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Value of the month: Fun

RRS - Article 31: Your right to relax and play

Dear all,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the term and what a fantastic start to the summer term it has been. This week the sun shone for our outdoor learning week, and I must say that we have taken full advantage of the glorious weather. A very big thank you to Mr Williams for organising such wonderful activities this week and for arranging a variety of visitors to engage in tasks with the children. This newsletter is packed with photos and write ups from the staff on what the children have been doing, and I am sure you can see what a great week it has been.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Bartle and her husband on the birth of their son. Baby Tomi arrived on Wednesday 30th April. Both mother and baby are doing well, and we pass on our best wishes to the family.

Sports day

We will be holding our sports day on Friday 16th May. As always, the event will be split in two, with years 2-6 participating in events in the morning (9.30am start) and children in nursery - year 1 participating in the afternoon (1.30pm start).

Nursery Makeover

You may have noticed that we have had some new additions to our nursery playground this week. As part of a successful grant for nursery outdoor learning, we have had a new slide, monkey bars, loose parts equipment, reading shed and staging area. We are also awaiting some new benches and gardening equipment. You can see some photos of the new equipment and the children using it on page 10.

Playground Benches

We have also had some new playground benches installed by the basketball courts this week which have made a colourful addition to the yard.

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: [Teddy Beresford](#), [Darcie Fargher](#), [Aneira Felix](#), [Frankie-Leigh Davies](#), [Anthony baker](#), [Darrian-Ray Sims](#), [Imogen Blank](#), [Aiya Neyazy](#), [Ava Rowsell-Edwards](#), [Rosie Emery](#), [Oscar Livick](#).



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)	88.11%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.93%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Martin)	98.21%
1D (Mrs Delgado)	98.62%
2H (Miss Helm)	92.14%
2/3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.76%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	97.93%
4B (Mrs Bartle)	96.21%
4/5H (Mrs Hayter)	94.48%
5/6S (Mrs Stephens)	94%
6S (Mr Still)	96.67%



House Points Winner this week:



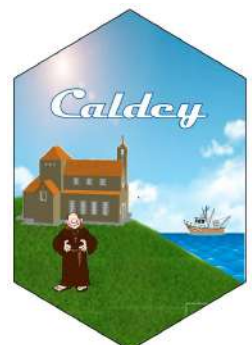
620
Points



586
Points



582
Points



570
Points

Have a look at what we have planned for the Summer term and any costs to plan for.....

School Trips...

Rec & R/1 - Margam Park (June 16th) £5

1D - Trecco Bay (June 24th) £8

2H & 2/3P - Margam Park (June 10th) £5

3/4M - Newbridge Fields (June 25th) FREE

4B - Games at Newbridge Fields (July 1st) FREE

4/5H, 5/6S & 6S - Aberavon (July 2nd) £6



Sports Day
May 16th
Refreshments
for sale



Big 50th
Birthday
bash!
Summer fete
July 4th

Summer Discos
June 26th
Rec - Y2 £3
Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck
money



BOOST off
site activities
- FREE!



Y4 Swimming
lessons -
May 8,14,21
June 4th
FREE!

Film Night
£2 + money for
hot dogs/snacks
June 5th
Years 2-6



Nursery
Driftwood Ball
July 11th -
FREE!



Rec & R/1
Fairytale Ball
July 11th -
bring a plate
of food

Football &
netball team
tournaments
£2 per bus



Y6 Celebration BBQ July 14th
tickets FREE!
Welcome to the 60s Show -
4 /5 5 /6 & 6S
July 9th 2pm & 10th 2pm and 5pm



Class photos
May 13th -
Individual
prices



WALES OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK

Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2025 - written by Mr Williams

Croeso I Wythnos Dysgu Tu Allan 2025! What a Fantastic week it's been! The weather has been absolutely glorious, the children have been happy and engaged and the range and quality of the activities provided by the staff here at Brackla Primary has been second to none! With the theme for this year being Ambitious, Capable Learners, one of the Four Purposes of the Curriculum For Wales, Wales Outdoor Learning Week 2025 was set to be one to remember...forever!






WALES OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK



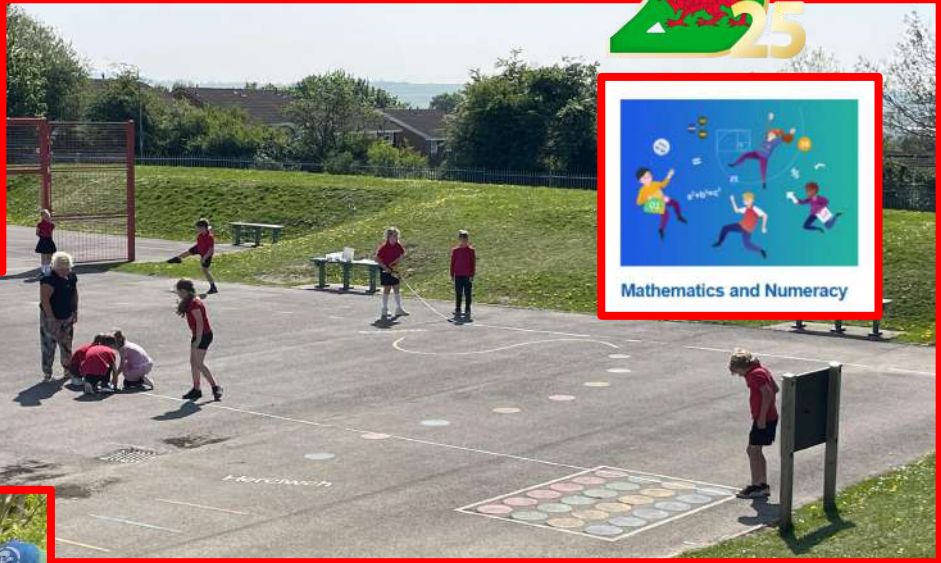
WALES OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK



Languages, Literacy and Communication



Mathematics and Numeracy



Ambitious. Capable Learners



Health and Well-being



Science and Technology



Expressive Arts



Humanities



OutdoorLearning@BPS

Tag Rugby - written by Mr McNamara

It was great to see a few new faces join the Tag Rugby Club after enjoying their taster sessions in Boost as well as the regulars who always sign up. Unfortunately the club is now full.



Outdoor Learning activities 1D - written by Mrs Delgado

This week we kick-started our 'Fairytales' topic by following clues around the school that led us to the house made of sweets in the wild area, as the book we are doing this week is 'Hansel and Gretel'. We also did movement to music, deciding on different movements to make when we heard different instruments. It was great to make the most of the fantastic weather this week. Our outdoor learning session with Mr Williams was an exciting time down the Wild area, cooking smores on an open fire and talking about the story of Hansel and Gretel.



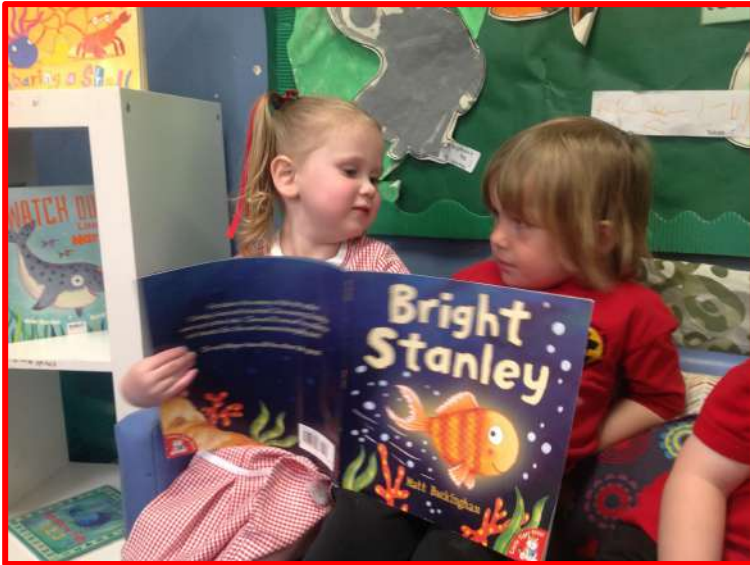
A Fairytale Guest - written by Mrs Martin and Mrs Driscoll

Reception and Reception/Year 1 welcomed a very special guest to Brackla Primary on Wednesday of this week. Princess Cinderella surprised the children with a magical immersion into their new Fairytale topic called 'Once Upon a Time'. Cinderella asked the children if they could help her to create a wonderful ball for all her fairytale friends. They all agreed to find out about different tales and the amazing adventures her friends had been on, as well as the music and dancing we would need for the best ball Brackla has ever seen.



Nursery - written by Mrs Whelan

Nursery have had a swashbuckling start to the summer term and we are having so much fun preparing to set sail on another term of adventure. This week our new outdoor equipment arrived and the children have had lots of fun climbing, problem solving and being creative! We would like to give a big shout out to our new starters.





**Welcome to
our new
starters**

Outdoor Learning Week - Reception - written by Mrs Driscoll

Reception have had a great start to the term. They have enjoyed outdoor learning week and had so much fun at our Teddy Bears Picnic. They made s'mores by toasting marshmallows around the campfire, enjoyed reading some fairy tale stories and explored down the wild area too! They have also been on a fairy tale adventure, following clues around the school to tell the story of Cinderella. They added each part of the story to their journey stick and finished by using nature to decorate their crowns, tiaras and magic wands to dance and sing their way back to class!



What's On Summer Term A

Please take a look below at what is coming up till the end of Summer Term A.

Date	Event	Additional details
12th May, 19th May	Literacy and Play	Nursery (sign up required) 9am-10.30am
6th May	Information session for families: Maths	9am-10am: 1D, 2H and 2/3P 2pm-3pm: 3/4M, 4B, 4/5H, 5/6S and 6S
9th May	Outdoor learning for families	Pm
13th May	School class photos	
14th May	Football tournament in Bryntirion	Details to follow
15th May	3/4M parent/carer meeting	
16th May	Sports day	9.30am: Yrs 2-6 1.30pm: Nursery - Yr 1
22nd and 23rd May	INSET days	School finishes for children on Wednesday 21st May
2nd June	Back to school	

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

We have 3 more INSET days this year:

Thursday 22nd May

Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st July

Birthdays this week

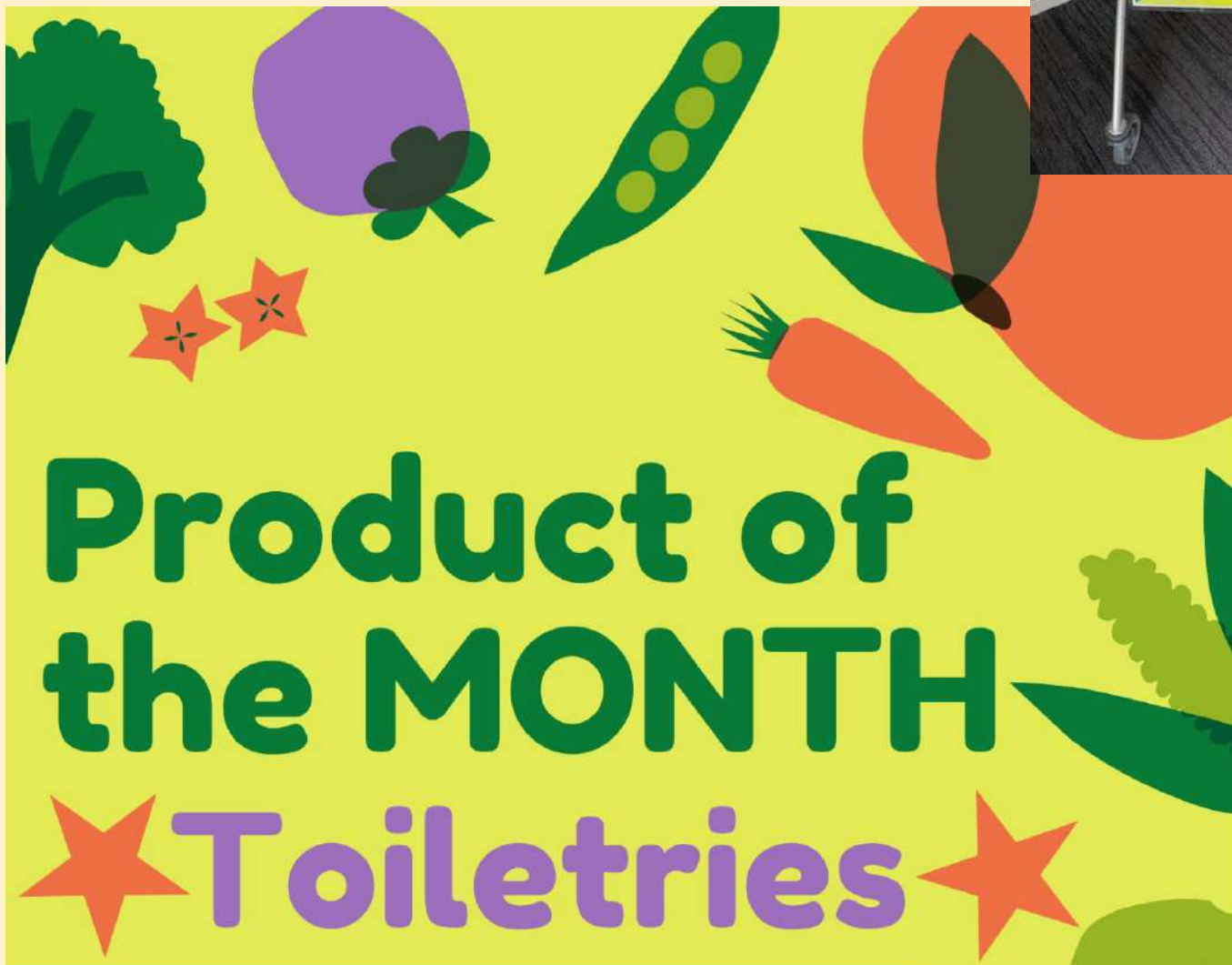
On behalf of all the children and staff at Brackla Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:

Jacob O'Hara, Olivia-May Eynon, Theo Llewellyn, Kai-Lee O'Connor, Sophie Phillips, William Sokolowski.



Product of the Month- Written by Mrs Kelland (Family Engagement officer):

Yesterday we launched our Product of the Month initiative, a fantastic way to support our school community while giving back to our Pantri store. It is also a great opportunity for children to get involved and experience the joy of giving back in a hands-on, meaningful way. Donations can be stopped off anytime in our dedicated Pantri trolley, located at the school entrance by the office. Please see below May's product of the month:



Product of the MONTH

★ Toiletries ★

Item ideas:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toilet roll
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Brush
- Bobbles
- Hand sanitizer
- Soap

Thank you for supporting our BPS Pantri

May



BRACKLA'S BIG BIRTHDAY SPORTS DAY!



ARCHERY

CANDLE BATTON

CAKE & SPOON

BIRTHDAY BOUNCE

RELAY RACES

FRI 16TH MAY

9:30 AM Years 2-6

1:30 PM Nursery-Year 1



JOIN US



Upcoming events - written by Mrs Kelland

We want to give you plenty of notice for upcoming events so make sure you jot them down in your diary. More details of the events will follow as well as new events so keep a lookout.. We have some exciting events coming up- dates will be confirmed soon.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
Upcoming Events
April-July **2025**

MAY 2 1-3PM	Wild Adventures Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. FULLY BOOKED
MAY 9 1-3PM	Wild Adventures Join Mr Williams and Mrs Kelland for a fun adventure down The Wild with your family. More details to follow. FULLY BOOKED
DATE TBC	Kelland's Fitness and fun Kelland's fitness and fun is BACK- this time outdoors!!!! Date to be confirmed
DATE TBC	BPS Bingo bash Join us for an adults only bingo evening. Guaranteed laughs, nibbles and maybe you might even win a prize or two!!
DATE TBC	BPS Picnic fest A family event after school for the WHOLE family. Bring a picnic, bring a picnic blanket and join us for some fun and games!

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