



BRYNMELENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - January 10th 2025



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.





WELCOME BACK! CROSEO NÔL!



Welcome back to the new term and into 2025. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and new year break with your families.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, ready to learn and enjoy the term ahead together.

Moving into the New Year and looking ahead we have shared up and coming dates and events with you on pages 15 & 16. One more INSET day has been allocated – Friday 21st February.

This term, we will be looking for more opportunities to ask for your thoughts and opinions so keep an eye out for these.

These will include ‘parent voice’ forms, where you can contribute thoughts and ideas about what the children are learning about, as well as a chance to share your own experiences that link to the themes covered. Check your child’s class story page on Dojo.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

This week, year 5 started the week with a bang during their 'Viva Brynmenyn' topic launch. The children have looked at artwork by Brazilian artist Romero Brito and Welsh artist Martyn Evans and designed their own pieces in a similar style. They have been listening to samba style music and made their own masks and exotic headdresses.

Year 2 (Centipedes and Millipedes) have been using magic beans to solve division problems, linked to Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been learning how to follow instructions in order to plant and grow their own cress. They have been designing their own magic bean packets, trying to make them attractive to buy.

BIKES & SCOOTERS

- We love it when pupils come to school on their scooters or bikes. It all adds to our Tali Teithio data and helps us to have appositive impact on the environment.
- However, we do request that they are only walked on school site to avoid any collisions or accidents.



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 –

Abilash – Y5 – Bronze award for Maths

Bethan – Y4 – Swimming Wave 3

Alycia – Y5 – Tennis

Harley, Will, Macsen – Y6 – raising money for Cancer Research

Connor – Y4 – Running

Hunter – Y2 – Headteacher's Award



ATTENDANCE

Every Friday we recognise the class with the highest attendance during our celebration assembly. We are continuing to promote the BCBC message of 'Miss School, Miss Out'. Next term we will be sharing the attendance of every class each week.

If your child is absent from school, you must inform us before 9:30am or it is recorded as unauthorised. Without this information we are obliged to contact the Education Welfare Officer.



This week our attendance winners are the Butterflies Class, Mrs Summers Miss Morgan and Miss Bowen-Jones, with a perfect attendance of 100%.

MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT!

"Attending school every day is important for our learning, wellbeing, achievement, and overall development"

Research shows that missing out on just 17 days of school will cause a drop in grade across all subjects at GCSE level. The higher your school attendance rate, the higher you will achieve.

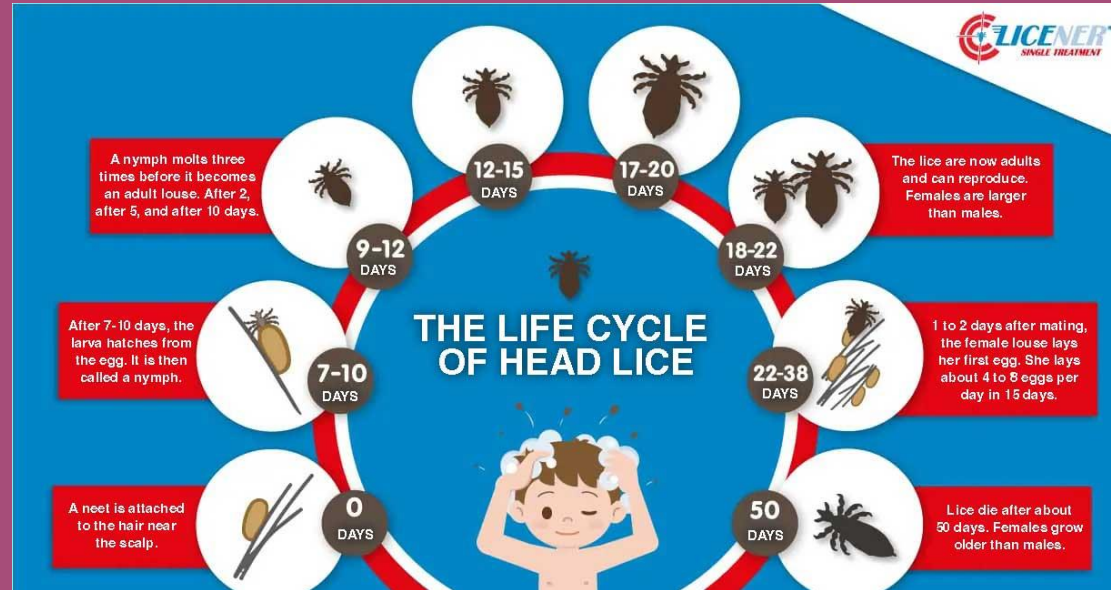
#attendtoachieve

Attend to achieve!
Make everything count!
Miss school miss out!

www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-attendance/

HEADLICE

- We have had a few cases of headlice recently.
- Please can you help by checking your child's hair with a headlice comb.
- If needed, use a shampoo specifically designed to eliminate the crawly visitors.
- Advice can be found by clicking on the following link - [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)
- Pharmacies will also offer advice and guidance.
- Thank you for your support.



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. Most recently, Mr Burke has been looking in to whether cash/online payments are the more popular choice.



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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Keep an eye out for new dates added.

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NEW INSET DATE ADDED

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 6th Sept	Monday 9th Sept.	Friday 25th October						
Friday 21st February	Friday 23rd May	TBC						
PARENTS EVENINGS								
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							
Reception - 18/9/24								
Year 5 - 19/9/24								
Autumn Term		Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October						
Spring Term		Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February						
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.

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

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Date	Event
Monday 6th January	First day of term
Monday 6th January	Year 5 Stunning Starter - Brazilian Carnival Day
Friday 10 th January	Year 4 Stunning Starter – Movie Premier Day
Monday 13th January	Year 5 Samba Dance workshop - weekly sessions
Tuesday 14th January	Fluoride Varnish Nursery - Year 2
Wednesday 15th January	Reception Stunning Starter - Multisensory workshop
Friday 17th January	Year 6 Art trip
Monday 20th January	Whole School Pantomime - Cinderella
Tuesday 21st January	Nursery Stunning Starter - Messy Play
Friday 24th January	Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen
Monday 3rd February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 5th February	Parents Evening
Monday 10th February	Safer Internet week
Monday 17th February	Welsh Culture Week
Friday 21 st February	INSET – Whole school closure

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Monday 3rd March	Year 5 Swimming week (Falcons & Kestrels)
Friday 7th March	Scholastic Book Fayre
Thursday 3rd April	Year 4 Harry Potter trip
Friday 11th April	Year 6 Cycle Proficiency
Friday 11th April	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 14 th - Friday 25 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 28 th April	Summer Term

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.

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.

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 P Deenik

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

