



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Friendship

RRS - Article 7: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Dear all,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and hope you have had a good summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week. They have been getting used to their new classrooms and routines, along with starting their new topics. You can find out what they will be learning about in next week's newsletter.

As you are aware Mrs Davis retired at the end of the summer term and Mrs Baldridge is our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Baldridge is a very skilled practitioner, with many years experience throughout the school, and is passionate about wellbeing, and will work extremely hard to ensure your child's wellbeing is at the forefront of everything we do.

There is a lot of information included in this newsletter, so please take time to look through it and don't hesitate to contact us should you require further information. We are all looking forward to a new year, and as always we will keep you updated in a variety of ways including our weekly newsletter, texts, emails, external digital boards and Twitter. We are currently in the process of redesigning our school website which will be launched later this month.

Allergies and Medical Conditions

As it is the start of a new school year, we have sent out a Google Form [General Consent Form](#) for parents/carers to declare any allergies or medical conditions their child has. This year, we will be contacting anyone with identified allergies to request that these allergies are supported by medical evidence from a doctor or qualified medical professional so that they can be added to your child's file.

How you can help:

- Complete the school form for 2024-2025 if you haven't already done so [General Consent Form](#)
- Ensure that all medical information regarding your child's food allergies is kept up to date and inform the school of any changes immediately;
- Provide medical evidence to support allergies so that we can keep on your child's file;
- Do not send in any food items (birthday sweet treats, cakes etc.) as we will not be able to give them out;
- Please do not send your child into school with items containing nuts;
- Ensure medication (particularly epipens) are in date;
- Complete a medication form for any prescribed medication.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Attendance

We have recently revised our attendance policy with cluster schools and in line with BCBC's 'Attend to Achieve' campaign. Our new policy will be added to the new website, however, the main changes are:

- Persistent absenteeism is now identified by Welsh Government as below 90% (this has recently changed from 80%). 90% is equivalent to missing 0.5 day per week or 4 full weeks over the school year;
- A new leave of absence form has been created. All holiday requests must be made at least 2 weeks prior to holiday;
- Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) may be issued by the Local Authority when permission for holidays/leave of absence has not been authorised by the school. FPNs can also be issued for 10 occasions of lateness during the term;
- Attend to achieve letters will be sent out termly identifying your child's attendance and colour coding it accordingly: purple (100%); green (97%-99%); amber (96%-93%) and red (below 92%);
- BCBC run attendance drive days throughout the year, where the Education Welfare Officer visits the home if the school has not been notified of your child's absence. Therefore, it is essential that you notify the school of your child's absence by 9.30am and continue to keep the school informed if the absence lasts more than one day.

Breakfast Club

We are looking to restart Breakfast Club by the end of September. There are a limited amount of spaces available and places can be reserved using our online booking system. There will be more information coming out soon along with details on how can you book a place.

Playtime Snacks and Lunches

Please remember that we are a healthy school and children can only bring fruit snacks for their playtime break. We also encourage you to provide a healthy lunchbox if your child has sandwiches at lunchtime. All children in school are now entitled to free school meals and the menu is available by clicking this link [Autumn Dinner Menu](#).

The Pod

Last year, we managed to secure a Community Focus Schools grant and during the summer holidays we had a new structure installed on one of our school yards. The 'Pod' will be used for a variety of purposes including drop in sessions, small group family engagement activities and multi agency working. Watch this space for more information over the coming weeks.



School Website

We are currently in the process of redesigning our school website, which we will be launching later this month. Our current website is still live, however, is not being updated with any new information. Thank you for your patience during this time and we look forward to launching it soon.

Get Help with School Costs: School Essentials Grant

The School Essentials Grant opened on **1st July 2024** and will close on **31st May 2025**.

Who is eligible?

Children in reception to year 11 whose families are on lower incomes and **get certain benefits** can apply for:

- **£125 per learner and extra funding for your school**
- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school) and extra funding for your school

Parents and carers can claim **once** per child per school year.

Receiving Universal Primary Free School Meals does not automatically entitle your child to the School Essentials Grant:

- Learners must be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (eFSM).
- Learners who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify.
- All children in local authority care qualify for the grant.

What the grant is for?

The School Essentials Grant can help cover the costs of:

- school uniform, including coats and shoes
- school activities, including learning a musical instrument, sports kit and other equipment for after school activities
- classroom essentials, including pens, pencils and school bags.

If you are unsure, please contact the office for further details.

Universal Free School Meals

All children in primary school can now receive free school meals. Details of the school menu can be found here: [Autumn Dinner Menu](#)

Wellbeing Update

Welcome back to a new school year and particularly to our new families. At Brackla Primary School we recognise that it is every child's right to be safe, to play, to have an education and to be healthy and happy. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. All our staff are safeguarding trained and this is a priority of our school to ensure all our pupils are safe and happy.

If you are concerned about any child and wish to talk to someone please come into the office or ring the school. One of our safeguarding officers will be able to meet with you.

Thank you

Mrs Baldrige

Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School

We have three designated senior staff for Child Protection



Mrs A Baldrige
01656 815570



Mrs K John
01656 815570



Mr G Still
01656 815570

The school also has a designated governor for Child Protection



Mrs J Czajkowski
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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.

What's On This Half Term: Spring A 2024

Please take a look below at what is coming up this half term

Date	Event	Additional details
16th September	Flu vaccine	Reception - Yr 6
24th September	School photographs (individual)	Whole school
9th October	School visit to St Fagans	3/4M & 4B
10th October	Book fayre	More details to follow
17th October	School visit to St Fagans	1D; 2H and 2/3P
21st - 25th October	Parent/carers meeting week 1	Reception; Reception/Year 1; 2H; 2/3P
25th October	Break up for half term	
4th November	Back to school	
4th-8th November	Parent/carers meeting week 2	3/4M; 4B; 4/5H; 5/6S and 6S

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 5 more INSET days this year, however, only 4 have been confirmed and are below. There are 2 more to be confirmed.

- Monday 6th January
- Friday 23rd May
- Monday 21st July
- 2 more to be confirmed

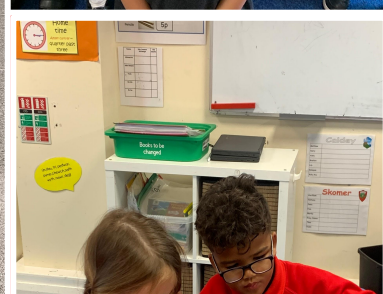
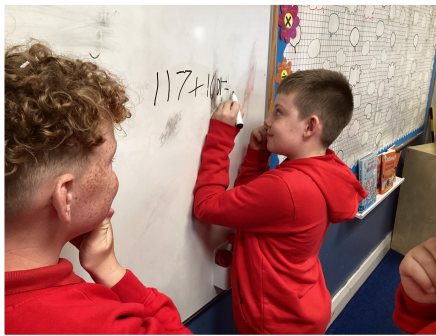
Birthdays this week

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

Samuel North, Oscar Ford, Dylan Sokolowski, Arthur Beresford, Isabella Griffiths, Yusuf Shah, Agata Zygmunt, Imogen Blank, Isabella Richards, Kheelan Rees.



First Week Back



School Clubs

Please take a look at the school clubs on offer this term. If your child would like to take part, please sign up using our new electronic booking system on the school gateway app from Monday, (please note that karate is done directly through the instructor Christian Whale). There are a variety of clubs on offer which change on a termly basis. Thank you to all the staff for delivering this term's clubs.

SCHOOL CLUBS **(Week beginning 09.09.24)**

MONDAY

Karate
(charge per session)

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Years 2 - 6

**External
Provider**

TUESDAY

Tag Rugby
(Max 16)

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Years 4 - 6

Mr McNamara

Spanish

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 1 - 4

**Mrs Hayter
Mrs Delgado**

WEDNESDAY

Clwb Darllen

12pm - 12.30pm

Years 5 & 6

**Mrs Martin
Mrs Bartle**

Procreate
(max 10)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 4 - 6

Mrs Stephens

THURSDAY

Netball

12pm - 12.30pm

Years 4 - 6

**Mrs Hunter
Mrs Stephens**

Rangers

3.15pm - 4.15pm

**Brackla
Rangers**

Mr Williams

Karate
(charge per session)

3.30pm - 4.45pm

Years 2 - 6

**External
Provider**

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- ✓ Fun and Enjoyment
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