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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,

Over the last two weeks, many of our pupil groups have been selected, and we are excited to see them begin their roles and responsibilities across the school. Play Pals, Swyddogs and the Senedd have all been appointed. A special mention goes to our Senedd applicants, who completed an application form and took part in an interview with Mrs Baldrige and myself. We were so impressed with their confidence, ideas, and commitment to making a difference in our school. Next week, we will be announcing our Criw Cymraeg, who will help us celebrate and promote the Welsh language throughout the school. You can read more about the pupil groups later in the newsletter and keep an eye out for their updates in future newsletters.

We have also had a big milestone in Nursery, with many of our youngest children staying for lunch for the very first time this week. They have done brilliantly, and we are looking forward to welcoming them full time from 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: [Millie-Rose Glanville](#), [Imahla Mabbitt](#), [Kai-Lee O'Connor](#), [Olivia Brooks](#), [Harriet Eynon](#), [Hope Smith](#), [Mia Stovell](#), [Samuel North](#), [Sophia Brooks](#), [Harri Drozdowski](#), [Ronnie Chivers](#).



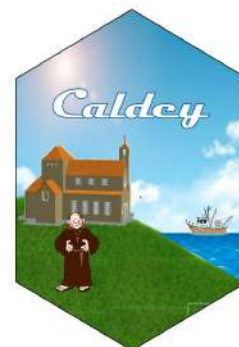
House Points Winner this week:



**493
Points**



**486
Points**



**475
Points**



**459
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)	84.07%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.09%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	94.33%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	96%
2H (Miss Helm)	89.68%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	92.96%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	96.67%
4D (Miss Dawson)	98.80%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	91.85%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	94.64%
6S (Mr Still)	88.62%



Birthdays this week

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

Ava Evans, Maxwell Choi, Joel Danso, Arizona Francis, Lewin Mann, Oscar Thomas, Issabella March, James Heath.



We know birthdays are a special time for many children but to keep things safe and inclusive for everyone, we kindly ask that families don't send in cakes, sweets, party bags, or invitations to be shared at school.

This helps us manage allergies and dietary needs, and ensures all children feel equally included. Thank you for your support and understanding.

THANKS

Pupil Groups @BPS



BPS Senedd

The Senedd will meet regularly to discuss issues important to them, and work on aspects of school improvement.

This years Senedd members are: [Rosie](#), [Emilie](#), [Lewin](#), [Heath](#), [Hallie](#), [Erin](#), [Anna](#), [Imogen](#), [Alfie](#), [John-Paul](#), [Penny](#) & [Isabella](#).



Play Pals

Play Pals are on the yard at lunchtimes to support friendships and to provide stimulating and purposeful games and activities.

This years Play Pals are: [Rosie](#), [Cohan](#), [Oliver](#), [Erin](#), [Emilie](#), [Finley](#), [Lewin](#), [Enzo](#), [Maddie](#), [Isla](#), [Amelia](#), [Scarlett](#), [Charlotte](#), [Lola](#), [Hallie](#), [Jacob](#), [Ollie](#), [Christopher](#), [Ava](#) & [Henry](#).



Swyddogion

Each term, children in Year 6 are selected to be Swyddogion (Prefects).
The Autumn term Swyddogs are: [Cohan](#), [Jacob](#), [Charlotte](#) & [Christopher](#).

☀️ A Wonderful Start in Nursery! ☀️

Our newest pupils have been busy settling into nursery — and what a super start it's been! The classroom is already buzzing with laughter, singing, and the sound of new friendships forming. We have been learning each other's names and celebrating our 'super duper' new friends with big smiles and waves.

This week brought a big milestone, many of our nursery stars stayed for lunch for the very first time! It was lovely to see them enjoying their meals and chatting with friends around the table.

We are so proud of how confident and curious they are becoming. Here's to a 'super duper' term ahead!



BOOST - Autumn Term 2025 - Written by Ms Pavitt

We have started our new term and new look BOOST. Nursery and reception children will have the chance to take part in lots of lovely enrichment activities, and years 1 to 6 have been allocated groups and will rotate around 5 different activities over 10 weeks. They will take part in a range of activities including digital, outdoors, craft and languages. This term we have moved our allocated BOOST time to a Friday afternoon. Children have been informed of their first activity and are very much looking forward to it. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing for the task.



Canva





A BIG THANK YOU - Written by Mrs Kelland

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Welcome Brew Cafe last Friday! Your warmth, generosity, and community spirit helped raise over £60 for Macmillan Cancer Support—every penny truly makes a difference. It was heartwarming to see families chatting, laughing, and connecting over a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. Keep an eye out for our next pop-up cafe, we can't wait to welcome you back for more smiles and sweet treats! YUM!



5S - Joy Of Moving with Cardiff City Foundation- written by Mrs Stephens

This week, 5S began an exciting new programme that will run until half term. The children explored what physical activity means and learnt how to take their pulse. They then put their knowledge into action by raising their heart rates during a lively game of football. The session ended with lots of smiling faces – a great reminder of the many benefits of keeping our bodies moving!



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	
3rd October	Closing date for 'Get Caught Reading' competition	
9th,10th, 13th, 14th and 15th October	Book fayre	315pm-3.45pm (small hall)
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

Home learning Tasks

Home learning tasks start this week. Every two weeks, your child will receive a home learning task. This will be an opportunity for them to consolidate what we've been learning in class.

How to access home learning

The homework will be assigned digitally on **Seesaw**, a platform we use for sharing learning and communication. If you prefer a physical copy, please let me know, and teachers will be happy to provide a **paper copy** for your child to bring home. This way, every family can choose the method that works best for them.

What home learning will include

For children in Year 3 and above, the homework will have the same format every fortnight & will focus on a few key areas that are crucial for their academic growth:

- **Phonics or Spelling:** Each task will include practice with our current phonics sound or spelling pattern. This helps reinforce the skills they need for reading and writing.
- **Times Tables:** We'll also be asking them to practice their times tables. Knowing these by heart is a superpower for tackling more complex math problems quickly and confidently.
- **Reading Aloud:** Finally, a very important part of the homework is reading aloud to an adult at home. This isn't just about reading the words; it's about developing fluency, expression, and a love for stories! Please take a few minutes to listen to your child read and sign their reading record.

We believe this fortnightly schedule will give children enough time to complete the tasks without feeling overwhelmed. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a message on Seesaw or catch me at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!



Home learning - EXAMPLE

Name: _____ Class: _____

My current spelling pattern is ...

Choose at least 3 of your current spelling words and put them into sentences.

Maths

I have practised the
_____ times table by ...

The title of my current reading book is

I have read my book and someone has written in my reading record (once)

I have read my book and someone has written in my reading record (twice)





GET CAUGHT READING

This isn't your average reading challenge. We're inviting you to grab a book and get snapped reading in the most bizarre, unexpected, or wildly imaginative place you can think of. Whether it's upside down on a trampoline, inside a cardboard spaceship, or under a pile of laundry —if it's weird, it's wonderful.

Please see Seesaw for more information!



SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE

BOOK FAIR

**9th - 15th
October**

**Breaktimes
and
3:15 - 3:45**

**FILL YOUR
SCHOOL WITH
FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY
FROM THE
BOOK FAIR***

**LAST YEAR, YOUR
SUPPORT HELPED
TO DONATE OVER**

£5.3M

**IN BOOKS TO
SCHOOLS
NATIONWIDE**

**READING
GIVES YOU
SUPERPOWERS!**



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. Coffee and tea will be provided!

Sept 18th	2.30	Managing worries
Oct 2nd	2.15	Supporting children with emotional regulation
Oct 9th	2.15	Understanding the spectrum of mental health
Oct 16th	2.15	Promoting positive mental health

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



It's not too late to sign up!!

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

Product of the Month: Rice!

This September, we're collecting rice for our school pantri. Every donation helps stock our shelves and support families in our community. If you're able to contribute, we'd be so grateful—every grain makes a difference! Thank you for your kindness and continued support



Product of the MONTH

RICE

Item ideas:

- Packet rice
- Microwave rice

Thank you for supporting our BPS Pantri

September

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



Ehangu Dechrau'n Deg Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Flying Start Expansion Bridgend County Borough Council

- **Oeddech chi'n gwybod bod Dechrau'n Deg yn ehangu?**
- **Oes gennych chi blentyn 2-3 oed?**
- **A ydych yn gymwys ar gyfer ein darpariaeth gofal plant a ariennir**

Rydym yn ariannu 12.5 awr yr wythnos, yn ystod y tymor, ar gyfer teuluoedd cymwys. Mae lleoliadau cyfrwng Saesneg neu Gymraeg ar gael.

- **Did you know Flying Start is expanding?**
- **Do you have a child aged 2-3 years old?**
- **Are you eligible for our funded childcare provision?**

We fund 12.5 hours per week, during term time for eligible families. English or Welsh medium settings are available.



Ariennir gan
Lywodraeth Cymru
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ENGLISH



CYMRAG



I gael rhagor o wybodaeth ac os ydych chi'n gymwys, sganiwch

To find out more information and if you are eligible, please scan

