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Value of the month: Kindness

RRS - Article 12: Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to

Dear all,

As you are aware, our Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Brown left several weeks ago, and I am delighted to inform you that our new Family Engagement Officer, Mrs Kelland will be starting on Monday 18th November. Many of you will know Mrs Kelland through her links with our school in leading assemblies and, as a parent. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team, so please keep an eye out over the next few weeks for forthcoming events.

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need today. You can see some photos of the children dressed up on page 3.



Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play a key role in the school, working as part of a team to provide support and challenge. The Governing Body is made up of parents/carers/staff and other members of the community. Every term the Governing Body meet to support the work of the school, ensuring that the school delivers high quality provision for all pupils.

What does the Governing body do?

- Support the vision and strategic direction of the school;
- Support and strengthen the school leadership and hold them to account for the day to day management of the school;
- Oversee the financial performance of the school.

How do I apply?

All parents and carers are eligible to become a Parent Governor and should there be more than one application, a ballot will be held. If you are interested in applying, please submit the following information to the school by **Monday 25th November**.

1. Name, address, email details and phone details.
2. Your child's name and class.
3. A short statement of no more than 100 words expressing your interest which will be included on the ballot form, should we receive more expressions of interest than there are spaces available on the Governing Body.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this vacancy.

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: Reuben Lewis, Tobias Choi, Charlie Oliver, Edith Lewis, Miyah-Grace Mantell, Lyla Marshall, Bethan Badman, Maya Ferreira, Jacob Lee-Burke, Lily Byrne,



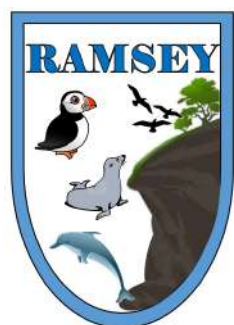
Attendance

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)	91.67%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.36%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	92.14%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	90.69%
2H (Miss Helm)	95.86%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	95%
3/4M (Mr M°Namara)	88.33%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	95.86%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	94%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	97%
6S (Mr Still)	93%



House Points Winner this week:



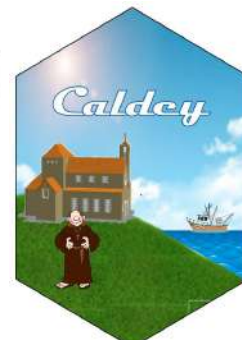
**517
Points**



**514
Points**



**508
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**502
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Children in Need

As a result of your donations today for Children in Need, we raised **£328.69**. Thank you for your generosity.



Active fun



Active fun and games for Boost - with lots of smiling faces for Children in Need.



The Urdd Boost groups made Pudsey puppets using Welsh numbers and colours for Children in Need.



The children in Nursery have made a super effort dressing up for Children in need.



RVE in 2H and 2/3P - written by Ms Helm

We have enjoyed learning about Islam and Muslims' beliefs. We watched videos, explored artefacts, composed questions and interviewed Mr and Mrs El Maniri. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs El Maniri who came in their Eid Al-Fitr outfits and answered the children's questions, demonstrated speaking in Arabic whilst reading the Qu'ran, showed photos and prayer mats and spoke about Ramadan. The children were fascinated - a very big thank you to Mr and Mrs El Maniri!



Taste Testing

On Tuesday, a group of children were involved in a broccoli taste test. Bridgend is one of six Local Authorities working with Food Sense Wales on trialling organic broccoli on their menus. Currently 94% of vegetables in Welsh schools come from outside of Wales, however, the organic broccoli being trialled is grown in West Wales and is supporting the food industry in Wales. Thankyou to all of the children that took part to eat a plate of greens!



Governor's School Tour

Members of the Senedd stayed behind on Wednesday evening to show our Governing Body members around the school. They left no stone unturned, visiting the indoor and outdoor learning environments. answering questions about what life in Brackla Primary is like.

The children did a wonderful job showcasing the school and were very confident and articulate - well done and thank you to [Miley](#), [Colin](#), [Hope](#), [Maddie](#), [Cohen](#), [Orion](#) and [Alfie](#).

Birthdays this week

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

Happy Birthday to:

[Charlotte Burton](#), [Ava-Rose Jones](#), [Reuben Lewis](#), [Mia James](#),
[Erin Leyshon](#), [Aderyn Felix](#).



One-to-One Support Work

Ar Trac is able to provide one-to-one specialised support work to children and young people between the ages of 5-16 who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse and, who are exhibiting difficulties with their families and peer relationships.

Using the Outcome Star, the support worker will work collaboratively with the children and young people in order to shape and manage how their support will look. The child's/young persons voice is key in this type of support, and we encourage them to use it in order to facilitate the individual support they need to build resilience.

The Star is an outcomes tool that enables us to measure and summarise changes made by a range of children and young people with different needs. It is also a keywork and coaching tool that helps children and young people make changes by providing them with a clear picture of their journey, enabling them to take manageable steps and plotting their progress along the way. The Outcome Star is a child centred tool used to aid our successful one-to-one support, that allows the young people to have complete control of their support which allows them to gain self-efficacy, confidence and self-esteem.

We use creative methods to engage young people in their support work.

This support work is child led. Sessions last between 45-60 minutes.

Sessions are carried out in a safe environment (school, office).

Support usually lasts anything between 10-14 weeks depending on the individual needs of the child (but can last longer in some instances)

Support work will be carried out by the same support worker.

The child or young person is able to participate in group work after their support has ended if they want to or feel that they need more confidence or support in other areas.

➔ To refer into the service or make an enquiry in
Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend:

Calan DVS

Neath

Tel 01639 633580

Email artrac@calandvs.org.uk

What's On This Half Term

Please take a look below at what is coming up till the end of December.

4th & 5th December	Pop up toy stall	Starburst (9am - 10am & 2pm - 3pm)
6th December	Christmas pantomime	Years 1 - 6
11th December	Nursery concert	10am
	1D concert	2pm
12th December	Reception concert	10am
	Reception/Year 1 concert	2pm
16th December	Christmas disco	Reception - Yr 2 : 3.15pm - 4pm Years 3 - 6 : 4.15pm - 5.15pm
18th December	Christmas lunch & jumper day	Whole school
20th December	Last day in school	

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

Christmas at BPS

Date	What's happening?
December 4th & 5th	Pop-up toy stall for parents/carers 9-10 a.m & 2-3 p.m
December 6th	Pantomime trip Y1-6
December 11th	Nursery and 1D Christmas concerts
December 12th	Reception and R/1 Christmas concerts
December 16th	Christmas discos Rec - Y2 3.15-4pm Y3 -6 4.15 - 5.15
December 18th	Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch. Class hamper raffles to be drawn in school
December 19th	Visit from Santa & class parties <u>(please bring your own plate of food to eat - no nuts or fridge items please)</u>

How can you help?

Each class will be making a class hamper of goodies to be raffled in school on Dec 18th. Please send in donations of red, green, gold or silver toiletries, wine, chocolates or Christmas treats for us to raffle. Please hand donations to the teacher



Tickets will be on sale on the school gateway app
December 2nd



Christmas Jumpers

Please send in any unwanted children's Christmas Jumpers. We will be having a free Christmas jumper swap shop soon where you can pick up a jumper for your child if you need one this year.

Pupils can wear their jumpers to school on December 18th