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## Dydd Gwyl Dewi

With a view of celebrating our “Cymreictod” or Welsh Culture HQ pupils were set a half term task to create something that represents Wales or what Wales means to them.

Below are the entries: felt pen dragon - Kiera Evans Year 7, Pictures of things to do in Wales on the dragon background- Cory John Year 9, pencil dragon- Elin Percy Year 11, Godzilla dragon - Meaghan Gwillim Year 11, Welsh shark- Bobby Witchell- Year 7 and Acrostic poem - Milo Gregory Year 7.



**W**ales is a beautiful land of communities,  
**A** loving peoples, like sheep's wool comforting and warm,  
**L**ike the daffodils in the fields protecting their territory.  
**E**nglish and Welsh going side by side,  
**S**inging from the choir their song rings throughout the land like rain on crops  
nurturing for winter and the rekindling of life.  
**M**ountains high and valleys low, like Wales' history - the black and yellow of St  
David's Cross, showing the dark times and hope like sunlight cracking through the  
clouds.  
**Y**ears the castles stood still, strong, resilient like the Welsh people's culture,  
**H**ow our community helps us like protecting dragons.  
**O**ur flag symbolizes us; red for the blood spilled in battle, white for the peace that  
followed, and green for the fertile lands and fresh start,  
**M**eeting people in the streets, with Welsh pride in our hearts,  
**E**veryone knows each other and knows where we are from.



Pupils enjoyed celebrating St David's day this week in Welsh by designing and making their own love spoons in class.





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## Rookie Rugby in the Rain

On Thursday this week 14 girls from Year 7 attended the WRU Rookie Rugby Day at Y Wern field in Merthyr. It was a damp and dismal day but the energy and positivity that the girls brought to their efforts on the pitch brightened the mood. They worked tirelessly in throughout the day. The morning was spent learning the basics of the game through small sided and conditioned games and this saw the girls showing a competitive edge as well as a great work ethic.



The afternoon, which was only slightly less bleak in terms of the weather was spent on a skills carousel developing some of the technical aspect of the game and introducing ta fitness training



aspect also. The inflatable pitch was probably the favourite station for our girl as it was for most of the other schools that attended. The girls clearly had a fantastic day with smiles aplenty. We hope this taster day will inspire many of the girls to get involved with girls' rugby which is growing quickly in school and in the wider community.

Da iawn ferched.



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## Walking for Wellbeing

Year 7 have begun a half term initiative focusing on their physical and emotional well-being. Each day, Mrs Williams accompanies one registration class around the athletics track in order to start the day on the right foot (pun intended) and set a positive tone for the day ahead.

Walking and talking can make us feel more connected to each other, reducing loneliness and isolation. Walking can improve mood and sleep quality, as well as reducing stress and anxiety.

The reception to this new initiative has been overwhelmingly positive from all pupils involved. Even the rain hasn't put a dampener on their spirits!

This idea came from Mrs Williams' own commitment to increase her daily steps and she has now incorporated this into helping our wonderful pupils too. The aim is to create positive behaviours that will breed healthy habits.

Da iawn, blwyddyn saith! Bendeddig!

Keep up the good work, pawb!





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## International Women's Day Mathematicians

**International Women's Day is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The Further Maths Support Programme Wales shares with you a series of activities and videos, created for you by female mathematicians and statisticians!

- Katie [@stecks](#) will be sharing with us the wonders of the fold & cut theorem!
- [@ZoelGriffiths](#) will be trying to outwit you for all the money!

We find out about the [numbers](#) that help Wales navigate through everything from daily life to global pandemics! We speak to the boss!

Take a look back at some of the most famous female mathematicians of our time with our cut and stick timeline activity. Will you be the next famous mathematician?

It's a special date, for many reasons, so we have a special date puzzle for you to get to grips with.

All activities are suitable for all students.

Resources will go live here [Women in Maths Activity Page – Further Maths](#) on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 17th March | Year 8 Options Interviews with SMT |
| Wednesday 30th March—Friday 1st April | Year 11 mock exam core subjects    |

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