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Value of the month: Respect

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

Dear all,

Today is our Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Brown's last day. On behalf of everyone at Brackla, I wanted to thank Mrs Brown for everything she has done to support the families and children during her time with us. We wish her all the very best for her new job within the Local Authority.



Year 7 Admission Information

Parents/carers of all Year 6 pupils are required to submit an admission application for a Year 7 place at secondary school in September 2025 for their child/ren.

For children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, transferring from junior/primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2025, the timing of the admission round is as follows:

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am on Monday, 14 October 2024
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm on Friday, 17 January 2025

Home to School Transport Policy

The local authority's new Home-to-School Transport Policy 2025 is now available on the local authority's website and will apply from the start of the school year from September 2025.

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/transport-to-school-or-college/>

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: [Joey Meecham](#), [Maisie Davies](#), [Cooper Phillips](#), [Emily Ashford](#), [Matthew Freeman](#), [Mayah-Grace Hearne](#), [Jenson Powell](#), [Brayden Coyle](#), [Erin Leyshon](#), [Hope Cabigting](#), [Emma Dauncey](#).



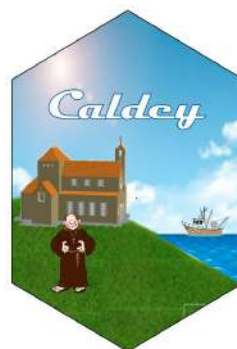
House Points Winner this week:



**614
Points**



**608
Points**



**597
Points**



**593
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)	80.36%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.71%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	85.52%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	97.24%
2H (Miss Helm)	94.48%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	95.81%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	97%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	83.21%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	88.67%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	95.67%
6S (Mr Still)	93.79%



Reception - written by Mrs Driscoll

Reception have had a busy week learning all about homes long ago. We have looked at kitchen objects from Victorian times and sorted them into 'Then' and 'Now' and talked about how the items have changed from a long time ago. We also found out how the Victorians made bread without any electricity. We made our own salt dough and learned how to knead it to bake it in the oven. We got a little bit messy but it was great fun!



1D The Victorians - written by Mrs Delgado

This week we have been looking at how children lived during Victorian times. We dressed up and tried not to smile for the photos, as they did in Victorian times.



We have been learning songs from the last century and went to Bryn-y-Cae residential home to sing songs for the elderly. They loved the performance and some residents even shed happy tears! We sang 'Daisy, Daisy', 'Tulips from Amsterdam' and 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' and many residents joined in with the singing.



2H Size of Wales Workshop - written by Ms Helm

We were lucky enough to be visited by Vic from the charity Size of Wales who helped us develop our geographical knowledge by teaching us about the rainforests of the world. We were introduced to some animals that live there, explored elephant dung, played a termite game based on how chimps use tools, examined cocoa beans and learned about the importance of Fairtrade. What a great session!



4B - written by Mrs Bartle

This week 4B have been learning about the Jewish festival 'Rosh Hashanah'. Rosh Hashanah means 'Head of the Year' and is a special festival that celebrates Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start. It is a holy day on which Jewish people are not expected to work. Instead it is a time for them to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done. They can also think about their priorities in life and what is important to them.

During Rosh Hashanah, Jewish people will traditionally greet each other with *L'shanah tovah*, which means "for a good New Year". Many Jewish families will spend some of Rosh Hashanah at a Synagogue. This is the name given to the building where Jewish people go to worship. During Rosh Hashanah, food is also really important. Slices of apple are dipped in honey to symbolise a sweet new year ahead. Honey cake is eaten too. 4B enjoyed having apples and honey during their topic activities this week.



Boost - Year 1 and 2 Brackla Ramblers - written by Ms Helm

Group A enjoyed their fortnight of Brackla Ramblers which consisted of us first walking to the Skate park next door and on week 2 we rambled all the way to the Spar Park. Fabulous behaviour and brilliant fun - well done Group A!



Outdoor Learning@BPS X Bryngarw Country Park - Written by Mr Williams

After a very wet year and some much needed TLC, OutdoorLearning@BPS finally reopened our school pond this week. After the reopening, the children enjoyed looking at and identifying all the different species which inhabit our pond, as well as, learning all about the different plants that oxygenate it which were planted that day.

A massive thank you to 2H for taking part in the opening ceremony and to our special guests, Mrs John and the Rangers from Bryngarw Country Park for the official reopening.



Love Of Life Itself!

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Parc Gwledig Bryngarw
Bryngarw Country Park



Wellbeing Update

Supporting your child is not always an easy task. Children need different approaches at different times as they grow and develop. Do come along to a six week programme (15th Oct 1-3p.m.) with other parents/carers to learn and chat about challenges you may be experiencing and maybe pick up some new ideas to help support your relationship with your child .

If you are interested in coming along please sign up at the office or give Mrs Lewis a ring on 815570



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.

01656 815570
familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk

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.

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.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from just £2.99

COME to the BOOK FAIR

DOG MAN: The SCARLET SHEDDER by Dav Pilkey
NEW Save £3 £12.99 £9.99

Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
NEW Save £5 £12.99 £7.99 From the creators of Zog

WHEN JELLY HAD A Wobble
JUST £2.99 £6.99 £2.99

MY BIG FAT Smelly POO DIARY
NEW £8.99 A work of staggering importance.

MICHAEL MORPURGO: COBWEB
NEW Paperback exclusive to Scholastic £7.99

TOM GATES: FIVE STAR STORIES
NEW IN PAPERBACK £7.99

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
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 October	Parent/Carer meetings	1D
23rd October	Parent/Carer meetings	Reception & Reception/Year 1
24th October	Parent/Carer meetings	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/carers 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

Birthdays this week

On behalf of all the children and staff at Brackla Primary School

Happy Birthday to:

Henry Jones, Scarlett Nutting, Winnie Treharne, Isaac Sims, Olivia Brooks, Harper Sheldon.



Brynteg open evening for year 5 and 6 pupils, parents and carers

I am writing to invite you to our annual Open Evening at Brynteg School which will take place on **Thursday, 24th October** at 4pm – 6:30pm.

During the Open Evening, you will get the opportunity to meet the Headteacher, Mr. Davies, myself (Lauren Mackie, Deputy Headteacher), Mr. Lloyd Evans (Year 7 Year Leader), Mrs. Lucy Thomas (Year 7 Assistant Year Leader) and lots of other members of staff from all of our areas of learning, as well as some of our current pupils. Our Sixth Form Prefects will take you on a guided tour of the school and you will also be invited to attend a presentation about Brynteg School from Mr. Davies and myself, where you will be able to ask any questions you may have.

In order to ensure the evening runs as smoothly as possible, you will be required to arrive using the following school entrances:

Brackla Primary / Tremains Primary: Please enter using the Bus Bay entrance off Ewenny Road (next to the Premier shop). There will be parking available in the Bus Bay should you require it.

There will be staff and pupils on hand to greet you as you arrive in the various locations.

We are really looking forward to meeting you all on October 24th, and in the meantime, please take a look at our Transition website, designed specifically for our Year 5/6 pupils, parents and carers.

The website hosts a series of videos from our staff and pupils at Brynteg, as well as lots of other useful information for prospective pupils, parents and carers.

To access the website, please click on the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/bryntegy7-2020/home>

We are really looking forward to meeting you all on October 24th and showing you around our wonderful school. If you have any queries regarding the evening, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Lauren Mackie
Deputy Headteacher