



# Brackla Primary School

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## **Brackla Bulletin 495 (27.09.24)**

**Value of the month: Friendship**

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

Dear all,

It is hard to believe that we are 4 weeks into the new school year, with October just around the corner. The children have been settling into their new classes well and have been enjoying learning about their new topic. This term, the children will be travelling through time with our whole school topic 'Ding Ding Next Stop!' which is a Humanities based topic with a history focus. Class placemats have been sent through Seesaw today to give you an idea of what your child will be learning during this topic, so please take time to have a look. Sub topics include Home Sweet Home, Time Travellers and All Roads Lead to Rome.

### **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: [Luca Colbridge](#), [Jack Jenkins](#), [Parker Edmunds](#), [Max Meecham](#), [Ava-Rose Jones](#), [John-Paul Jenkins](#), [Finn Sullivan](#), [Kaleb Tennant](#), [Esme Allin](#), [Ollie Lewis](#), [Tudor Moldovan](#) and [Dominik Bodnar](#).



### **Enillwyr siaradwr Cymraeg yr wythnos/Welsh Speaker of the week winners - Criw Cymraeg**

Llongyfarchiadau to the following children for winning Siaradwr Cymraeg yr wythnos this week. They have shown excellent Welsh skills in class and around the school. Da iawn: [Jacob Cox](#), [Reuben Howells](#), [Samuel North](#), [Kaito Langmaid](#), [Jacob O'Hara](#), [Hope Cabigting](#), [Oscar Livick](#).



## House Points Winner this week:



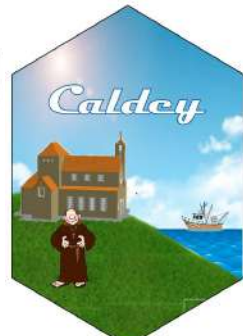
**709  
Points**



**635  
Points**



**624  
Points**



**620  
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)            | 94.17% |
| Reception<br>(Mrs Driscoll)        | 98.21% |
| Reception/Year 1<br>(Mrs Martin)   | 94.83% |
| 1D<br>(Mrs Delgado)                | 92.41% |
| 2H<br>(Miss Helm)                  | 93.10% |
| 2/3P<br>(Ms Pavitt)                | 98.39% |
| 3/4M<br>(Mr M <sup>c</sup> Namara) | 97.67% |
| 4B<br>(Mrs Bartle)                 | 95.36% |
| 4/5H<br>(Mrs Hayter)               | 98.67% |
| 5/6S<br>(Mrs Stephens)             | 96%    |
| 6S<br>(Mr Still)                   | 96.21% |



## Birthdays this week

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

Zachary Parry-Radway, Finley Davies, Nate Francis, Riley Davies,  
Max Meecham, Alexander Gheorghistean, Reuben Lewis, Josiah  
Thomas.



**Boost Gardening - The big garden tidy-up! - written by Mrs Whelan**

After a very wet summer the garden was completely overgrown. The garden boosters did a super job weeding and tidying up the raised beds. Look at all the vegetables they harvested; runner beans, cabbages, courgettes, parsnips, beetroot and corn. Many of our vegetables are given to the Pantri.



***BEFORE  
AND AFTER***



Look what we  
discovered in  
the garden



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# Wellbeing Update

## Thrive Time at Brackla Primary

Every Monday morning children enjoy sharing stories, discussions with their class and activities addressing the social and emotional development needs for their age. During the sessions pupils enjoy...

- Relaxation/zen den
- Exploration of feelings/emotions
- Techniques to cope with big emotions - breathing, mindfulness
- Fun group activities e.g. playdough, role play scenarios, puppets, arts
- Themes covered include Confidence, Friendship, Kindness, Conflict/Resolution, Feeling anxious, I am unique/special, Stop!Think!Choose & Do!



**Everyone in the class enjoys Thrive Time!**

### 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.

**Welcome to all our new nursery children**

*written by Mrs Whelan*

Our nursery pupils have made a super start to their learning journey. They are beginning to settle into our daily routine and are having lots of fun discovering their new classroom and the exciting activities inside and outside!





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### **Criw Cymraeg - written by Mrs Bartle and Mrs Martin**

A big LLONGYFARCHIADAU to our new Criw Cymraeg for 2024-2025. Mrs Martin and I were overwhelmed with the amount of applications received and it was a very difficult decision to make. After much deliberation we agreed that the following children will be part of our new Criw Cymraeg...

Congratulations to Enzo Corona, Charlotte Burton, Coda Weaver, Emilie Jones, Oscar Thomas, Charis Ezeemo, Christopher Ezeemo, Jacob O'Hara, Ethan Chung and Jacob Lee Burke.



Our Criw Cymraeg is made up of representatives of pupils from Years 5 and Year 6. They meet weekly to promote Welsh and develop the Siarter Iaith across the school. They decide which targets they are going to work on, give feedback on how the targets are going and discuss how to celebrate any special days/events that may be coming up in our Welsh calendar.

### **Wheely Wonders Boost - written by Mr Sobocinski**

Today we had our cycling adventure. All children tried their best to learn and improve their abilities to cycle. We are really impressed with our pupil's perseverance and determination to achieve their goals. Keep up the good work and never give up.



## All aboard for our new topic - 2/3P and 2H - written by Ms Pavitt

2H and 2/3P have been making the most of what could possibly be the last of the warm dry weather and thrown themselves into our topic. We have had lots of fun outside creating maps of our garden, and taken our knowledge of coordinates onto the yard. Children created their own grids and identified coordinates. We have also tested our knowledge of the compass points and played games by hiding at different points. We are really enjoying our topic so far, and the best is yet to come!



## Huff and puff in Reception/Year 1 - written by Mrs Martin

Reception/Year 1 had so much fun this week, totally immersed in the world of The Three Little Pigs. We have made posters for the school to beware of the Big Bad Wolf, learned about all different types of houses, written questions to ask the wolf and our favourite activity of the week was searching for the different building materials for The Three Little Pigs. We followed the pig's instructions in order to find straw, sticks and bricks that were scattered around the grounds of our school. This gave us a great opportunity to discover parts of the school that we had never visited before and gave the children an understanding of what different parts of the school are used for. 🧱🐺🐷🐷🐷🧱



**Book Fair - written by Mrs Hayter**

On Thursday 10th October, our book fair will arrive at school and will be open between 3:15pm - 3:45pm each afternoon until Wednesday 16th October. Reading helps children feel more optimistic and as a school we promote a love of reading from an early age. So please come along to the Infant Hall and have a browse at the wide range of books for all age groups.

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## 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                           |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 1st October         | Nursery class photo                                |  |
| 3rd October         | Drop in session 'Supporting your child at home'    | 2.30pm (find out about the 6 week programme) |
| 4th October         | Reading information session for Reception families | Reception 2.30pm                             |
| 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/carer meeting week 1                        | Reception; Reception/Year 1; 1D; 2H; 2/3P    |
| 24th October        | Year 1 audio test with school nurse                |  |
| 25th October        | Break up for half term                             |  |
| 4th November        | Back to school                                     |  |
| 4th-8th November    | Parent/carer meeting week 2                        | 3/4M; 4B; 4/5H; 5/6S and 6S                  |
| 14th November       | Yr 1 Dental Survey                                 |  |

### INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 5 more INSET days this year, however, only 3 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

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

**Come and join us for a 6 week programme that will help you support your child at home with hints and tips to boost your relationship**

**The programme starts on Tuesday 15th October 1.00 - 3.00pm.**

**Come and find out more and sign up during our drop in session on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 2.30pm**

**For more information please contact Mrs Brown.**

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