



# Brackla Primary School

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## **Brackla Bulletin 573 (09.10.26)**

**Value of the month: Respect**

**RRS - Article 14: Your right to follow your own religion**

Dear all,

It has been lovely to return to school this week and see how the children have been settling in to their new classes. I would like to thank the staff for their support and hard work during my absence with a special note of gratitude to Mrs Baldridge for doing such a fantastic job keeping everything running so seamlessly.

Additionally, our staff recently joined colleagues from our local cluster primary schools at Brynteg for a productive cluster INSET day. It was an opportunity for teams across all the schools to collaborate and take part in a variety of engaging workshops focused on questioning strategies, inclusive classrooms, AI in education, and behaviour management. It was a successful day of shared learning and partnership, leaving us full of fresh ideas for the term ahead.

We have also finalised our last of the 6 INSET days, which are as follows:

- Monday 15th February
- **Friday 28th May** (new date added)
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

### **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:

**Lacie Paget, Leo-Jay Gardner-Ponting, Sienna Wines, Bruno Still, Iwan Madbouly, Megan Mitchell, Hallie Latham, George Mowbray-Harwood, Parker Cullen-Edwards, Harrison Black, Emma Kolarova.**



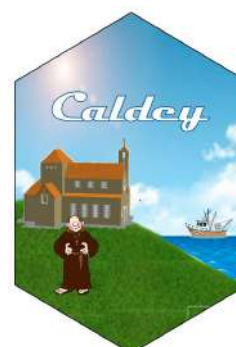
## **House Points Winner this week:**



**338  
Points**



**311  
Points**



**311  
Points**



**293  
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<br>(Mrs Whelan)          | 92.27% |
| Reception<br>(Mrs Driscoll)      | 83.60% |
| Reception/Year 1<br>(Mrs Bartle) | 88.89% |
| 1W<br>(Miss Wolfe)               | 87.31% |
| 2P<br>(Ms Pavitt)                | 93.57% |
| 2/3HS<br>(Miss Helm/Mr Still)    | 95.71% |
| 3D<br>(Mrs Delgado)              | 91.33% |
| 4D<br>(Miss Dawson)              | 94.67% |
| 4/5R<br>(Mrs Rees)               | 95%    |
| 5/6HJ<br>(Mrs Hayter)            | 88.33% |
| 6S<br>(Mrs Stephens)             | 97.81% |



### INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

- Monday 15th February
- Friday 28th May
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

### Birthdays this week

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

Zacary Evans, Fernando Wintermute, Oliver Snelling.



## 1W - How coal is made - written by Miss Wolfe

1W have been exploring the process of how coal is made! We participated in practical representations and did our own experiment to show the process. We started millions of years ago, with the dinosaurs and trees standing tall in the forests and swamps. We acted out the trees and plants slowly falling, and sinking to the bottom of the swamps. Then, we had layers and layers of sand, mud and stone fall on top of us, which squeezed us all together and put a lot of pressure on top of us! With this pressure, and the heat from the Earth, over millions of years, we turned into coal!



First, we stood like tall trees in the forest and swamp.



Next, we acted out the trees dying and falling to the ground.



Then, we had lots of mud, sand, rocks and water pile up on top of us!



Finally, after millions of years of pressure and heat, we turned into coal!



First, we added water to our swamp.



Next, we added grass, leaves and soil.



Then, we took it in turns to apply lots of pressure to squeeze the materials together!



Finally, we discussed that if we left our experiment for millions of years with all of that pressure and heat, it would turn into coal!



### Outdoor play in Nursery - written by Miss Steel

With Autumn weather making an appearance this week, our nursery children are beginning to embrace all of the elements. From a recent Froebel grant, we purchased waterproof clothing and wellies for each child. This week, we got to put them to the test. We explored puddles, tried to catch raindrops, observed wet spiders webs, filled containers with water and used our wheelbarrows to transport water from one side of the garden to the other. We have had so much fun!



## **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.**

| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Event</b>                       | <b>Additional details</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday 12th October               | Y6 Residential meeting for parents | 2.45pm                      |
| Wednesday 14th October            | Flu vaccinations                   | Reception - Year 6          |
| Friday 16th October               | Netball Tournament                 | Netball Team                |
| 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                  |
| Thursday 22nd October             | Brynteg Open Evening               | 4pm - 6.30pm (Years 5 & 6)  |
| Friday 23rd October               | Last day in school                 |                             |
| Monday 26th - Friday 30th October | Half term                          | School closed               |
| Monday 2nd November               | Children return to school          |                             |

w/b Oct 19th  
Swimming  
week  
Year 5  
**FREE**

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



Nov 13th  
Children In  
need  
**Donations**

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

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

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

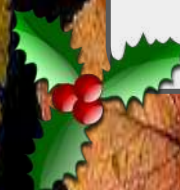
Dec 9th 2pm  
Mrs Bartle's  
concert  
**Tickets £2**

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

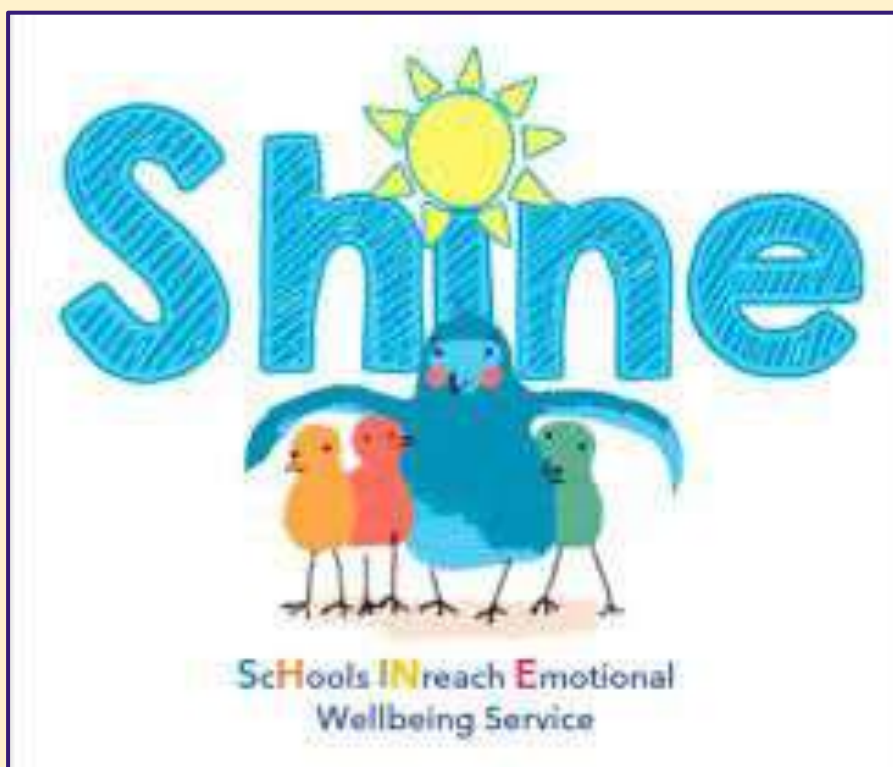
Dec 14th  
Christmas Discos  
**Rec - Y2 £3**  
**Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck  
money**

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

Dec 16th  
Christmas  
Jumper day -  
recycled jumpers  
available



# Wellbeing Update



Thank you to all the families who attended Clare's workshops over the past few weeks—we hope you found them beneficial!

The SHINE team continues to partner with our school to promote a whole-school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing, offering ongoing guidance and practical support for our families.

This term, Clare Blakemore will be hosting 1-to-1 parent sessions every other Tuesday afternoon, providing tailored advice on managing challenging behavior, emotional regulation, and general wellbeing.

If you would like to book a 1-to-1 session, please speak to Mrs. Kelland, our Family Engagement Officer, or contact her by email at [familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk](mailto:familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk).

## **Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School**

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldridge, 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.



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 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

NURSERY & 2P-ANY TINNED FOOD

RECEPTION & 5/6 H- PASTA

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 & 4/5R - RICE

1W & 4D- CEREAL

2/3HS & 3D- TOILETRIES

6S- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

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

Ready for an outdoor adventure? Wrap up warm and join us for our Autumn Adventures event featuring a fun seasonal craft and an exciting great photo scavenger hunt (the hunt is outdoors, weather permitting!). To help cover costs we are charging £1 per child and you can sign up now via the school gateway app under payments.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING- only 11 weeks to go!!! You can now sign up for the adult only wreath making workshop via the school gateway app under payments. See below the details. Your booking includes all the materials you'll need to create a lovely festive wreath to take home, plus plenty of light refreshments to keep us going and yes, there will be a mince pie or two!

Please note: Spaces are limited and this is a strictly adult only workshop due to all the equipment that will be around the room- including hot glue guns! Looking forward to getting all creative and Christmassy with you all.



**WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
6.30PM-8.30PM : £15**

# **Wreath making Workshop**

**ALL OF THE MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.  
SIGN UP VIA THE GATEWAY APP  
UNDER PAYMENTS**

**ADULT ONLY EVENT**

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

# Upcoming Events

Oct-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!

TUES  
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

## FESTIVE FUN 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!



**RAW PERFORMANCE**  
FIT FOR LIFE

GET ACTIVE  
TOGETHER  
**MAKE  
MEMORIES**

# **FAMILY FITNESS IS BACK!**

We believe fitness is for everyone, and what better way to instil healthy habits than with the ones you love? 😊  
Our **Family Fitness** project is all about creating a supportive community where families can come together, get active, and make memories 🤝.



**GET ACTIVE  
TOGETHER**



**BUILD  
HEALTHY  
HABITS**



**MEET NEW  
PEOPLE**



**HAVE FUN  
AS A FAMILY**



**EVERY MONDAY**  
**17:30 - 18:30**



**BRYNTEG COMP**  
**SPORTS HALL**



**FITNESS BRINGS  
US TOGETHER**

Proudly funded by



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#FamilyFitness

#FitForLife

#StrongerTogether



Dance Crazy  
STUDIOS

## BRACKLA/BRIDGEND CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

*Stronger together* ♥

★ EVERY SATURDAY ★



### BABY STEPS

9:00 – 9:30AM

AGE 18 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS



### UNITED

10:00 – 10:45AM

AGE 3–7



### MEDALIST

11:00 – 12:00PM

AGE 7–TEENS



AT BRACKLA DEAF  
& SOCIAL CLUB HALL



**FIRST CLASS FREE!**



EMAIL NOW TO BOOK YOUR SPACE

[ENQUIRIES@DANCECRAZYSTUDIOS.CO.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@DANCECRAZYSTUDIOS.CO.UK)



FUN ★ FRIENDS ★ CONFIDENCE ★ CREATIVITY