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Reading is Everything!

During the half term break pupils and staff at Bryn Celynnog took part in the 'Extreme Reading' competition where they sent in photographs of them reading in the most weird and wonderful of places.

Reading is so often taken for granted, we all rely on reading in so many ways in so many walks of life. Without it we would be at a loss. Its great to see reading for pleasure as well as reading for life.

Well done to everyone who participated .





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World Book Day 2022

Return of the Mike

Last Thursday, on World Book Day, year 7 had the pleasure of meeting Mike Church. A regular at Bryn Celynnog before the pandemic, Mike Church was finally able to return to inspire the next generation of readers and writers.

Mike, who started his career as a teacher, is a full-time writer and natural performer. He's written children's books of fiction and a book of poetry. He regaled each year 7 group with stories from his adventures in schools and prisons around the country.

Throughout his talk, students were encouraged to think of themselves as readers, even if they weren't necessarily reading books. He also helped students to see the links between historical fiction and what is going on in the world right now. His question



regarding the number of male inmates in prisons compared to females promoted a fantastic discussion on toxic gender roles in society- with a GCSE style response coming from Alfie Richards in 7A. And of course, Mike Church has some serious circus skills under his belt- Mrs



Price was very impressed by the knife juggling.

Most importantly, the students had a fantastic reaction to Mike and said that he was "entertaining" and "funny." Mike Church, please come again next year!





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Sevens Season Starts Here

On Wednesday this week the Sevens Rugby season got underway with an excellent opening effort from Year 7.

Under grey skies at Islwyn High School the Year 7 boys got their first taste of sevens rugby. A dry 4G pitch provided good conditions though it is still very cold for the sprint version of our national sport.

The squad of twelve rotated throughout the afternoon and played four matches. The first match was against Islwyn High Reds and the hosts were keen to put up a good show. The Bryn team were very resilient though, despite conceding an early try they bounced back with Tom O'Connor scooping up a loose ball on the half way and scampering in to open the Bryn Celynnog Account. This led to further success and an opening victory for Bryn.

The squad continued to improve through the second fixture as the Islwyn High Blues were the next opposition. This match was tougher but there was a real



commitment from the boys in black. Carter Williams came up with the play of the day as he sprinted 50 metres to pull off a fantastic try saving tackle. This was the springboard to another victory as the team produced some good rugby.

Game 3 was against Blackwood School and the boys continued in the same vein. Thomas Parker was destructive in attack and defence and Jack Dando who played every minute of every game was like a dynamo. Again the whole squad rotated and came up with 4 tries.

The final game was against the other unbeaten team of the day, West Monmouth. This proved to be a much tougher proposition for the Bryn Celynnog. West Monmouth kept their shape very well and managed to create overlaps on several

occasions to score 4 tries. The Bryn team were still full of fight though and struck back with a try of their own and pressed hard for more.

A fantastic start to the Sevens season. Well done to the whole squad. **Ardderchog.**



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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
Monday 14th March—Thursday 24th March	Year 8 Options Interviews with SMT
Wednesday 30th March—Friday 1st April	Year 11 mock exam core subjects

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

