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Value of the month: Friendship

RRS - Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Dear all,

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new nursery children and their families to Brackla Primary School. It has been wonderful to see many smiling faces as they begin their learning journey with us. The children are beginning to settle in and we look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks and months. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families who started last week in various year groups - welcome to Brackla Primary!

Thank you to Mrs Kelland for organising our first coffee afternoon today and providing the opportunity to connect with others and meet new faces. Thank you for your attendance and we appreciate your support.

This week also saw five of our classes heading out on exciting educational visits linked to their current topics. Pupils in Year 4D, 5S, 5/6HJ and 6S visited the Swansea War Museum to deepen their understanding of the Second World War, while Class 1/2D travelled back in time during their trip to St Fagans, exploring Welsh history and heritage. These experiences will be followed up in class over the coming weeks and have already sparked lots of curiosity and conversation. You can read more about them later in the newsletter.

Headteacher Awards

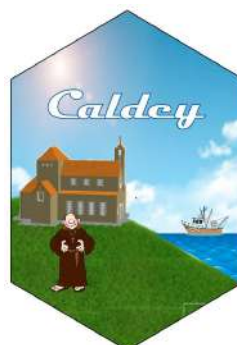
Well done to the following children on being nominated for a Headteacher Award this week. They have worked well in demonstrating the monthly value and right. Well done to: [Phoebe Kelland](#), [Kathryn Davies](#), [Joey Meecham](#), [Lucy Brewer](#), [Leon Wasilew](#), [Kyle Young](#), [Louis Evans](#), [Katie Smith](#), [Edward Freeman](#), [Kyra Gardner-Ponting](#), [Charlotte Burton](#).



House Points Winner this week:



**495
Points**



**488
Points**



**479
Points**



**478
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/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	81.91%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	93.68%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	97.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	93%
2H (Miss Helm)	92.58%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	96.30%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	94.07%
4D (Miss Dawson)	100%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	96.67%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	94.29%
6S (Mr Still)	98.97%



Family Engagement Survey 2025:

As we begin a new academic year, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Your feedback helps us plan events and activities that truly support and connect our school community. Please take a few minutes to reflect and share your ideas. Click on the link below. **A big thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey—your input is greatly appreciated!**

[Family engagement survey link](#)

Here are some of the activities we've got planned for this term, along with any costs you might want to keep in mind...

School Trips...

1/2D - St Fagans (Sept 9th) £10

5/6H & 6S Swansea Museum (Sept 10th) (£7)

4D & 5S Swansea Museum (Sept 11th) (£7)



Individual photos
Sept 23rd
Various prices



Christmas Fayre
Dec 12th
Stall costs and raffle

Oct 13th - 24th
Swimming lessons - Y5 & 6
FREE!



BOOST off site activities -
FREE!

November 21st
Children In need
Donations



Dec 3rd
Nursery concert
Y1 concert
Tickets £2

Dec 4th
Reception concert
Tickets £2

Christmas Discos
Dec 15th
Rec - Y2 £3
Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck money



Dec 17th
Christmas Jumper day -
recycled jumpers available

Dec 18th
Christmas parties
Bring a plate of food



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.

Date	Event	Additional details
22nd September	Nursery group photo	Gazette photographer
23rd September	Individual school photographs	
13th - 24th October	Swimming fortnight	Years 5 and 6
24th October	Break up for half term	
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day	
Tuesday 4th November	Children back to school	

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

- 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:

Kenleigh Fry, Harrison Black, Finley Mcveigh, Frankie-Leigh Davies, Nevaeh Rogers.



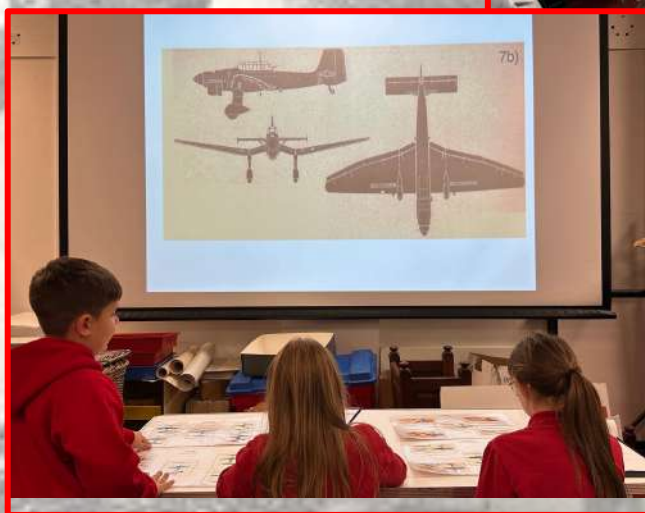
1/2D Class trip to St Fagans - written by Mrs Delgado

We had a lovely day and perfect weather for our trip to St Fagans. We looked around the old houses and talked about the differences between our houses and how they lived many years ago. We attended Beti Bwt's workshop where the children had a chance to help washing clothes like in olden times. Animals we saw included sheep, pigs, ducks and even a heron!



Trip to Swansea Museum - 4D & 5S

On Thursday 4D & 5S visited Swansea Museum where they took part in some activities such as, spotting enemy or friendly planes, cracking codes, handling artifacts and role playing in genuine clothes from the wartime Swansea.



Trip to Swansea Museum - 5/6HJ & 6S

On Wednesday 5/6HJ and 6S visited Swansea Museum where they took part in some activities such as, spotting enemy or friendly planes, cracking codes, handling artifacts and role playing in genuine clothes from the wartime Swansea. We also learned a lot about how South Wales was affected during World War 2.



Wellbeing Update



We're delighted to offer a series of parent sessions this term, covering a variety of topics designed to support **emotional wellbeing** and family life. They'll be led by Clare Blakemore from SHINE (Schools Inreach Emotional Wellbeing Service), whose expertise and warmth make these sessions both practical and empowering.

Sept 18th	2.30	Managing worries
Oct 2nd	2.30	Supporting children with emotional regulation
Oct 9th	2.30	Understanding the spectrum of mental health
Oct 16th	2.30	Promoting positive mental health

These sessions are open to all, and you're welcome to sign up on the School Gateway app



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.

School Clubs

Please take a look at the school clubs on offer this term. If your child would like to take part, please sign up using our electronic booking system on the school gateway app from Monday, (please note that karate is done directly through the instructor Christian Whale). There are a variety of clubs on offer which change on a termly basis. Thank you to all the staff for delivering this term's clubs.

SCHOOL CLUBS

(Week beginning 08.09.25)

TUESDAY

Gardening (Max 12)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Whelan
Craft Club (Max 15)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 & 3	Mrs Ellis
Digital Art (Max 10)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Stephens
Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.45pm	Years 2 - 6	External Provider

WEDNESDAY

Scouts	6pm - 8.45pm		External Provider
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THURSDAY

Netball (Max 20)	12pm - 12.30pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Hunter
Dice & Tales (Max 15)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 & 3	Miss Jones
Rangers	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Brackla Rangers	Mr Williams
Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.45pm	Years 3 - 6	External Provider

Upcoming events

We've got a fabulous mix of family engagement events coming your way—some during the day, some after school, and even a few in the evening, so there's something for everyone. Make sure you check your messages and emails for all the exciting details coming soon!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Autumn

2025

THURS
16TH
OCT

Autumn Event: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

THURS
27TH
NOV

Wreath making: 9am-10.30am

Adults only and cost involved- limited numbers. More details to follow.

TUES
9TH
DEC

Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm

After school event for families. More details coming soon.

WED
17TH
DEC

BPS Quizmas Cracker- 7pm-8.30pm

Evening event for adults only full of festive cheer and fun- more details to follow

MEDIEVAL CELEBRATION

MARKING 600 YEARS OF
THE OLD STONE BRIDGE

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
DUNRAVEN PLACE, BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE

10.30AM - 2.30PM



ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDE:

- Medieval Living History and Craft Displays including Armour & Weapons, Crime & Punishment, Toys & Games, Cookery, Candle Making, Embroidery, Pottery & Barber Surgeon
- Knight & Sword displays
- Medieval Puppet Theatre
- Medieval Jester
- Folk, Morris & Sword dancers
- Local choirs
- Heraldry Arts and Crafts
- Themed Face Painting

Plus Local History and Art Exhibitions at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, on 11th - 13th & 19th - 20th September, 11am - 4pm
AND a free Open Day on Saturday 13th September at St John's House on Newcastle Hill, the oldest habitable dwelling in Bridgend!

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