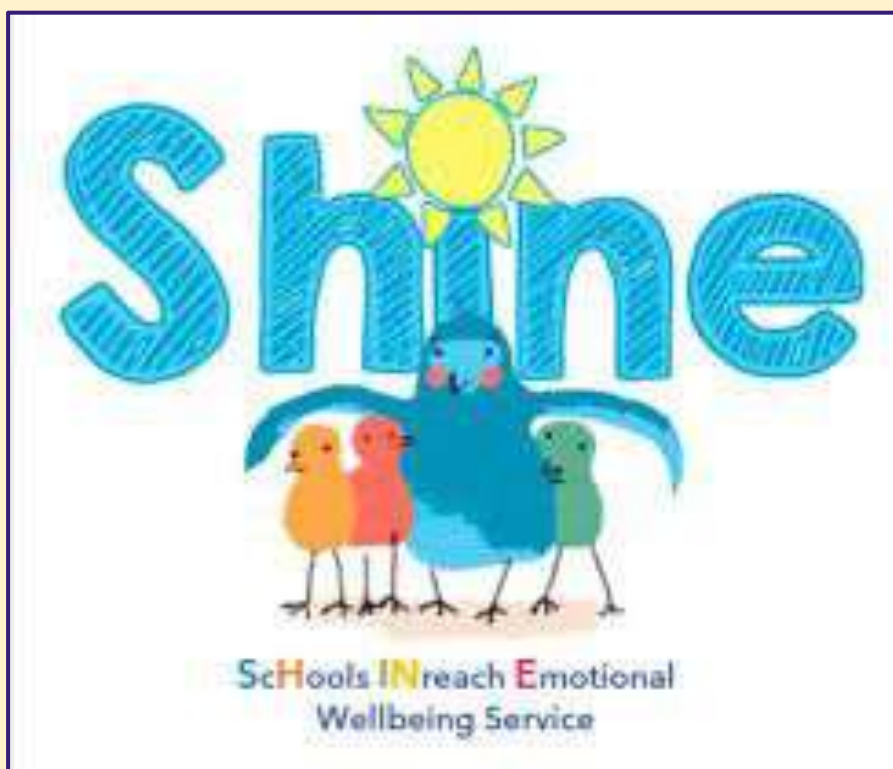
Dec 17th
Christmas parties
**Bring a plate of
food**



Dec 16th
Christmas
Jumper day -
recycled jumpers
available



Wellbeing Update



We're delighted to welcome Clare Blakemore, an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner from the SHINE team, back to Brackla Primary this term. She'll be offering **1-to-1 parent sessions every other Tuesday afternoon**, giving support around behaviour, emotional regulation and wellbeing. If you'd like to book a session, please speak to Mrs Kelland or email familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk.

Alongside this, Clare will also be delivering **three one-off workshops** - all free to attend. Whether you can make one or all three, they'll be really helpful and Clare will be around afterwards for questions and advice. You can sign up now via the School Gateway app.

Workshop dates

- **Wednesday 30th September, 2pm–3pm: Managing Worries**
- **Tuesday 6th October, 2pm–3pm: Supporting Children with Emotional Regulation**
- **Thursday 8th October, 2pm–3pm: Promoting Positive Mental Health**

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.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Sept-Dec

2026

EVERY
FRIDAY

TOTS OF FUN- 9AM-10.30AM

Join us every Friday from 9am-10:30am for singing with Larry the Lion, toys, biscuits, cuppas and friendly chats – just £1 per family, no sign-up needed, so pop along and join the fun.

EVERY
MONDAY

POP UP AT THE POD- 3PM

Whether you need advice, support, a friendly face or simply a cuppa, come and say hello to Mrs Kelland – no appointment needed, just pop up!

THURS
1ST
OCT

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: 2PM ONWARDS

Raise a mug for a great cause! Pop along from 2pm for tasty treats, tea, coffee and friendly chats – with optional donations supporting Macmillan. Babies and toddlers very welcome.

THURS
20TH
OCT

AUTUMN ADVENTURES 2PM-3PM & 3.15PM-4.15PM

The Great Photo Scavenger Hunt! Grab your camera and join us for a fun autumn adventure as you find, spot and SNAP your way through a series of challenges! Sign-up required – more information coming soon!

WED
25TH
NOV

WREATH MAKING PM- TIME TO BE CONFIRMED

Wreath Making Workshop is back – this time in the evening! Join us for a cosy festive evening of Christmas music, nibbles and crafting. Places are limited, with more information and sign-up details coming soon!

THURS
10TH
DEC

AUTUMN ADVENTURES 2PM-3PM & 3.15PM-4.15PM

Get into the festive spirit with a fun-filled family event packed with Christmas crafts, festive games, music and plenty of Christmas magic! Spaces are limited and sign-up is required – more information coming soon!