



# BRYN WYTHNOS HYN

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## Christmas Netball

Netball Club has been very popular this term and to round things off the last training session turned into a bit of a fancy dress affair. The girls are really stepping up across all the Year groups but a special mention has to go to the Year 7 Squad who have been unbeaten so far this season.

They also took the prize for the best costumes in training, though they did have to swap those funky boots for trainers to take to the court.





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## Cracking Trip to Bletchley Park

Last week, Year 11 top set maths travelled three hours to Bletchley Park to spend the day learning about the mansion's history and role within World War 2. Year 11 learnt a lot about the work that happened in Bletchley Park that led to breaking the Germans' Enigma code during the conflict. We got to take part in code breaking challenges using an enigma machine as if we were a part of the daily race to crack the code. It was a fascinating demonstration for all of us and we thoroughly



enjoyed learning about the park's fascinating past and hearing anecdotes of some workers' time and experience at Bletchley during the war. However, after an excellent day of learning about the park's story, year 11 got to enjoy some time playing in the snow, building snowmen and throwing snowballs at Miss Ponting and Mr Howell! The drive home was a cold one! **Ruby Edwards 11GAH**





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## "A.M.I.G.O.S"

### *Bryn Celynnog's Spanish Club*

This term, pupils in year 7 have been able to attend Bryn Celynnog's brand new Spanish club and so far, it has been a great success. The sessions take place at lunchtime on Tuesdays, in L block and include a variety of different activities such as craft, art and Spanish themed films. Pupils bring their lunch with them and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the classroom.

We kicked off Spanish club with the film "Coco" which references "El Día de Los Muertos", also known as "Day of the Dead", a topic which pupils studied this term in lessons. In Mexico, Día de los Muertos is a time to honour ancestors and loved ones that have gone to the spirit world. Celebrations are held after Halloween on November 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>. In lessons, pupils enjoyed decorating pictures of skulls or "calaveras" which are a symbol of this celebration. **Papel Picado** is a traditional Mexican decorative craft made by cutting elaborate designs into sheets of tissue paper. In the streets of Mexico, papel picados are often strung together to create

a banner that can either be hung across alleyways or displayed in the home. In our club, we cut elaborate shapes out of our brightly coloured paper and the results were very eye-catching.





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Pupils were introduced to two very famous Spanish artists, **Salvador Dalí** and **Pablo Picasso**, both artists from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We watched videos to learn who they were and how they painted and tried to draw faces in the style of Picasso. The distorted faces



are his way of showing the audience how he views a person, or his attempt at portraying the person from every possible angle at once. Everyone was interested to learn how eccentric the **surrealist** painter Dalí was. We decided to try to draw his face, as he was very recognisable, sporting a very

big, long moustache. Looking at the work the pupils created, it is clear that Bryn has some very good artists in the making!



This week, we made **Christmas gift bags and tags**.

Everyone had to cut out templates, fold the paper and glue it in place. Bags were adorned with festive

stickers and filled with a chocolate Santa. Finally, gift tags saying "**Feliz Navidad**" were attached to the bags with red and white twine. Lots of pupils were excited to give them to their brothers, sisters and parents and said they thoroughly enjoyed the activity.

This term has also seen pupils learn about Mariachi Bands and they had the opportunity to create a 3D

band member. We also celebrated European Day of Languages on 26<sup>th</sup> September by discussing why



languages are an important part of our education and designing an image to highlight the key points.

In the Spring term, pupils will be able to see "Encanto", make Mexican bracelets, learn to draw like Frieda Kahlo and try out Duolingo. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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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](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 there 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 Ms Williams on

[kathryn.williams@bryncelynnog.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.williams@bryncelynnog.org.uk)



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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									
19th Dec	Intervention Week										
26th Dec	Christmas Holidays										
2nd Jan											

KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23





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## Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:119pm	Staff	Venue
<b>Monday</b>	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurth	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Football	Mr Mines	3G
	GCSE Computer Science Club	Mrs Stock	M13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 9 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	M19
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
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	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 9 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Stock	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Year 10 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Touch Rugby (Lunchtime)	Mr Mines	Sports Hall

### UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Monday 9th January	Return to school
Monday 9th January & Tuesday 10th January	English Revision days for Year 10
Wednesday 11th January	Year 10 English Literature Examination

If you would like to contact us at Bryn This Week please email [jeremy.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk](mailto:jeremy.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk)

