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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's been another busy week at BPS! We are delighted to announce that our new Brackla Pupil Senedd members have officially been appointed. A massive thank you to all the pupils who applied—the standard was incredibly high. Shortlisted candidates took part in interviews with Mr. Still and myself, and we were thoroughly impressed by their confidence, creative ideas, and dedication to making a real difference in our school community. It was not an easy decision! Congratulations to our new Senedd Members.

Our BOOST Enrichment Programme got off to a fantastic start last week. Pupils threw themselves into a wonderful variety of activities, from Dance, Craft, and Board Games to Football, Hockey, and Survival Skills. Others worked on mastering Chess, practiced riding bikes, or enjoyed a relaxing Wellbeing Walk. It has been a lovely launch for the programme, and it is brilliant to see our pupils so engaged and enjoying new experiences.

As the school run gets very busy during peak drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly ask all parents, carers, and family members to be mindful of where they park. Please ensure you park safely and legally, keeping double yellow lines, keep-clear zig-zags, and local residents' driveways completely unobstructed. Parking on pavements or blocking sightlines makes it much harder for children to cross safely and creates unnecessary hazards outside the school gates. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe and maintaining positive, respectful relationships with our local community. Thank you for your support with this.

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: Harrison Morgan, Maisy Keepin, Rhys Evans, Alexander Gheorghistean, Vienne Francis, Henry Cox, Griff Stothert-Wheatley, Harry Byrne, Scarlett-Rose Harris, Daniel Guz, Savannah Gale.



House Points Winner this week:



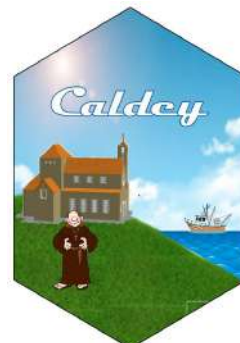
**333
Points**



**330
Points**



**329
Points**



**291
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)	96.11%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	92.92%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle)	84.07%
1W (Miss Wolfe)	97.6%
2P (Ms Pavitt)	91.43%
2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still)	90.71%
3D (Mrs Delgado)	97.67%
4D (Miss Dawson)	92.23%
4/5R (Mrs Rees)	97.5%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	92.33%
6S (Mrs Stephens)	92.81%



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:

James Heath, Caitlyn Excel, Phoebe Kelland, Nate Francis, Max Meecham.



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
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	

BPS Senedd - Written by Miss Dawson

We are delighted to introduce our BPS Senedd representatives! The Senedd gives pupils the opportunity to share their views, suggest ideas and help make decisions about school life for all of the children at Brackla Primary School. Representatives will listen to the ideas of their classmates, bring these to Senedd meetings and help make positive changes across the school.

Our 2026-2027 Senedd members are really excited to get started and can't wait to hear your ideas. We are looking forward to seeing pupil voice in action throughout the year!

If you have an idea for the Senedd, make sure you share it with one of the members in the picture below, and keep an eye out for updates about the exciting projects they will be working on throughout the year.



BOOST



Crafty Creations - *Written by Mrs Delgado*

We kicked off our Crafty Creations BOOST group by using pastels to create a nighttime background, blending colours and shades to create different effects. This week we will be cutting out castles and other spooky objects to place in the foreground and hopefully create a spooky autumnal scene.

Settling in to Nursery - written by Miss Steel

We would like to extend a huge thank you to some wonderful members of our community who have very kindly donated some items of furniture to us. They are now staples of the classroom and over the past week, the children have really enjoyed their home from home, reading books on the new sofa, connecting with their peers in the home corner and dressing up with some items of vintage clothing. It is wonderful to see friendships forming within the classroom and imaginations coming to life.



Football skills - Written by Miss Steel

Last week saw the start of our new boost sessions. We got off to a fantastic start in football skills, learning how to dribble the ball, pass to our friends and we had great fun playing some team games. We look forward to developing these skills over the next few weeks.



1W & 2P visit from REXY - written by Miss Pavitt

Two classes were very lucky and excited to have a special visit from Miss Pavitt's friend, REXY. He is a dinosaur who lives in the museum, just like the dinosaur in the book *Dear Dinosaur*. In the book, a little boy called Max and Rex the dinosaur become "dinopals" and start writing letters, cards, and postcards to each other. The children are very eager to write a letter or postcard to our visitor so he doesn't feel lonely in the museum. Keep an eye out on Seesaw over the next few weeks to see some of the wonderful letters and postcards the children have written!



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**



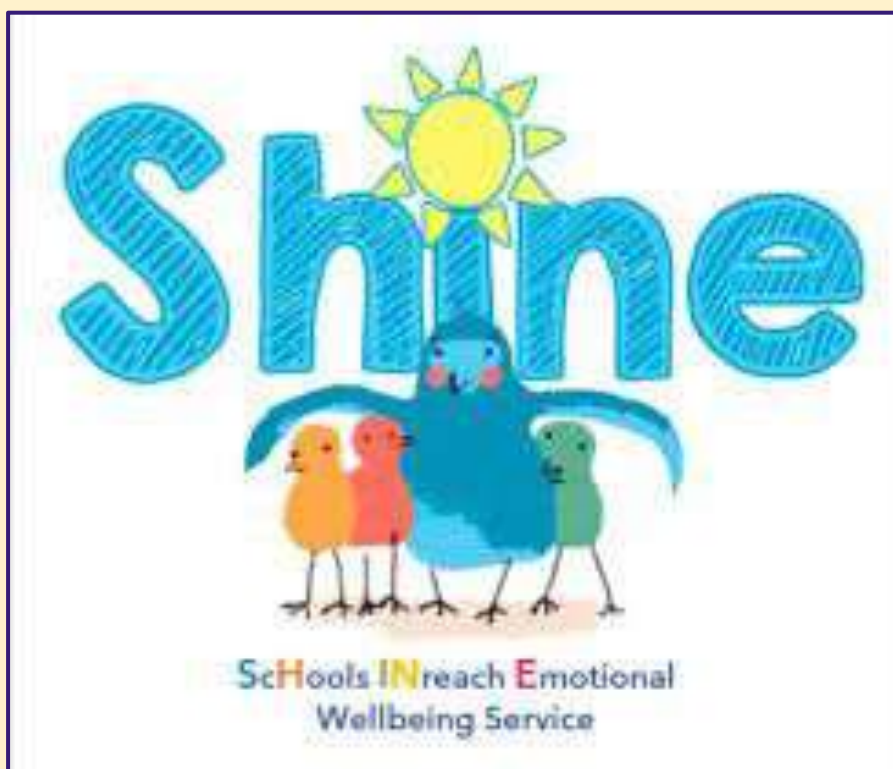
Dec 17th
Christmas parties
**Bring a plate of
food**



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.

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
DAV PILKE
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 OF THE TREE
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
ISBN: 9781338000000

PIG & SLOB
JANIS VANCE
PAPERBACK £3.99
HARDBACK £5.99
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SCHOLASTIC



WE ARE SUPPORTING FARESHARE AND WOULD BE SO
GRATEFUL IF YOUR CHILD COULD BRING ANY ITEMS FROM
THE LIST BELOW FOR OUR SCHOOL PANTRI.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

PLEASE BRING ITEMS IN BY

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

NURSERY & 3P-ANY TINNED FOOD

RECEPTION & 5/6 HJ- PASTA

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 & 5S - RICE

1/2D & 4D- CEREAL

2H & 3/4M- TOILETRIES

6S- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE TROLLEY
AT THE OFFICE OR HAND TO THE CLASS TEACHER

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!