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Senior Rugby v Merthyr College

This was the Senior Rugby team's second match of the season and it was a tough assignment to travel to The Wern to face the Merthyr College team.

The atmospheric conditions had improved throughout the day and at KO the sun shone and a light breeze favoured the Bryn Celynnog/Y Pant team as they received the first kick of the game.

The visitors, comprised mainly of Year 11 students, faced an older and bigger team but were not overawed in any respect.

The early exchanges saw the Bryn/Y Pant team pressing with strong carrying and good passing movements. The defence was resolute though and Merthyr repelled all attacks. The hosts enjoyed their turn of possession and their heavier pack of forwards made

ground steadily. The onslaught continued until the defence was breached and Merthyr took the lead. They scored a second from a charged down kick ahead and led by 10 points. Bryn/Y Pant did not let their heads drop though and another wave of attacks led to a penalty 10m from the Merthyr try line. A quick tap and go charge saw Dylan Barratt crashing over to score the first try for the visiting team. Another quickly taken penalty, this time on their own 22m line saw Bryn/Y Pant launch a scorching attack down the left-hand side. Luke Evans instigated the counter with a stylish burst to the half way line having sold a couple of outrageous dummies on the way, a well timed off-load sent Sam Cash-James down the touchline leaving the Merthyr defence in disarray, he almost made the try line but a cover tackler cut him off, however, a



classy lifted pass around the back of the last defender released Logan Whyman, who had run a superb support line, to ground the ball untouched for a breath-taking score. Ten all at half time was a fair reflection of the play.

The second half saw the breeze that had favoured Bryn Celynnog/Y Pant in the first half become a strong wind now at the back of the home team. Merthyr tightened their game plan in the second period and exploited their superior size and weight. Tremendous tackling from the lighter visiting pack

made it difficult for the College boys though. Twice they scored but twice Bryn/Y Pant managed to reply with some good passing to create another long range try spearheaded again by Sam Cash-James, who turned in a man of the match performance, and finished off again by Logan Whyman. A cheeky interception

try from Kyle Scudamore kept the visitors in the hunt. It was 24 all as the game entered the last 15 minutes. The closing stages were tough as the wind and the relentless carrying of the Merthyr College forwards finally took its toll on the young Bryn/Y Pant outfit. Twice more they breached the line of defence but there was still fight in the visiting team and there were a few attacks in the dying moments from Bryn/Y Pant. Sadly, one such attack faltered and the loose ball was seized to afford Merthyr College a try with the last play of the game which resulted in a 41-24 victory for the hosts. The Bryn Celynnog/Y Pant team should hold their heads high after a very good performance against a strong team. There are greater things to come for this team, da iawn fechgyn.



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Year 7 Rugby Squad Visits Y Pant



This was Year 7's second game of the season following an opening home defeat to Garth Olwg. It was vital that the squad bounced back. The team travelled to our close neighbours, Y Pant on a grey and damp afternoon. From the first whistle this proved to be a very competitive match with both sides showing great skills considering the conditions. Bryn Celynnog's team came out of the blocks first through moving the ball into space in order to make good ground. Seeing this was only the teams second game of the season it didn't take long for the boys and girls in black to find their feet, getting Bryn's first try of the season, scored by Tennyson Murphy. This was followed quickly by another try scored by Niall Horne who captained the side. This was to be the first of four tries for Niall who gave an all-round impressive display. Bryn Celynnog made changes giving the whole squad time and experience on the pitch. Several of the squad

making great progress in the game by executing learning from the squad training sessions. Ava Rees had an excellent game at full back and was a constant threat in attack and solid in defence. Overall, everyone showed great effort and resilience throughout the match. Well done to all the squad involved. Da iawn pawb.

Mr I Griffith

The next match for the Year 7 Team will be a home game on October the 12th against Tonyrefail Community school.



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Bryn Summer Reading Challenge

Last summer we challenged KS3 to let us know what their favourite book of the holidays was. The aim was to read at least one book and then write a brief review of their chosen book. There was nothing stopping students from reading multiple books, or from reviewing multiple books and some students did just that. There were some thoughtful and engaging responses across the three year groups.



Here is a snippet from one student’s response: “The Hunger Games is an amazing tale of twists and turns, gripping and thrilling, I never wanted to put it down. I will remember this read as it teaches you to be grateful for what you have, and to enjoy the little things in life.”

Our chosen winners were:

- Tilly Mertens (year 8)
- Aimee Massey (year 8)
- Layla Massey (year 8)
- Alvina Khazi (year 9)
- Vincent Chi (year 10)
- Carly-John Davies (year 10)

All of the winners received Amazon gift vouchers, and these were presented by Ms Baldock.

Autumn				Spring				Summer					
week commencing	Homework			week commencing	Homework			week commencing	Homework				
	Core	✓	Non-Core		✓	Core	✓		Non-Core	✓	Core	✓	Non-Core
5th Sept				9th Jan	Science		PE		17th Apr	English		Welsh	
12th Sept				16th Jan	English		Expressive Arts		24th Apr	Mathematics		Geography	
19th Sept	English			23rd Jan	Mathematics		Welsh		1st May	Science		Technology	
26th Sept	Mathematics		Welsh	30th Jan	Science		Geography		8th May	English		Expressive Arts	
3rd Oct	Science		Geography	6th Feb	English		Technology		15th May	Mathematics		ICT	
10th Oct	English		Expressive Arts	13th Feb	Intervention Week				22nd May	Intervention Week			
17th Oct	Mathematics		Technology	20th Feb	Half Term				29th May	Half Term			
24th Oct	Intervention Week			27th Feb	Mathematics		Spanish		5th Jun	Science		Spanish	
31st Oct	Half Term			6th Mar	Science		ICT		12th Jun	English		History	
7th Nov	Science		PE	13th Mar	English		History		19th Jun	Mathematics		Expressive Arts	
14th Nov	English		ICT	20th Mar	Mathematics		Technology		26th Jun	Science		Technology	
21st Nov	Mathematics		Spanish	27th Mar	Science		Expressive Arts		3rd Jul	English		PE	
28th Nov	Science		History	3rd Apr	Easter Holidays				10th Jul	Intervention Week			
5th Dec	English		Technology	10th Apr							17th Jul	Last Week of Term	
12th Dec	Mathematics		Expressive Arts	KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23									
19th Dec	Intervention Week												
26th Dec	Christmas Holidays												
2nd Jan													



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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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 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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Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:15pm	Staff	Venue
Monday	Year 7 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 7 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr Mines	3G
	GCSE Computer Science Club	Mrs Stock	M13
Tuesday	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Girls Rugby—All Year Groups	Mr Griffith	3g
	KS3 Gaming Club	Mr Clifford	M12
	Dance Club— All Years	Miss B Dyke	Gym
Wednesday	Year 7 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 8 football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch– Hurst	Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 7 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 8 Rugby	Mr Stock	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
	Year 10 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
Friday	Year 9 Touch Rugby (Lunchtime)	Mr Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday 14th October	INSET Day
Monday 7th—Thursday 17th November	Target-setting meetings with parents: Year 10

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

