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Year 8 Rugby Sparkling

On Wednesday afternoon this week our nearest neighbours, Garth Olwg brought their Year 8 Rugby Team over to face the black and blue of Bryn Celynnog. It proved to be a bruising encounter.

With a firm pitch and dry ball, there was hunger for a feast of running rugby. It was an inauspicious start for the home team though and after a few minutes of early possession turnovers Garth Olwg's Goliath of a number 8 Forward brushed aside a few half-hearted home team tackles to open the scoring. The effect of going behind seemed to clear the minds of the Bryn boys and a Davidic response ensued.

For the rest of the game Bryn Celynnog took total control. Quiet confidence seemed to flow through the players and they trusted their skills and trusted each other to outplay the visitors.

Garth Olwg seemed rocked by the response and were unable to develop any coherent teamwork, relying on individuals. The rest of the first half saw a steady stream of tries for Bryn Celynnog. Ollie George and Owen Lewis, the half backs, directed the play and a steady stream of possession was guaranteed for them by a solid performance from the pack. The outside backs enjoyed themselves with silky running from Lewis Owtrim, strong carries from Alfie Abercrombie and great footwork from Joe Evans.

The forwards, led by captain Alex Ballinger worked solidly and turnovers were regularly completed by Evan Baker at 8 and the captain himself. Jai Adams played solidly, often at first or second receiver providing links between phases of play. A few boys played

out of position due to injuries to a couple of regular starters and they completed their roles very well. A few rucks could have been more fully staffed but it was a dominant effort from the pack.

The second half saw the pattern continue as Bryn Celynnog were ruthless in their pursuit of quality rugby. Garth Olwg managed a few incursions into the home team's territory and did come away with another try. They never stopped chasing and did force the Bryn Celynnog to higher levels of performance. The catch and pass quality was incredible from the home team with only one knock on marring a great handling display.

There are "work ons" for this develop team though, the kick receipt was disorganised and hectic and the lines out and rucks could do with some fine tuning. The team now moves on to face Y Pant in the Pontypridd Schools Cup final next month, where they will no doubt face a sterner test.

A fantastic performance on Wednesday afternoon though with every single squad member contributing fully, they all deserve a mention:

Gethin Jones, Jack Caudle, Joe Evans, Alfie Abercrombie, Lewis Outrim, Owen Lewis, Ollie George, Corey Marks, Jai Adams, Marcus Preston, Mason Prosser, Alex Ballinger ©, Evan Baker, Jayden Abercrombie, Luke Hibbard and Conor Gregory.

The score line reflected the match with Bryn Celynnog scoring 50 points to Garth Olwg's 14.

Ardderchog fechgyn, pleser i wyllo'r gem. A pleasure to watch the game.





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Our Language at the Heart of the Curriculum

Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen is the Welsh equivalent of St Valentine's Day and our students have been learning about this ancient tradition in their Welsh lessons.



Students in year 7 Welsh celebrated and learnt about St Dwynwen's Day which takes place on January 25th annually. They had fun creating a storyboard about the tale and enjoyed watching a video to tell the history of the story and why we celebrate it.



WBQ links at Bryn Celynnog

At the start of the academic year our Year 9 students were introduced to the Skills Challenge Certificate. The SCC is made up of 3 tasks; Enterprise, Community and Global Citizenship along with an Individual Project.

We launched the Enterprise Challenge in which students were tasked to develop a concept, product or event that will positively impact Wales' Premier Cancer Centre, Velindre.

Next week the Just Giving pages will be set up by the charity and you will be able to donate directly towards the products that students have created as a team.

Students will set their own fundraising target which can be amended throughout the challenge and fund raising pages will



be shared to a variety of platforms to help with promotion. These pages provide students with a platform to promote their product or idea and engage with those who support their project.

This is a very exciting time for our year group and we hope to raise as much money as possible to support this fantastic charity.





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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 2nd February	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th February - Friday 18th February	Y11 mock exams: core subjects

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

