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Headteacher's Summer Message

Dear Parent/Carer

So, we've made it to the end of another year! And what a roller coaster it's been. We started the new academic year in September fervently hoping that we would not have to face yet more school closures. We managed to keep the school open despite the inevitable toll on staffing caused by the pandemic, and we are truly grateful to the many agency staff who came to our rescue when we needed their support.

Our Year 11 and 13 students faced external examinations after two years of Centre Assessed/Centre Determined grades, and we are proud of the way in which they conducted themselves in truly challenging circumstances. We are looking forward to celebrating their successes during our A Level and GCSE Results Days in August.

Signs that school life is slowly returning to normal are appearing all around us, like much-anticipated green shoots, instilling in us the hope that better times are coming. Our staff versus Sixth Form rounders match last Friday, watched by cheering Year 7 students, was a refreshing reminder of pre-pandemic times when fun was part of school life! Our enthusiastic Gravity Racer team reinforced this concept by winning the Downhill Derby in Penarth on Saturday with their fabulous 'Fluorescent Leopard' car. This morning we are holding our first Eisteddfod for several years, with its competitions and House rivalry, music and poetry, all constituting a lovely ending to the school year.

We are so looking forward to a fresh start in September, when we can fully reinstate all the extras that make school life so enjoyable.

On behalf of staff and governors, thank you for your support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break.

Look after yourselves.

Debra Baldock

Headteacher



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Summer Sporting Success

It has been a busy week for the students of Bryn Celynnog. Cricket, football and netball all featured this week as our students performed very well.

On Tuesday the Year 7 and Year 8 Cricket teams travelled to the Sobell Centre in Aberdare for matches against St John the Baptist's School. In the bright sunshine of this July afternoon Bryn Celynnog batted first in both games and both sides managed to post a total

that the opposition fell short of chasing down. The inexperienced Year 7 boys rose to the challenge and managed to hold their nerve as St John's took the game into the final over. The hosts needed 12 runs from the last 6 balls but Bryn's boys fielded well to win by 5 runs.

Year 8 have a few regular cricketers in their ranks and

proved far too strong for St John's. Owen Lewis was the man of the match and was in fine form with the bat and the ball. They set a total of 95 for the hosts but their batting failed to impress and Bryn won by 30 runs.

A great afternoon for our summer sport.

Tonyrefail Community School hosted six a side football and Netball tournaments this week also and again the Bryn Celynnog teams produced very good performances yet again.

The Year 10 Football team was dominant throughout the tournament where 15 schools from around RCT competed for the top spot. The team won all their group games with comfort then beat Llanhari in the semi final. The final against Porth went to penalties as Porth parked the bus and played for a draw. Bryn's penalty takers held their nerve and Jamie Drew in goal came up with a crucial save to clinch the cup.



The Netball team was made up of Year 9 and 10 students and played very well throughout the day. The girls progressed well and came through their group to reach the semi finals. Y Pant were waiting for the Bryn girls and a very tough match followed. Y Pant were just that little bit stronger and went through to the final which they also won. Emma Garwood was a standout performer for the day where the whole team played some great netball. Well done to all our sportsmen and women, a great effort this week.

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Public Speaking Skills

The fantastic 7F worked hard last term producing 'who inspires me' speeches in LINKs lessons, to present to their classmates and Ms Baldock.

To start the project, we discussed inspirational people and the qualities that we find in people who inspire us. Pupils were then tasked with writing a three-minute speech and had to practice them at home to make sure they were ready to present.

I was blown away by the maturity and passion the pupils demonstrated during this project. The speeches were superb, and it was very heart-warming to hear pupils talk in such detail about who inspired them and why.

For some pupils, presenting their speech in front of their peers and Ms Baldock was a huge achievement, so a massive well done to those pupils who overcame their nerves (they know who they are). I was very proud of all of you! Miss Edmondson.





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Llancaiach Fawr Trip

On Thursday 7th July, 7H and 7G embarked on a journey through time and ended up in the mid-1600s on their visit to Llancaiach Fawr Manor. They were learning all about what life was like at the manor during this time and met some of the servants who work there, and Poppy the dog too.

Year 7 became fully immersed in the experience and undertook some creative tasks, such as making dried herb bags (like those used during the Plague to ward off disease and bad smells) and making their own soap balls.

In addition to this, they learned all about the civil war between King Charles I and Parliament and discovered how supporters of the King would have trained in the use of muskets and pikes before entering battle; they even learned how to march and were a very convincing battalion! What a great way to combine English and History – an excellent example of cross-curricular learning, as well as having lots of fun too!



UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 6th September	First day of term for all students
Monday 12th September—Wednesday 14th September	Y11 Geography fieldwork



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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.

D18 - Pupils who proceed through sanctions D1 – D3 and fail with the Head of Faculty intervention are sent to the D18L room and issued a D18.

Removal to Discipline for Learning (D18L) 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.