



# BRYNMELENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – September 13th 2024



# THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

This week, year 4 (Owls and Bats) have enjoyed their Stunning Starter to their topic with a 'Come Fly With Me!' day. They have learned about a range of countries from around the world and applied their mathematical skills, cooking pizzas from scratch.

Year 1 (Dragonflies & Ladybirds) have been 'Out & About in Brynmenyn' this week looking at their own locality and what it has to offer. They all went for a walk around the local area to see first hand what is on their doorstep.

Year 2 (Centipedes & Millipedes) have been learning about castles as part of their topic 'We Are Wales'. They have been using their maths skills to identify a range of shapes that might be seen in a castle. They have been busy uploading their work onto Seesaw.

# YR URDD

The children enjoyed an assembly all about yr Urdd this week. They learned facts on what the Urdd is all about and the activities that they can get involved in.

We were joined by a special visitor - Mr Urdd himself - who taught the children a song and dance.

Diolch to Llio for presenting the assembly. Once our new Criw Cymraeg are appointed they will carry on the good work promoting the Welsh culture across the school.



# CELEBRATION NEWS

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 –  
Zara – Swimming  
Lottie – Dancing  
Lloyd – Swimming  
Theo – Swimming  
Macsen – Rugby  
Beauden – Rugby



## PTFA SCHOOL FETE - BACK WITH A BANG!

As we had to postpone our summer fete due to the weather being against us, we have rearranged for next FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER.

Please come and join us to raise money for the PTFA which all goes towards supporting the children in our school.





## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP



We are very fortunate to have an abundant supply of preloved uniform.

It has all been checked, washed and ironed ready to be loved some more.

If you would like to have a look to see what can be of use to you please pop in to the office and ask.

If you would prefer you can contact the office on 815850 or email [admin@brynmenynps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@brynmenynps.bridgend.cymru) and request the items and sizes you are looking for and we will put a bag together for you.

You can take any items for free or make a small donation - it's up to you.

# CLASS DOJO - IMPORTANT UPDATE



We have used Class Dojo for a number of years. It has always been a great way to share what your child has been up to in school with photos and posts.

It is a good way to communicate school information and updates that families need to know. Please continue to check Dojo for added events and announcements.

In previous years we have opened up the messaging service so that communication can be two way via Dojo. As we start the new academic year, we are re-evaluating how we use the messaging option on the platform.

As you are all aware, the teachers priority is to teach the children. If messages come through during lesson time, answering them is not a priority. While we appreciate parents might be keen to receive individual updates on how their child is settling in school, this would take up a significant amount of teaching time to reply for all pupils. This information can be communicated at the end of the day when collecting your child. If we have any concerns regarding your child we will always telephone home and speak to families directly.

Moving forward from this year, we will be reducing our use of the messaging service on Dojo. It will be used to send home accident forms or to alert you if we cannot make contact on the phone. Please avoid sending a Dojo message and contact the school office instead as messages are less likely to be picked up. Admin staff will pass messages on to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

# 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.

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 6th Sept.	Monday 9th Sept.	Friday 25th October
TBC	TBC	TBC

PARENTS EVENINGS	
<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> (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
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February

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
Option 3	Tuesday 17th June	1:15 - 2:15 Years 1 & 2 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

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.

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16/9/24	Meet & Greet - Year 3
17/9/24	Meet & Greet - Year 4
18/9/24	Meet & Greet - Reception
19/9/24	Meet & Greet - Year 5
19/9/24	Flu vaccination
20/9/24	PTFA School Fete
25/9/24	Nursery & Reception - photographer
26 & 27/9/24	MacMillan Coffee Morning
27/9 - 3/10/24	Book Fayre - school hall
9/10/24	Year 4 Trip - Techniquest
W/B 14/10/24	Parents Evenings
15/10/24	Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae
18/10/24	Show Racism the Red Card Day
25/10/24	INSET day

# SCHOOL MEALS

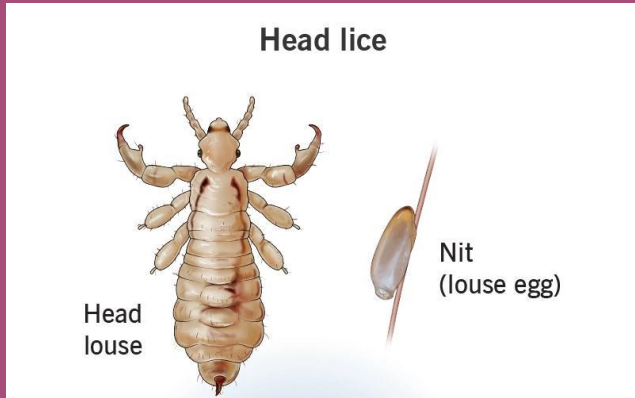
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*Week 3*

<b>PRIMARY MENU</b>																															
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<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>MONDAY</b>																											
Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers * Or Broccoli & Tomato Pasta Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad Raspberry Peach Swirl Sponge & Custard		Mini Omelette with Pork Sausage * Or Sweet & Sour Vegetables Potato Wedges or Vegetable Rice Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad Eve's Sponge & Custard		Lemon Sole * Or Mushroom and Leek Bake Jacket Potato or Sauté Potatoes Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Toffee Apple Brownies with Fruit Slices																											
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>TUESDAY</b>																											
Beef Bolognese * Or Falafel Burger Pasta or Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		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		Meatballs in Tomato Sauce * Or Southern Style Vegetable Burger Pasta or Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit																											
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>																											
Roast Turkey & Stuffing in rich Gravy * Or Vegetable & Lentil Shepherds Pie Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Green Cabbage, Carrots & Diced Swede Jelly with Strawberry Swirl		Roast Pork & Apple Sauce in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable Sausage Creamed or Boiled Potatoes Green Beans, Swede & Broccoli Tropical Rice Pudding		Roast Beef with Rich Gravy * Or Garden Vegetable Pie Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Baton Carrots, Cabbage, Swede Artic Roll and Fruit Wedges																											
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>																											
Meatballs in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable Sausage Creamed or Boiled Potatoes Carrots, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		Chicken Fillet in Rich Gravy * Or Vegetable & Bean Casserole Boiled or Creamed Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage, Country Vegetables, Salad Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		Pork Frikadellons * Or Quorn Fillet Creamed Potatoes or Boiled Potatoes Baked Beans, Carrots, Garden Peas Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit																											
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>																											
Fish Fillet * Or Spinach and Chickpea Curry Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Mandarin topped Sponge Slice		Cheese and Tomato Pizza * Or Quorn Dippers Jacket Potato or Chipped Potatoes Mini Corn Cobs, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Fruit Muffins or Tutu Fruiti Flapjacks		Chicken Tikka/Korma * Or Vegetarian Hot Dogs Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad Strawberry Delight Crunch																											
<b>September 2024</b>		<b>October 2024</b>		<b>November 2024</b>		<b>December 2024</b>																									
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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

# HEAD LICE



We have been informed that head lice have made an appearance in a few classes. We all know that head lice like to make their way around and the beginning of a new school year is the ideal time for them to do so.

Please can you support us in keeping them at bay by checking your child's hair regularly (with a comb) and treating appropriately if you spot a crawly.

# 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](mailto: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.

## Dinner Money

Please ensure there is enough money on your child's account to pay for their school meals or provide a packed lunch.

## 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

