



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Independence

RRS - Article 2: All children should be treated equally

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Dear all,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been another busy and successful year at BPS.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the children in BPS. Your hard work, enthusiasm and love of learning have been wonderful to see, making our school a vibrant and inspiring place to be. A special message goes to our Year 6 pupils, who are now preparing to move on to their new schools. We are so proud of the young people you have become, and we know you are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Thank you for the contributions you have made to our school – you will be missed, but we look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you go on to do.

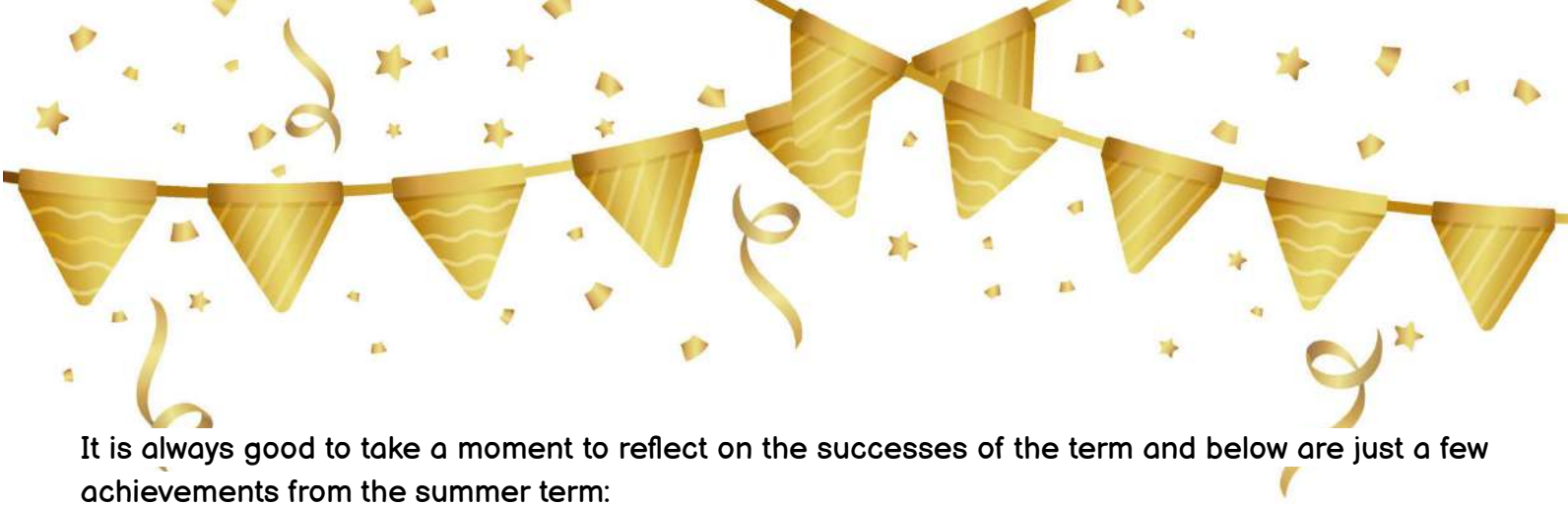
Also, thank you to our families for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement in school life. Your partnership is so important to us and we are grateful for the trust you place in us every day. For those families who are leaving us this year, thank you for being part of our school community and we wish you all the best for the future.

I also want to take a moment to thank our brilliant staff team. I have the privilege of working alongside a group of dedicated, passionate professionals who work tirelessly to teach, inspire, and care for your children every single day. Their commitment and creativity make BPS such a special place and the experiences they provide, both in and out of the classroom, make a lasting impact on our children, and I am truly grateful for everything they do.

As with every year, we also say goodbye to some members of staff who are moving on to new adventures. This year, we say farewell to Mrs Martin, Mrs Apsee, Miss Theyer, Miss Lynch, Miss Froley, and Mrs Blakemore. We thank each of them for their time, care, and contributions to BPS and wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our Chair of Governors, Mrs J Czajkowski, who will be stepping down this year. Mrs Czajkowski has been a governor at BPS for over 20 years and has shown constant support and commitment to the school throughout that time. Her guidance and dedication have made a lasting impact and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done for our school community.

As we head into the summer holidays, I wish everyone a safe, happy, and well deserved break. Enjoy the time to rest and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September for another exciting year ahead.



It is always good to take a moment to reflect on the successes of the term and below are just a few achievements from the summer term:

- **92.4%** attendance for the summer term;
- **84** children received a 100% attendance award for the summer term;
- **8** children received a 100% attendance award for the whole year;
- **6** new children joined us this term;
- Theme weeks included Wales Outdoor Learning Week;
- Fundraising activities have included a film night, disco and summer fayre;
- **29** children attended a 4 day residential trip to Gorwelion;
- **£100** raised by the Brackla Rangers bike and scooter wash and donated to the Tremains Woodland Rangers;
- Over **140** children in years 3-6 performed an assembly or show for their families to showcase their learning;
- **5** of the Rangers participated in an overnight summer camp in the school;
- BOOST activities this term have included: crafts; the wild outdoors; beach buddies; tag rugby; cycling; Procreate; Mono printing; dance; Lego; football and exploring nature;
- Sporting events have included 3 football tournaments and a football and netball tournament;
- Visitors to the school have included: Amy (Brackla Tabernacle); Porthcawl Lifeguards; fire service and BCBC Chief Executive Jake Evans;
- Whole school events have included: an outdoor learning theme week; Brackla Birthday Bash' and sports day;
- School visits have included: Margam Park; Trecco Bay; Rest Bay; Aberavon and Newbridge Fields;
- Over **70** children participated in swimming lessons;
- Extra curricular activities this term which included: karate; Rangers; yoga; tag rugby; football; gardening and craft and mindfulness;
- Family engagement activities included: literacy and play; outdoor learning; fitness and fun; family picnic; Easter Extravaganza; family bingo night and maths mastery information sessions;
- Staff training has included wellbeing, Thrive, Science and Technology, Expressive Arts; questioning; Artificial intelligence; spelling, Additional Learning Needs and design and technology;
- Transition events have included: inductions for new nursery families; nursery home visit visits to secondary school; Helping Hands (additional transition visits); head of year visits; Expressive Arts lesson; maths lesson and a visit to the Brynteg science lab.

Attendance Awards:

Well done to the following children for having 100% for the summer term:

Nursery	Luca Colbridge, Alex Robinson, Carwen Sokolowski, Bruno Still, Harvey Young.
Reception	Lucy Brewer, Tobias Choi, Darcey Fargher, Jack Jenkins, Ivy Waldron.
R/Y1	Olivia Allen, Tommy Etherington Smith, Griff Stothert-Wheatley.
1D	Zacary Evans, Aderyn Felix, Edward Hamel, Reuben Howells, Isla Lawrence, Emily Richards, Harri Simmons.
2H	Aisha Jaiteh, Coco Jones, Theodore Lock, Abbie O'Hara, Isaac Sims, Lily Thomas, Brychan Williams.
2/3P	Felix Choi, Louis Evans, Carter Lambert, Solo-Bay Randall, Michael Smith, Penny Still, Kyle Young.
3/4M	Charley Allen, Bethan Badman, Lotti Bodnar, Theo Lee-Burke, Florence Lewis, Jimmy Lunnon, Kascey Nutting, Ciaran Robinson, Katie Smith, Lucas Sokolowski, Oscar Waldron, Alexander Wojdyla, Olivier Zlotowski.
4B/L	Mckenzie Badman, Elsie Beresford, Harry Beresford, Reeve Bonnamy, Sophia Brooks, Brayden Coyle, Maya Ferreira, Daniel Guz, Anna Hamel, Morgan-Mae Jenkins, Oliver Richards.
4/5H	Ronnie Chivers, Maxwell Choi, Jacob Lee-Burke, Erin Leyshon, Amelia Nixon, Scarlett Nutting, Jacob O'Hara, Faye-Jane Raymond, Otis Still.
5/6S	Hope Cabigting, Aden Jojo, Henry Jones, Lewin Mann, Kheelan Rees, Mira Savda, Harper Sheldon, Cohen Stanford, Oscar Thomas, Harrison Colbridge.
6S	Dominik Bodnar, Colin Drozdowski, Lacey-Jay Evans, Grace Jaiteh, Madison Redway, Harley Walters-James, Oliver Williams.

Well done to the **8** children that achieved 100% attendance for the full year - an incredible achievement! They all received a certificate and a £10 voucher.

Tobias Choi, Anna Hamel, Amelia Nixon, Kascey Nutting, Jacob O'Hara, Solo-Bay Randall, Ciaran Robinson & Harrison Colbridge.

100%





End of Year Awards:

Well done to the following children for receiving an end of year award:
(house points and Yr 6)

Nursery	Coral Goule	Adam Halbert	Carwen Sokolowski
Reception	Peyton Farr	Vienne Francis	Harry Joseph
Reception/Y1	Winnie Treharne	Rae Muckell	

	1st	2nd	3rd
R/Y1	Koby-Leigh Howells	Ollie Davies	
1D	Max Meecham	Hallie Latham	Diana Moryto
2H	Finn Jones	Coco Jones	Mia Larner
2/3P	John-Paul Jenkins	Penny Still	Kyle Young
3/4M	Mia James	Ashton Wines	Florence Lewis
4B	Savannah Gale	Kobey Rees	Freya Parry
4/5H	Maxwell Choi	Yousif Albadosh	Otis Still
5/6S	Emilie Jones	Hope Cabigting	Kheelan Rees
6S	Miley Folley	Lacey Evans	Madison Redway

House Point Awards



Puffin Award



Year 6 Awards

Shining Star Charis Ezeemo

Above & Beyond Agata Zygmunt

Triple E Thomas
(Effort, Enthusiasm & Mowbray-Harwood
Engagement)

Dynamo Mira Savda



STAY GROOVY

Welcome to the 60s



good vibes



Reception and Reception/ Year 1 - written by Mrs Driscoll

What a way to end the year and our topic 'Once Upon a Time'. Our Fairytale Ball was a huge success. We had worked so hard planning it, finding out about different Fairytale characters, writing invitations, making crowns and even learning to say 'Welcome' to all the characters in different languages. We performed the songs and dances that we had been practising and we all looked amazing as we were introduced onto the stage as the princes and princesses!



Wellbeing Update

'Online Safety Warning – WhatsApp Group 'Add til 500''

We would like to make you aware of a WhatsApp group called 'Add til 500'. The group is currently being aimed at children in primary school, but could be targeting any age. This group is a safeguarding concern for the following reasons:

- Children are being added without their full consent.
- Strangers are in the group and are communicating with children, asking for personal details such as dates of birth.
- Inappropriate images have been shared in the group.

We urge parents/carers to:

- Check your child's phone for any suspicious WhatsApp groups.
- The minimum recommended age for WhatsApp is 13 years old.
- Remind your child about the importance of online privacy and safety.
- Report any concerns to the police immediately.
- Ensure there are privacy settings on the phone

The default setting on WhatsApp is 'everyone' but you can help your child to set their privacy controls by clicking the 'settings' cog and selecting 'privacy'. Here you can select each type of information and change it to the setting that you want.

To prevent children being added to groups by people they don't know, we recommend changing the group settings to 'My contacts except' and using the tick icon to select all contacts. This option means only your child's phone contacts, except those you exclude, can add your child to groups. But by selecting all contacts, it means that nobody can add your child to a group chat without first sending them an invitation. In the same section, you can also switch off 'read receipts', which means other people cannot see when you have read their message. This might help if your child is feeling under pressure to respond to messages.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Keeping safe online - Hwb](#)

[Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)



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.



The Year 6 of 2025



What's On Autumn Term A

Please take a look below at what is coming up at the beginning of the school year. These dates will be added to as the term goes on, so please keep checking back.

Date	Event	Additional details
1st September	INSET Day	
2nd September	Back to school for the children	8.50am
9th September	1/2D Trip to St Fagans	
10th September	Trip to Swansea War Museum	5/6H and 6S
11th September	Trip to Swansea War Museum	4D and 5S

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for next year are as follows:

- Monday 1st September
- Monday 3rd November
- Monday 23rd February
- Thursday 21st May
- Friday 22nd May
- Monday 20th July

Birthdays this week

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

Arthur Apsee, George Apsee, Matilda Apsee, Madison Redway, Otis Still, Oliver Williams, Isla Williams, Enzo Corona, Riley Young, Anthony Baker, George Mowbray-Harwood, Rory Benson



Birthdays during the summer holidays:

Bruno Still, Morgan-Mae Jenkins, Freddie Jopling, Adriana Evans, Miles Davies, Mia Larner, Jacob Lee-Burke, Caleb O'Connor, Abigail Aydin, Griff Stothert-Wheatley, Leon Wasilew, Louis Evans, Colin Drozdowski, Donata Karpovic, Alexander Wojdyla, Christopher Ezeemo, Elliott Abraham, Lily Byrne, Lily Thomas, Sebastian Davies, Scarlett Harris, Oscar Waldron, Coral Goule, Hailey-Mai Hopson, Charlie Oliver, Maisie Oliver, Vienne Francis, Ruby-Leigh Edmunds, Archie Stephens, Grace Stovell, Mia Stovell, Connie Carter, Theodore Griffiths, Reuben Abbott, Nikodem Wasilew, Matthew Freeman, Dylan James, Anisa El Maniri, Finn Hope-Woodroffe, Harry Joseph.