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Cymru Am Byth



Win, lose or draw we are proud of our National Team and of our Country as the World Cup continues in Qatar.

Seldomly have we as a nation looked forward to a sporting event with as much excitement as we did for the Wales v Iran World Cup football match last Friday. Perhaps never before have we dared to dream of such achievements, and so it was that Bryn Celynnog paused from the everyday routine of school life to share this moment, this time, this belief.

Year groups met in several venues across the school. Flags of the Dragon rampant adorning their shoulders and the ubiquitous bucket on their heads, the staff and students united to support their team. The support was palpable, and those with only the briefest passing interest in football were suddenly zealots, rapt in the moment, ready to live every second of the match.

In the Main Canteen, Year 10 gathered and the hall was full of excitement and anticipation, banners waved and the excitement built to fever pitch. As “Mae Hen Wlad Fy’n Nhdau” began the hall stood to sing the anthem with a passion as great as the Principality Stadium has ever witnessed.

The game began and gasps, groans and sighs were audible as the ebb and flow of the game played out on the big screen. One thing remained constant, tremendous applause and encouragement for every Welsh player when they pulled off a good tackle, made a defensive header or threatened an attack.

No one wants to relive the pain of the way the match ended but as one Bryn Celynnog saluted the effort of the whole Welsh squad and coaching staff. They had brought us to the World Cup for the first time in 64 years, they had united a Nation and they had given everything they had. Despite the results and regardless of what may happen against the old Enemy on Tuesday we will now and always be Together Stronger.





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Cylchlythr Swyddogol Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Celynnog

Crushing it on the Squash Court

Last month, Madelena Sidoli of Year 7 Bryn Celynnog, competed in the British National Junior Squash (Closed) Championships in the under 13's category. It was a fantastic week of competition for Madelena who came away with a brilliant 5th place overall in her age group. The competition took place in Sheffield and a gruelling schedule



of matches would test Madelena's mettle. She was definitely up for the fight though and after proceeding to the quarter finals unbeaten, she narrowly missed reaching the semi-finals losing a very tight match 3 games to 1. Madalena went on to win all her remaining matches to secure a highly respectable 5th position overall. Madalena is now ranked in the top 5 in Great Britain. An amazing achievement. At only 11 years old, she has another year in this age group to push for even greater things.

Starting squash when she was just seven, when asked about her dedication to the sport Madelena said she "Loves to play squash". She was



selected for the squash Six Nations tournament when she was nine, and post-COVID, now that

Madelena's 12, she was selected again this year. She resiliently deals with the pressure of being Wales' number 1 ranked player in her age category. When I asked Madelena about this, she said "When I felt a lot of pressure, I was like come on, come on I've got to do this," she said, "I felt like everyone was getting better and better, and after COVID I felt like I'd gotten so bad, so I thought what am I going to do? But when I kept upping my training, I was like ok I'm getting a little more confident now." Additionally, I asked Madelena about how she stays motivated, she said: "I remember when I was 13-2 down in a game, I came back 13-13." Moving on from her fantastic performances in the Closed Championships, Madelena says "My goal now is to win the British Open."

So a big well done and good luck for the future and the success it promises. Everyone at her club in Llantrisant and here in Bryn Celynnog will be keeping an eagle eye on her progress .





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Ben is a Champion Fundraiser



Ben Gilley of Bryn Celynnog's Year 9 group, recently raised just under £550 for the British Heart Foundation, in memory of his late grandfather. Ben and his dad climbed the Welsh three peaks over the course of two days. They began by overcoming Pen y Fan in 1 hour 30 minutes, followed by Cadair



he said "Don't think twice, just do it".

A huge well done to Ben and a big thank you to everyone who donated!

It is still possible to donate to the British Heart Foundation through Ben's Just Giving page.

Idris in 4 hours 30 minutes and the next day they conquered Snowdon, in thunder, lightning and hail in just under 5 hours. When interviewing Ben, I asked him how he would top this: "I would like to climb them all in one day" was his response and an incredible goal adding to his already incredible achievement. When I asked Ben for his advice to others thinking of following in his footsteps and completing the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge,





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Christmas Creation

The Art department at Bryn Celynnog would like to say a big thank you to, Mrs D. Smith, Miss K. Spencer, Hannah Green (Year 12) and Miss E. Richards for organising and decorating this year's Christmas tree.



This year the theme for the tree was a tribute to the late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

We had students spend their lunchtime in the art department creating beautiful decorations to place on the tree, creating images of their own. These images include Paddington Bear, Crowns, Beefeaters, Welsh Guards and Corgis.

Thank you to all the Year 7 & 8 who contributed to decorating the tree,

especially, the students who won the art departments own competition for the best decorations, Ffion Thomson Year 7, Daisy Jones Year 7, Rosie-Mai Aldridge Year 7, Wil Lane Year 7 and Lucy Westwood Year 8. They were rewarded with new sketchbooks and art materials in a pack, and a special art pin/praise postcard which shows their contribution to the Art Department.

The tree is on display in reception through the Christmas term and is being judged by the Mayor of RCT on Thursday the 8th of December, hopefully the school will keep up the tradition of top three this year.





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Charity Boost for Bryn Celynnog's Community

Over the last 12 months life has returned almost to normal. We are not dealing with covid-19 restrictions at the moment but we are definitely living with the effects that covid is still having.

Back in 2020 the Year 11 students were planning their Prom in order to celebrate the end of their compulsory education. Everything was looking good until the first wave of corona virus hit the UK and forced us all into lockdown. Preparations for the Prom were well underway and it was with heavy hearts that the inevitable decision was made to cancel the 2020 event.

Since then Bryn Celynnog has sought to play an active role in the community during the recovery from the lockdowns and the local foodbanks have benefitted from the generous donations made by Bryn Celynnog staff, students and parents.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that £700.00 was donated last week to the Beddau Food Hub from the kind generosity of those who missed out on the 2020 Prom. Instead of

collecting their refunds for the cancelled event many students, and their parents, made the decision to donate the refund to the Beddau Food Hub and support the community.

Thank you very much for this kind act, another example of how the recent hard times have strengthened the community bonds.



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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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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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 There

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 Miss Williams on

kathryn.williams@bryncelynnog.org.uk



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Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:15pm	Thaff	Venue
Monday	Year 28 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 28 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurth	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr Mines	3G
	GCSE Computer Science Club	Mrs Stock	M13
Tuesday	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurth	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Girls Rugby—All Year Groups	Mr Griffith	3g
	KS3 Gaming Club	Mr Clifford	M12
Wednesday	Year 28 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 8 football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch– Hurth	Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 28 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 8 Rugby	Mr Stock	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
Friday	Year 10 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Touch Rugby (Lunchtime)	Mr Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday 8th December	Year 12 & 13 Parents' evening
Monday 12th December - Thursday 15th December	Year 11 Mock Examinations

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

