



# Brackla Primary School

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## Brackla Bulletin 497 (11.10.24)

### Value of the month: Respect

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

Dear all,

Our new school website has gone live this week ([www.bracklaprimary.co.uk](http://www.bracklaprimary.co.uk)), and I am sure you will agree it has a much more modern feel. It will hopefully provide a useful source of information on a variety of topics along with links to useful websites, upcoming events and our weekly newsletters. If you feel that there is anything missing or have any suggestions on how we could improve it, I would be interested to hear from you.

The website designer has mentioned that when you first visit the website, it may look a little different and your device may need a hard refresh (CTRL + F5 / CMD, SHIFT + R).

We will also be using our new website to set up our parent/carer meetings. This week parents/carers in Reception - 2/3P will have received a message regarding setting up an account, and we would be grateful if you could do this in order to book a time slot.

1. To set up your account you would have received an email on Thursday to set a password. Click on the link in the email to do this. (If you have not received a link, please contact the office).
2. A second email will be sent to book a parent meeting time slot (you need to have set up your account in step 1 to do this). Bookings can be made using a desktop computer or mobile device. If you are having trouble booking a time slot, please contact Mrs Lewis in the office.

Details for parent/carer meetings for 3/4 - Yr 6 will be shared next week.

### 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: [Arthur Apsee](#), [Peyton Farr](#), [Megan Mitchell](#), [Nate Francis](#), [Evie Penpraze](#), [Mia Stovell](#), [Mia James](#), [Kenleigh Fry](#), [Fayea-Jane Raymond](#), [Christopher Ezeemo](#) and [Casey Patch](#).



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

Longyfarchiadau 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:

[Mia Stovell](#), [Lily Thomas](#), [Theo Lee-Burke](#), [Harry Drozdowski](#), [Dominik Bodnar](#), [Maya Ferreira](#)



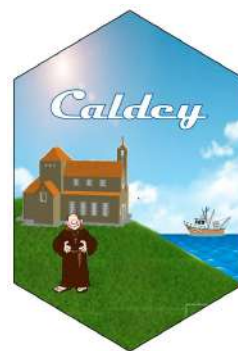
# House Points Winner this week:



**672  
Points**



**667  
Points**



**664  
Points**



**626  
Points**

## Attendance

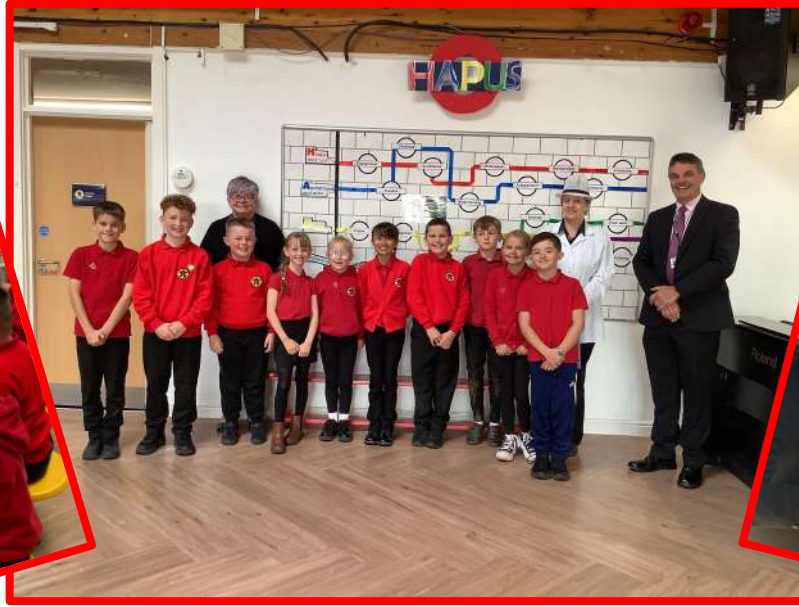
Each week class attendance is celebrated in assembly and this term, we will be awarding a trophy to the class with the highest attendance. The winning class will also get an additional 5 minutes playtime on Monday. Take a look below to see how your child's class did this week:

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Nursery<br>(Mrs Whelan)            | 89.95% |
| Reception<br>(Mrs Driscoll)        | 95.36% |
| Reception/Year 1<br>(Mrs Martin)   | 83.69% |
| 1D<br>(Mrs Delgado)                | 96.55% |
| 2H<br>(Miss Helm)                  | 96.9%  |
| 2/3P<br>(Ms Pavitt)                | 94.84% |
| 3/4M<br>(Mr M <sup>c</sup> Namara) | 98%    |
| 4B<br>(Mrs Bartle)                 | 87.86% |
| 4/5H<br>(Mrs Hayter)               | 91.67% |
| 5/6S<br>(Mrs Stephens)             | 93%    |
| 6S<br>(Mr Still)                   | 96.9%  |



## Taste Testing

This afternoon, our Senedd took part in a taste testing exercise for Bridgend Catering Services. The school had been asked to be involved to find some new and tasty vegetarian options for a revised menu. The food tasted included cauliflower and red pepper curry; fish goujons; bean chilli and ravioli in a tomato and basil sauce. The children were also joined by Councillor Martyn Jones who was keen to find out what the children thought about the new options and also what they thought about their school lunches. We were very lucky to be the only school chosen out of 59 schools in Bridgend County Borough.





CLASS 3/4M WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2024

We went to St Fagans to see a Celtic Roundhouse and we all really enjoyed it. We even met a real life archaeologist who told us all about the Celts. At first it was very dark inside but our eyes soon got used to it. There were lots of different artifacts for us to see.

We have learnt a lot about the Celts this term but something new that we didn't know was that they used deer antlers to dig for iron ore. They also made grinding stones to make flour and a clay oven to bake bread.

**Ashton, Imogen, Alfie and Lotti**



Clay Oven

Grinding Quern Stones

Loom



My shield was made out of wood, iron and leather. It had Celtic patterns on it.

**Toby**



I was just like Boudicca with my heavy iron sword!

**Florence**

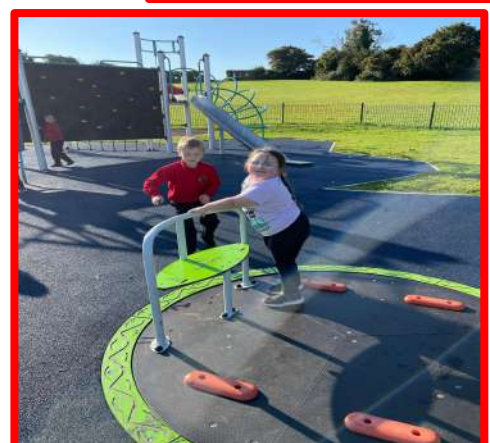
We learnt that they made fires by hitting flint rock with a piece of steel which made sparks.

**Camelia**



**Boost Group B - Year 1 and 2 - written by Miss Helm**

Group B had a fabulous time in the Spar park today - we had quite a walk to get there, well done for your perseverance and fabulous behaviour boys and girls!



# 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 .

There are still places available. 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 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.

**Pumpkin Patch Raffle - written by Mrs Whelan**

In Boost the children harvested 10 pumpkins! To help our gardening and outdoor projects the children have decided to raffle the pumpkins.

Tickets are 50p. There will be 10 winners.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th October.



**Victorian Washday Reception and Reception /Year 1 - written by Mrs Driscoll**

We have been learning about Victorian homes and kitchens. We found out that Victorians had a wash day on a Monday but we wondered why they needed a whole day. We set to work to find out why. We looked at old photographs and newspaper articles. We read information books and even had our own washday to learn about all the different equipment they used. Now we know why it took all day. They had to do everything themselves because there was no electricity for a washing machine. It was very hard work. Poor Beti Bwt. We were glad we could help her today.



It's wash day for Beti Bwt. We are helping her.



We collected the water.

Don't forget the blue powder to make the whites sparkle!



Scrubbed on the washboard with a bar of soap.



We made the dolly go up and down and round and round.

Then we squeezed out the water like the mangle.



I hope it doesn't rain!

Time to put the washing on the line.



What a very long day!



Finally, it's time to get the clothes ironed.

## 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           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11th-16th October | Book fayre                          | 3.15pm - 3.45pm infant hall  |
| 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:

Harrison Colbridge, Oliver Lloyd, Harrison Evans.

