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Pupil Engagement is 'ThaiDee'

To start off the Pupil Engagement Project we had a special guest in to cook traditional Thai cuisine with our Year 9 student. Tanee Taylor From ThaiDee Kitchen came in to give a taste of a healthy and fresh vegetable stir-fry. When the students first heard about what they were going to be



something different to their everyday meals and not part of their culture. After one bite they all said "That actually tastes really nice;" their faces were in shock! They couldn't believe that something so healthy would be so delicious. One pupil also commented on how they wanted to make the exact dish when they get home. We can't wait for Tanee to come in again to give us more lessons and let us explore the Thai culture. Thank you so much Tanee Taylor from a Thai Dee Kitchen, we can't wait for you to come back.



Written by Chelsea, Year 12

cooking, they were all very unsure, I heard statements like: "Eww, I don't like carrots" and "Eww...not mushrooms." However, Tanee helped the students to make their stir-frys look unique with special cooking utensils. The pupils couldn't wait to get creative and cut their vegetables, after seeing all the vibrant colours and patterns. When it came to taste testing, the Year 9 students were very unsure as it was



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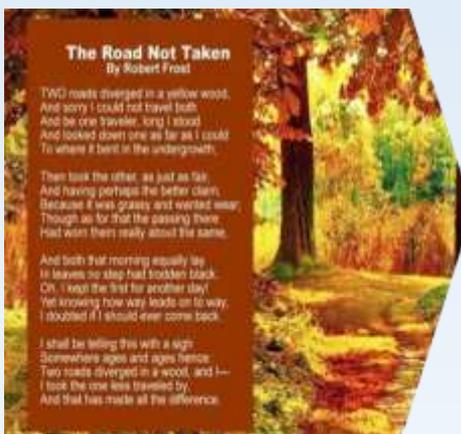
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Last term Year 7 had the opportunity to take part in a competition for National Poetry Day. Following an assembly on the theme of Choices and celebrating Robert Frost's famous poem "The Road Not Taken", pupils wrote their own poems. The standard of entries was extremely high which made judging incredibly challenging. All entries received ClassChart points and the top 5 winners also received a treasury of poetry. First prize also received a £10 book voucher. Ms Baldock thoroughly enjoyed reading the poems and was delighted to present the winners with their prizes in the school library. Well done to everyone who took part and remember: **"In a world where you can be anything, choose kind"**



Expressive Art's News

Congratulations to our Year 11 Performing Arts students who have recently completed their Unit 2 performance of 'Into the Woods'. The students have worked extremely hard, showing real passion, dedication and commitment to their studies. Miss Ferguson has thoroughly enjoyed working with them over the past months. Well done!

The Expressive Arts faculty have been working hard to develop their facilities and we were thrilled to welcome Year 11 back into the Drama Workshop to perform. We look forward to welcoming all students that opt for Performing Arts, Music and Art for GCSE in the future.



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RCT Cup Success at the Sobell

On a typically dreary afternoon earlier this week, Year 10 and 11 football teams travelled to the Sobell Centre to take on Rhydywaun in the RCT Schools' Cup. The blanket of misty rain that had enveloped our little corner of South Wales was still firmly in place as the teams got off the bus in Aberdare. The teams were well motivated though and expectations were high as the teams took the field in their respective matches. Year 11 made a very positive start and dominated the early exchanges. The midfield players were varying the play and keeping the Rhydywaun defence very busy. Attacking down the left in triangle formation bore fruit as did the rapid switch of play to the right wing. Diagonal passes over the defence were picked up by Danny Jones or Maxwell Mazuku and the threat level was high. It was from one such long ball that Maxwell opened the scoring with a thunderous shot from a tight angle on the right. A couple of simpler chances slipped by and Rhydywaun caused the odd flutter in the heart of the Bryn defence but did not really threaten the goal. A number of corners were won by the Bryn team and the second goal came from a

goalmouth scramble following a cross, Iwan Deem-Tempest keeping a cool head to slot home a short-range shot. Two nil at half time and Bryn were looking



comfortable. The second period saw a resurgence from Rhydywaun and for 20 minutes they dominated proceedings. They won all the 50/50 balls and played a lot better than they had in the first half. A goal seemed inevitable and it came after 15 minutes of the second half. Soon after that another shot on goal struck the Bryn Celynnog post and Bryn had their backs to the wall. The near escape seemed to galvanise the Bryn team and they began to keep possession and play for the first time in the second period. They were in the ascendancy in the final minutes and to lend a little gloss to the result Callum Salter supplied a third goal for Bryn after a good run and strike from the left edge. 3 - 1 at the final whistle saw Bryn win and progress to round 2. Da iawn fechgyn a great effort from all involved. The Year 10 match was a completely one-sided affair as a strong Bryn Celynnog outfit dominated the game. Rhydywaun were left chasing shadows for large parts of the game and the opposition barely managed a shot on goal. Goals from David Trott (2), Efan Fletcher, Alfie Lewis and Cameron Bull were clinically taken. Rhydywaun's challenge descended into an overly physical defensive

effort as they conceded free kick after free kick, frustrated by Bryn Celynnog's ability to keep the ball. The game ended early with Bryn moving comfortably into the second round of the Year 10 Cup



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Beddau Food Angels

As we all know it's been a hard year for many people and it is getting even harder, some families are really struggling.

Beddau Food Angels are crying out for donations and I would like to ask all you kind hearted lovely people if you would like to make a donation. We can't celebrate Christmas in school like we normally do, so please let's help some families celebrate at home.

Please see below a list of suggested items, boxes will be placed in reception for the items or if you would prefer to make a cash donation please see Julie on reception for the donation bucket. (Any money collected a staff member will go and purchase food items for the food bank) A small donation will make a big difference, so please be kind.

Thank you in advance ,

Di Smith

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| Tinned tomatoes | Jam |
| Beans | Biscuits |
| Spaghetti | Corned Beef |
| Hot dog sausages | Cheese biscuits |
| Tinned carrots/peas/potatoes | Christmas Crackers |
| Curry sauces | Biscuits |
| Tinned/packet soups | Christmas Pudding |
| Tinned Tuna/Sardines | Mince Pies |
| Cereal / Porridge | Tinned Milk |
| Crisps | Chocolate Log |
| Rice | Stuffing mix |
| Pasta | Gravy Granules |
| Microwave Rice | Custard Tin/carton |
| Packet pasta in sauce | Squirry Cream |
| Squash | Packet Smash |

Key Stage 3 Home Learning Schedule Autumn Term

[Click here for the KS3 Home Learning Schedule for the entire academic year \(2021—2022\)](#)

Date		Homework	
From	To	Core	Non-Core
06/09/2021	10/09/2021	Welcome back!!!	
13/09/2021	17/09/2021		
20/09/2021	24/09/2021	English	Welsh
27/09/2021	10/01/2021	Mathematics	Geography
04/10/2021	08/10/2021	Science	Expressive Arts
11/10/2021	15/10/2021	English	Technology
18/10/2021	22/10/2021	Intervention Week	
25/10/2021	29/10/2021	Half Term	
01/11/2021	05/11/2021	Mathematics	PE
08/11/2021	12/11/2021	Science	ICT
15/11/2021	19/11/2021	English	Spanish
22/11/2021	26/11/2021	Mathematics	History
29/11/2021	03/12/2021	Science	Technology
06/12/2021	10/12/2021	English	Expressive Arts
13/12/2021	17/12/2021	Intervention Week	
20/12/2021	24/12/2021	Christmas Holidays	
27/12/2021	31/12/2021		



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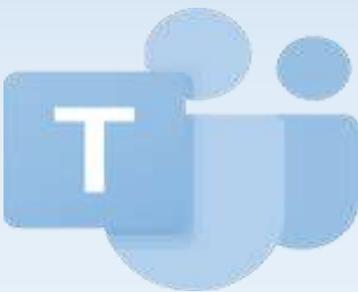
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 Office 365



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
Wednesday 24th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 3rd December	School Photographs

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