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A Merry Christmas to All

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of another very challenging term, I would like to thank our staff and students for working so hard to ensure that we keep the school as safe as possible as the pandemic shows no signs of abating.

Despite the daily routines of hand-sanitiser, one-way systems, masks and year group zones, we have still had some wonderfully memorable moments this term. Our Children in Need non-uniform day, led by our new Head Boy and Head Girl, was a resounding success. Our Christmas Bake Off provided us with a feast for the eyes as we marvelled at our students' baking talents and tried to judge the best Christmas-themed cakes.

Our Pupil Engagement Programme has been in full swing, thanks to Mr Williams, who has succeeded in putting on a fabulous range of activities for targeted students, ranging from street dance to fishing. Although all the activities have had to be carefully controlled and risk-assessed due to the pandemic, many of our students have still been able to benefit from this excellent initiative.

We are delighted to have been able to support Beddau Food Angels in their collection and distribution of food for the local community and we would like to thank Mrs Di Smith for her unstinting efforts in encouraging us all to be cheerful givers.

We would also like to thank all our students who made recycled decorations for our Christmas tree, resulting in Bryn Celynnog being awarded joint first prize in the annual Llantrisant Council Christmas Tree Competition.

Our staff Leadership Programmes have continued, albeit virtually, throughout the year. We are very proud of Ms M Davies, Mrs A Watkins and Ms S Bell for achieving the Portal Level 5 ILM qualification in 'Leadership and Management' funded by Portal and the Welsh Assembly Government. This programme has taken two years to complete and is extremely demanding. Well done!

After working so hard since September, we're all looking forward to ending the term with our annual Christmas Festival. Sadly, we will have to do this virtually again this year, in classrooms rather than in the Sports Hall, but I'm sure the singing will be just as jolly as ever. I'm told that Father Christmas might even be joining us!

On behalf of the staff and governors, I hope that you all have a really good, well-deserved Christmas break.

Best wishes,
Debra Baldock
Headteacher



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We've got Algorithm

Acting Out Algorithms

As part of the Year 7 curriculum, pupils study a topic called 'Computational Thinking'. The four cornerstones we are studying are:

- Decomposition
- Pattern Recognition
- Algorithms
- Data Representation



Over the last two weeks, we have been studying algorithms and learning how to write our own algorithm using the correct shapes to represent each stage of a flow diagram. Last Friday, we decided to take ICT out of the classroom, and created a live algorithm in the sports hall using cones. Pupils had to create an algorithm on their whiteboards, to direct one pupil in their group around the cones they had laid out. Miss Edmondson then tested out their algorithm to see if it worked at the end of the lesson. There were some fantastic algorithms created during the lesson. Well done Year 7!

Miss Edmondson

"I learnt that I use algorithms every day when I am making food or brushing my teeth!"

Aston 7E

"I learnt that when you make an algorithm you need to do step by step and can't skip any steps, because it will go wrong!"

Jack 7E

"I really enjoyed working in the gym, as it was what we could've been doing on the computers but instead we did it in real life. I also found it helped me to learn what an algorithm is and that it needs to be as simple as possible!"

Grace 7E

"I had to be really careful when writing my algorithm and I had to be as literal as possible – it was a fun lesson."

Sam 7E

"What I enjoyed most about last week's lesson was that we weren't on the computers and I liked working in a group to try our algorithm together."

Aimee 7E

"I enjoyed working as a team with my friends. I learned more about algorithms and how to make them."

Layla 7E





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Bryn Christmas Baking

Reaches the Top of The Tree

Bryn Celynnog's Food Technology students have had a festive bake off and the results were truly eye-catching and mouth-watering. If you eat with your eyes first then take a look at these delightful cakes.

The response to the competition was absolutely phenomenal. We had a total of 74 entries across the school from both pupils and staff. All entries were fabulous, each with their very own distinct and unique creative touch and individuality! Every entry deserved to win, but unfortunately, there could only be one winner. Staff had a very difficult time deciding on which cakes to vote for.

The atmosphere in the food department was lifted during this festive period by this competition and all the creativity which came with it. So, a massive thank you to all the pupils, teachers and families who made this competition such a success!

We've had a wonderful collection of cakes entered and it was a close run competition for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with two cakes joint 3rd. The winner is Anna Brooks 11CNJ, 2nd Maddison Perry, joint 3rd Oliver Smith and Maddison Williams.





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Generosity and Christmas Spirit

The Spirit of giving has been evident in many ways this Festive Season. The Beddau Food Hub is a crucial part of ensuring that all of our community can enjoy the holiday time and have enough to eat.

At Bryn Celynnog we have supported this fantastic enterprise and put together a drive to gather food to donate. In a very generous gesture parents of our Year 11 students



donated the refund they were entitled to after the cancellation of the 2020 School Prom. As you can see the pupils and staff here at Bryn have put together quite a hamper this Christmas.



A massive thank you to all who have donated this year to help ensure the community has a happy Christmas. Diolch o galon.

Key Stage 3 Home Learning Schedule Spring Term 2021

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

Spring			
Date		Homework	
From	To	Core	Non-Core
03/01/2022	07/01/2022	Mathematics	Art
10/01/2022	14/01/2022	Science	PE
17/01/2022	21/01/2022	English	Welsh
24/01/2022	28/01/2022	Mathematics	Geography
31/01/2022	04/02/2022	Science	Technology
07/02/2022	11/02/2022	English	Expressive Arts
14/02/2022	18/02/2022	Intervention Week	
21/02/2022	25/02/2022	Half Term	
28/02/2022	04/03/2022	Mathematics	Spanish
07/03/2022	11/03/2022	Science	ICT
14/03/2022	18/03/2022	English	History
21/03/2022	25/03/2022	Mathematics	Technology
28/03/2022	01/04/2022	Science	PE
04/04/2022	08/04/2022	Mathematics	Skills
11/04/2022	15/04/2022	Easter Holidays	
18/04/2022	22/04/2022		



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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
Tuesday 4th January	<u>TO BE CONFIRMED</u>
Thursday 20th January	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

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

