

Forces Fitness Challenge



On Monday 8th November, we had a visit from Forces Fitness.

Forces Fitness Instructors are all former, or currently serving, military personnel. They are all highly trained specialists who aim to help pupils reach their goals as an individual, work effectively

in a team, develop their physical fitness and understand how all these contribute to health and well-being. Their instructors specialize in a number of areas including Sports Therapy, Health & Well-being, Strength and Conditioning and school and college programmes.

Kieran visited our pupils and led sessions which involved team bonding, physical challenges and problem solving. Kieran joined the British Army at the age of 17 serving 5 years within the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards with the Machine Gun Platoon. He worked with pupils from year 7-11 who all really enjoyed the sessions and who can't wait for another visit from the Forces Fitness staff.





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It has been a very busy week on the pitches and courts for the Bryn Celynnog teams with boys and girls competing in a range of sports. It would be fair to say that we met with triumph and disaster, and we would like to think we all managed to treat those two imposters just the same.

Monday saw Year 9 and 10 travel to Llanhari for rugby fixtures. In the blanket of misty drizzle that enveloped our little corner of Wales this week, it was a tough day for running and handling. The red mud of Llanhari didn't help much and the cloying clay punctuated with the occasional mole hill was an extra hazard. Despite this Bryn competed well. Year 9 were victorious 17 points to 10, an encouraging win as several boys have joined the squad this year with very little rugby experience. They are learning very quickly and making a great contribution.

Year 10 were playing their first match back after the covid-19 lay off. They were a little ring rusty and despite dominating large portions of the match and playing some good rugby were edged out 28 points to 26 by the hosts, only a conversion separating the teams.

Wednesday saw the Senior Rugby team play their first match of this season at Tonyrefail, a squad that managed to take the field thanks only to a large contingent from Year 11. Once again, the conditions were massively limiting and the game

was an attractational battle of short balls and direct carrying. The deciding factor was the line out. Bryn's cobbled together pack struggled to win any primary possession and the well organised Tonyrefail team exploited this. They kicked effectively and exploited their line out dominance to score 3 driving line out tries. The Bryn defence was fantastic in open play with boys stepping up to a huge amount of work. In the final analysis Tonyrefail won 28 points to nil but this does not reflect the tight nature of the game. Well done boys.

Thursday saw a break in the weather and a very busy afternoon for Bryn Celynnog. Llanhari were visiting for Year 7 and 8 rugby, Y Pant were here for netball and Ferndale were here for Girls' Football. The Under 15 Rugby Girls were also playing in Merthyr. A bumper day of sporting action.

Year 7 ran out comfortable winners against a plucky Llanhari team scoring 4 tries and conceding 1. The boys in black were dominant from the outset and found it relatively easy to break the first tackles and make ground. Llanhari were resilient though and it was when Bryn managed to move the ball through several pairs of hands to exploit the wider spaces that the opportunities were created. Tries from Thomas Parker and Jack Evans and 4 well struck conversions from Caiden Rees earned a 28 – 7 victory for Bryn Celynnog.



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Year 8 were very strong and hit their straps from the first whistle. All aspects of the game were working well for the hosts and a regular supply of quality possession saw the scoreboard ticking over quite rapidly. Llahari did manage a response but the depth of ability in the Bryn squad saw them home at a canter 55 points to 21, an impressive victory for Year 8.

The under 15 Girls' Rugby travelled to Merthyr for a tournament organised by Cardiff Rugby's development staff. The girls played 4 matches and won each of them. A blend of exciting running and good basic skills proved too much for the opposition as each time the Bryn girls took the field. Teams from Bishop Hedley, Merthyr, Rhydywaun, Tonyrefail and Aberdare Community school all succumbed to the might of the girls in black. Impressive performances from the powerful Eden Skuse and Mali Ackerman were complimented by the consistently good work of Brook Woodard and speed of Katie Rees. The whole squad represented the school in a really positive manner and were also coached on the day by Seren Hardwidge and Libby Edwards of the Bryn Celynnog Sixth Form. Da iawn ferched.

On the 3G pitch back at Bryn Celynnog the U13 Football girls were involved in a second-round cup match against Ferndale. A tight

game between two evenly matched teams was played out with plenty of goals being scored. Ferndale had the edge in terms of organisation and spatial awareness. They were able to move the football around the pitch exploiting weaknesses in the stretched Bryn defence. Bryn's more direct style also saw some success. Eventually the superior shape and discipline of the visitors told, and Ferndale were victorious by 6 goals to 4. A brave effort from our young footballers.

Indoors, the netball court was the place to be to watch the Year 9 and 10 teams take on Y Pant. Things proved tough for the home team in both matches with Y Pant playing some great netball. The Bryn girls struggled to hit the mark in the Year 9 match and were on the wrong end of a tough loss. Despite this the girls were upbeat and look forward to improving their performance over the rest of the season. Macey - Jayne Davies was the player of the match for our Year 9 girls. Year 10 only fared a little better with Y Pant once again winning by a decent margin, 12 - 3 to the visitors, Bryn once again philosophical about

their defeat and determined to push on as the season develops. Year 10 player of the match was Emma Cross. Da iawn ferched, keep working hard.





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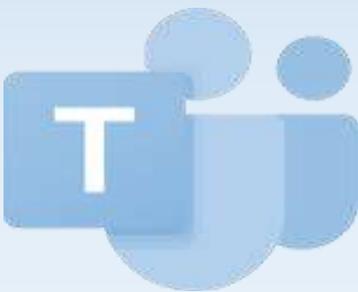
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 Office 365



All pupils at Bryn Celynnog have access to the latest Microsoft Office applications as well as other cloud-based services. Microsoft Office 365 is your Office in the cloud! It will allow you to create, collaborate, edit, communicate and save school work as well as homework on your online space.

You will be able to access work on a range of devices, including PCs, laptops, tablets and smart phones. Microsoft 365 can be accessed at home, in school or on the go, provided you have an internet connection. Students can access their 365 account with their school email via the link on the Bryn Celynnog Home page. [Login Web Page](#)



All students have been invited to a Microsoft Team for each of their subject areas. Teams is used primarily as a communication channel but will also house learning resources and allow teachers to set assignments and homework.



Forms you can use to answer your homework quizzes and receive instant feedback. Develop surveys and quizzes of your own and share with your peers and teachers.

Student email format:

username@bryncelynnog.org.uk

Password is the same as the password used to access the school network.

For help accessing your 365 account please select the link [O365 Help](#)

Or contact Mrs K Stock at Kate.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk if you have any further queries regarding Office 365.

Parental consent is required for students to access and use 365 applications.

Please do not forget to complete, sign and hand in a consent form to your form tutor or Mrs Stock.



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ClassCharts

Pupil Accounts

Pupils have been given access to their own account, which they will be able to log into via a computer/mobile phone app or by speaking with their Form Tutor.

Once a pupil has logged into their account they will be able to see their behaviour points and have access to the Reward Store, where they can purchase rewards online with the positive points they have collected.

Rewards Store

Rewards are an acknowledgement of pupils' hard work and effort both in the classroom and around the school. There is a constant expectation that all pupils will be praised and rewarded. Pupils will be notified when they receive positive points by their classroom teacher and can monitor their score via the ClassCharts website or App. Positive points also link directly to the Rewards Store in ClassCharts. Pupils can purchase their chosen item from the app and collect it in school. The current list of available items is listed in the Rewards Store.

Parent Account

Every child has a unique access code, please use this code to create an account by going to the website below:

<https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

or alternatively you can search your app store to download the ClassCharts app free of charge. Once on the ClassCharts website/app we advise that you listen to the short tutorial to assist you in logging in. If you have more than one child at Bryn Celynnog you can use the plus sign in the top right hand corner with the additional access codes you have received.

If you have any queries please contact Miss Jacobs on

Hayley.Jacobs@bryncelynnog.org.uk



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ClassCharts Behaviour Management

We have a very clear behaviour management system in place, which your child should already be aware of. Members of staff follow this system to deal with poor behaviour in lessons to ensure effective learning is able to take place. A range of consequences and sanctions are in place for pupils who do not uphold our simple and achievable expectations:

- D1** - This is issued to a pupil when a member of staff has to speak to them regarding their behaviour in lesson. The pupil is told that they are now on a D1.
- D2** - This is issued when a pupil has been moved to a new seat due to persistent poor behaviour. This is the second time a teacher has had to speak to a pupil during the lesson.
- D3** - This is issued when a pupil has had to be spoken to for the third time about their behaviour. This may be issued if a pupil is consistently disrupting the class/not following instructions or continued poor behaviour. When a D3 is issued the Head of Faculty will remove the pupil from the lesson.
- D4** - Pupils who proceed through sanctions D1 – D3 and fail with the Head of Faculty intervention are sent to the D4L room and issued a D4.

Removal to Discipline for Learning (D4L) room will be immediate for:-

- Serious behaviour out of lessons
- Verbal abuse
- Behaviour towards others which is considered dangerous
- Damage to, or theft of, school property or that of others.



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Extra Curricular Activities

We now seem to be enjoying a relatively stable time though Covid-19 is still with us. As we move toward a fuller provision here at Bryn Celynnog we are very pleased to be able to publish a timetable of extra-curricular activities that our students can enjoy under the current set of regulations.

Be assured that all our activities are carried out in line with the Welsh Assembly guidelines and follow the National Governing Body regulations also. We are committed to providing safe and exciting opportunities for our students whenever we can and look forward to the times when we can once again operate without restrictions.

Day	After school 3 -4:15pm	Staff	Venue
Monday	Year 7 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 Football	Mr S Mines & Mr Waters	3G Pitch
Tuesday	Year 7 Rugby	Mr J Stock & Mr Howells	3G Pitch/Field
	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
Wednesday	Computer Science	Mrs K Stock	M13
	Year 7 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby	Mr Gallagher	Field
	Year 9 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
Thursday	Senior Rugby	Mr J Stock	Field
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Football	Mr Varrall	3G Pitch
	Year 8 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Gym
Friday	Year 8 Rugby	Mr S Mines	Field
	Year 8 Touch Rugby	Mr S Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS	
Date	Event
Friday 19th November	Children in Need—Non School Uniform Day
Wednesday 24th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 3rd December	School Photographs

If you would like to contact us at Bryn This Week please email kate.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk

