



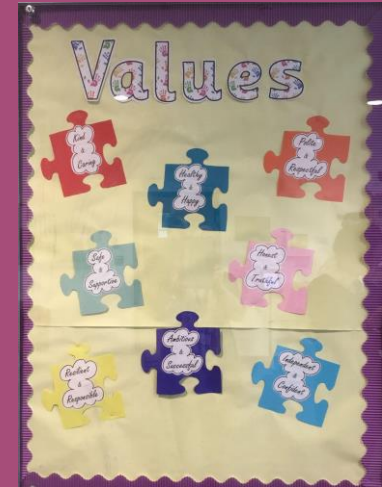
BRYNMELYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – November 22nd 2024



OUR SCHOOL VISION

Brynmenyn Primary School is committed to creating lifelong learners who take responsibility for themselves and their actions, showing resilience and perseverance in the face of all challenges. We strive to instil confidence, passion and ambition across the school community in order for everyone to pursue their dreams, achieve their best and realise their potential. Through kindness, respect and friendship, we support and challenge each other and celebrate the individuality and uniqueness of all learners, families, staff and communities.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING



- Year 5 (Kestrels and Falcons) have been designing prototype space gloves. They have been applying their research and investigation results to help them choose the best material for their product.
- Reception (Butterflies and Caterpillars) have been developing their knowledge and understanding of 2D shapes and their properties.
- Year 6 (Harriers & Hawks) have been applying their knowledge of suspense stories and using their writing toolkits to produce their own.

THIS WEEK IN BRYNMENYN



- It has been a very busy week in school. We have been working with families to plant the 300 trees/shrubs to develop our outdoor area. Lots turned up to support year 1 to get started on the huge task.
- Big thanks go to Miss Michael for organising the troops and to families for helping out.
- We are looking at more opportunities for families to come in to school and work alongside pupils. Keep an eye on Dojo and the newsletter for updates.

THIS WEEK IN BRYNMENYN

- Mrs McCarthy has worked hard to promote the Daily Mile in school over the last 5 years.
- We welcomed visitors from Run Wales, the Daily Mile, as well as Councillor Martin Jones and Deputy First Minister Huw Irranca-Davies to celebrate the hard work and benefits of exercise on physical and mental health.
- Our visitors were very complimentary and so impressed with the pupils and how well they represented the school. We are very proud!



THIS WEEK IN BRYNMENYN

- Bling your Bike challenge!
- As part of our work with Active Travel Miss Michael has challenged all children in school to 'Bling Up' their bikes, scooters and clothes, highlighting the importance of the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' road safety message. During the winter months, the darker afternoons and evenings mean it is more difficult to see pedestrians, including children travelling school to home. Wearing reflective clothing can help this and keep pedestrians safer.
- Thank you to all those who took part in the challenge.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

We will be putting out a few questionnaires out to gather feedback on various matters. So that we can get a wide range of responses, please take a minute or two to share your response with us.

Thank you to those who have helped so far. The Christmas fete has been moved to a Saturday as that was the most popular option for families.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Our PFTA are going to be creating Rainbow Hampers as prizes for the Christmas fete raffle.
- We are asking for families to send in donations of a specific colour to support this.
- Please see the table opposite for the year group colours. Please can all donations be in school by THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER.
- Examples of items include - Crisps, crackers, biscuits, nuts, chocolates, sweets, squash, fizzy drinks, paper plates, decorations, candles, smellies, serviettes, puddings, Christmas crackers etc.

Year Group	Colour
Nursery	Red
Reception	Pink
Year 1	Orange
Year 2	Yellow
Year 3	Green
Year 4	Blue
Year 5	Purple
Year 6	Brown/Black

STAFF CAR PARK

- **POLITE REMINDER**
- If you do not have a school permit to use one of the disabled bays, please do not enter the staff car park at any point.
- We all recognise that parking around school is difficult and request that everyone considers our resident neighbours.
- We have far too many cars accessing the staff car park currently and it is a health and safety hazard.
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – **please use the drop off zone** to collect children attending after school club – school based and Simply After School child-care facility.
- We want to keep our grounds safe. This includes the car parks and how they are accessed.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



CELEBRATION NEWS

Well Done!

Seren y Wythnos awards have been presented to pupils in every class recognised for their use of Welsh. Pupil of the Week awards have been shared for a range of wonderful achievements across the school this week.

This week these pupils have shared their outside of school achievements –

Eli (Millipedes) – Football
Elliott (Millipedes) – Football
Brooke (Falcons) – Dance
Harriet (Foxes) – Nutcracker Ballet



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This page will be regularly updated with new dates for events/trips/visits etc.

Keep an eye out for new dates added.

For now, we are sharing the annual dates for 2024-25.

Brynmenyn Primary School - Academic Year 2024-25							
TERM DATES							
Autumn 1	Monday 2nd September - Friday 26th October						
Half term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November						
Autumn 2	Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December						
Spring 1	Monday 6th January - Friday 21st February						
Half term	Monday 24th - Friday 28th February						
Spring 2	Monday 3rd March - Friday 11th April						
Easter hols	Monday 14th - Friday 25th April						
Summer 1	Monday 28th April - Friday 23rd May						
Half term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th May						
Summer 2	Monday 2nd June - Monday 21st July						
INSET DAYS							
Friday 9th Sept	Monday 9th Sept.	Friday 25th October					
Friday 23rd May	TBC	TBC					
MEET & GREET							
(3pm on selected dates)	Year 2 - 11/9/24						
	Year 1 - 12/9/24						
	Year 6 - 13/9/24						
	Year 3 - 16/9/24						
	Year 4 - 17/9/24						
Autumn Term							
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October							
Spring Term							
Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February							
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WILL ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO GIVE AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE FOR ANY CHANGES.							
SPORTS DAY							
Option 1	Tuesday 10th June	9:30-10:30 Years 3 & 4					
Option 2	Thursday 12th June	10:45 - 11:45 Years 5 & 6					
		1:15 - 2:15 Years 1 & 2					
Option 3	Tuesday 17th June	2:30-3:15 Nursery & Reception					
NATIONAL PERSONALISED ASSESSMENTS (YEARS 2-6)							
11th - 22nd November				16th - 27th June			
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Thurs. 12th December - 2pm	Mon. 9th December - 2pm	Tues. 10th December - 2pm	Weds 11th December - 2pm	Tues. 10th December - 10am	Weds 11th December - 10am	Friday 13th December - 10am	Thurs. 12th December - 10am

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25/11/24	Swimming fortnight – Year 4 - Owls and Bats
25/11/24	Nursery/Reception – Christmas storyteller
30/11/24	PTFA Christmas Fete
5/12/24	Reception trip - Wiggleys
6/12/24	Year 1 trip – Sherman Theatre
6/12/24	Santa Walk-a-Mile
9/12/24	Christmas Concerts this week – see previous page for details
13/12/24	Nursery trip – Role play Lane Year 2 trip – Techniquet Year 6 trip – Techniquet
16/12/24	PTFA Film Night @4:30pm – Nursery > Year 2
17/12/24	Glee Club performance
17/12/24	PTFA Film Night @4:30pm – Years 3 > 6
18/12/24	Christmas Dinner
19/12/24	Year 5 trip - Odeon
19/12/24	PTFA Christmas disco – in school time
20/12/24	Elf Day

SCHOOL MEALS

Week
beginning
25/11/24

Week 3

PRIMARY MENU

WEEK 1

MONDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Broccoli & Tomato Pasta
Herby Diced Potatoes
Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Raspberry Peach Swirl Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Beef Bolognese *
Or Falafel Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Stuffing in rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Lentil Shepherds Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Green Cabbage, Carrots & Diced Swede
Jelly with Strawberry Swirl

THURSDAY

Meatballs in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Carrots, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Fish Fillet *
Or Spinach and Chickpea Curry
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Mandarin topped Sponge Slice

WEEK 2

MONDAY

Mini Omelette with Pork Sausage *
Or Sweet & Sour Vegetables
Potato Wedges or Vegetable Rice
Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad
Eve's Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Vegetable Plant Ball in Tomato Sauce
Pasta or Diced Potatoes/Boiled Potatoes
Broccoli, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork & Apple Sauce in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Green Beans, Swede & Broccoli
Tropical Rice Pudding

THURSDAY

Chicken Fillet in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Bean Casserole
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Carrots, Cabbage, Country Vegetables, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza *
Or Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato or Chipped Potatoes
Mini Corn Cobs, Mixed Vegetables, Salad
Fruit Muffins or Tutu Fruiti Flapjacks

WEEK 3

MONDAY

Lemon Sole *
Or Mushroom and Leek Bake
Jacket Potato or Sauté Potatoes
Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Toffee Apple Brownies with Fruit Slices

TUESDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce *
Or Southern Style Vegetable Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef with Rich Gravy *
Or Garden Vegetable Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Cabbage, Swede
Arctic Roll and Fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

Pork Frikadellons *
Or Quorn Fillet
Creamed Potatoes or Boiled Potatoes
Baked Beans, Carrots, Garden Peas
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Chicken Tikka/Korma *
Or Vegetarian Hot Dogs
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Strawberry Delight Crunch

September 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

October 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

November 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

December 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Also served daily:
Fresh Fruit, Wholemeal Bread, Yoghurt, Semi-Skimmed Milk, Water
Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control it may be necessary to change or replace some menu items or ingredients.
Please note our menus/food may contain allergens. We are able to provide allergen information on request or please visit the Bridgend CBC website for more information.
* NURSERY PUPILS

HELP & ADVICE

"What's the bravest thing
you've ever said?" asked
the boy.



"Help," said the horse

Below are a number of agencies that can offer help, support or advice.

- ★ Bridgend Women's Aid - 01656 766139
- ★ WCADA (Substance Abuse Charity) - 01656 667717
- ★ Childline - 0800 1111
- ★ Safer Wales - Male Domestic Abuse Charity - 0808 801 0321
- ★ Live Fear Free 24 hour telephone line - 0808 80 10 800
- ★ Citizens Advice Bureau - 01656 762800
- ★ Samaritans - 116123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- ★ Shelter Cymru (financial & home advice) - 08000 495 495
- ★ Al-Anon (Family support for alcoholism) - 0800 0086 811
- ★ Calan (Domestic Violence Charity) - 01639 633580

GENERAL INFORMATION

Start & End Times

Please ensure that your child is in school on time, in readiness for the school start time.

As a reminder the times are below -

All classes start time 8:55 am

(Gates open at 8:50-8:55am)

Finishing times Nursery - 3:15pm

Reception to Year 6 - 3:25pm

Up-to-date Contacts

_Please ensure we have the correct and most up-to-date emergency contact details for your child. If we are unable to contact you or any of the listed contacts, following repeated attempts, we are obliged to contact Social Services for advice.

Notifying of Absence

If your child is unwell and absent from school, please can you contact the office before 10am on the first day of absence. You can telephone on 01656 815850 or email on admin@brynmenynps.bridgend.cymru. Please get in touch with the office rather than through Dojo as those messages might be read after 10am.

Medicines

Please can all medicines be handed in to the office and a form completed so they can be administered safely. Without the form, we are unable to administer. All medicine needs to be in the original packaging.

QUERIES OR CONCERNS

If you have a query regarding your child in school or a concern to raise please see the chart opposite for who to speak to.

You can contact the school office on 815850 who will pass the message on to the member of staff or arrange an appointment. They will get back to you as soon as possible.

Step 1

Discuss concerns with class teacher - allow time for it to be resolved.

Step 2

If you are still worried - Discuss concerns with class teacher again or with Mrs Russell - allow time for it to be resolved.

Step 3

If you are still worried - arrange a follow up meeting with Mrs Russell - allow time for it to be resolved.

Step 4

If you are still worried - contact the office to book an appointment with Miss Jones.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns around safeguarding, you can speak to any one of the six Designated Safeguarding Leads in school.

If you have a concern outside of school hours, you can contact the Multi Agency Support Hub on 642320.

Brynmenyn Primary School

If you have a concern regarding a pupil, you must seek advice from a Designated Safeguarding Person immediately.

Safeguarding Governor - Mr G Pope

MASH Duty Desk - (64)2320

Designated Safeguarding Persons

Miss K Jones



Mrs G Russell



Mr R White



Mrs A Wilcox



Mr T Harris



Mr G Evans

