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Music Masterclass at Bryn Celynnog

Tuesday 6th December, pupils of our School Choir attended Simply Singers' event: Carols by Candlelight at Pontyclun Athletic Club. They performed 4 pieces; Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, White Christmas and Let it Snow. The audience loved them, giving the choir a huge round of applause after each set. Our very talented Tilly Mertens, Year 8, sang a solo in Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Tilly performed with such elegance and grace, almost like she has been doing this for many years as a trained professional.



We were fortunate enough to be able to have two performance slots for instrumental performances. Our first performance was a solo, performed by our extremely talented Katie Rees in Year 11, on the harp. Katie has recently passed her ABRSM Grade 5 harp exam. Katie is

studying Music at GCSE, playing the harp and the piano. Katie composes music for fun, so trying to get her to choose two compositions is quite difficult (a very nice problem to have!).



Our second instrumental performance was performed by two of our fabulously talented Year 10 students Eliza-

beth Meredith, piano, and Carys Smith, Flute. Elizabeth is Grade 5 piano and Carys is Grade 5 flute. Carys also attends R.C.T Music Service Orchestra on a Friday evening!

The two girls study GCSE Music as an extra option on top of their allocated subjects! They attend sessions every Tuesday after school,

working on their coursework around their daily schedule.

Pupils were an absolute delight, doing us proud as always. They were so amazing, that we have already been asked to return next Christmas! The date is already in our diary!



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Cylchlythr Swyddogol Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Celynnog

Business Workshop In Action!

Joanne Baldock attended Year 9 Business lessons to explain to the pupils the positive benefits of, and hard work that goes in to running your own business.

Joanne runs the very successful "Role Play Lane" and delivered an excellent workshop to the pupils detailing all aspects of being a business owner. The pupils ate it up and engaged in a very lively question and answer session. Joanne was able to bring in her knowledge and really apply business life to what they were learning.

The pupils then undertook a task where they had to develop a new class or session that could be run in Role Play Lane to encourage more customers and to add to their already excellent range of activities.

The pupils will be creating a fully costed business proposal and marketing campaign which will be

judged by Joanne. Hopefully our little entrepreneurs will then be able to say they have a class running in a thriving local business.





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Year 8 Football

Year 8 Football progress to Semi-Final of the RCT Cup. Our Year 8 boys go through to the semi-final of the competition after beating our local rivals Y Pant in a 9-1 triumph. The previous week saw Bryn lose out to Lewis School in the Welsh Cup who were last year's finalists. The boys managed to put that result behind them and even without superstar Kian Mitin they set the record straight. A change in personnel saw Rhys King start upfront, he showed serious pace to get behind the Y Pant defence and was clinical early on scoring 4 goals. Rowan Cook, Evan Taylor and Olly Davies (POTM) dominated the ball in midfield and created more opportunities by playing the through balls earlier than the previous week.

Captain Llewellyn Rees was instrumental in the performance being very vocal as usual and keeping the defence of Jack Evans, Tom Parker and James Evans well organised.

The Year 8 boys now look forward to travelling to Rhydywaun in the Semi-final. Our aim is to go one further than their efforts last year and win the competition. Last years efforts saw Bryn lose to Treorchy in the final but the boys are certainly showing signs of progression.

Player of the match: Olly Davies





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Y9 Business Review of LCB construction

Our visit from an LCB representative in previous weeks have informed us many important lessons with regards to the multitude of knowledge necessary to run a business efficiently. There are many compulsory factors needed to manage a company that are significant in the success of a company. One of the various important lessons we were taught by the representative was the structure of a team and how it is managed. LCB is made up of many different systems of business organisation, stemming from the founder, to the board of directors, then to the senior managers, the managers, and so on.

This hierarchy of business organisation is crucial to the productivity of the company. This reduces the amount of pressure put on individuals, by giving each person a specific role and duty. We were advised from a managerial perspective that working as a close unit team such as the LCB team increases the efficiency of the company, which then allows for additional work and lastly an increase in reputation and profits. It additionally allows for more challenging issues in the business to be tackled by multiple people so it is less daunting. LCB prides itself with the encouragement of innovative thinking and continuous improvement in its teams which helps produce optimum solutions to



problems presented in the company. This suggests team work is of paramount importance in the LCB business which is what allowed their growth to a medium – large enterprise (employing between 201 – 500 employees). The management of these many different systems of business organisation is left up to the board of directors, who act as advisors to the CEO and supervisors of



departments depending on their specific role in the business. This board is described by LCB as “passionate” and have “an enthusiastic approach,” meaning they value team efficiency and ethics in the company.

We were also taught the significance of HR (Human Resources) and how it is of momentous importance to keep updated on employee welfare, engagement and productivity. HR helps accurately hire and recruit new employees from identifying the exact time to accept job applications, all the way through to offering someone a job. This helps grow the business and prevent employees from feeling over-worked and burnt out by sharing more of the work between new hires and it also prevents customer service from slipping due to teams being spread too thinly. The LCB representative also assured us that HR provides a safe work environment by writing policies and regulations to stop injuries and accidents from occurring on site. LCB’s HR also aid with training, since they believe productivity, creativity and motivation will improve with the right training opportunities. They set clear expectations for new employees in the company, check employee developments, and open themselves up to feedback. LCB’s Hr also offer employee benefits and such to encourage motivation in work.

In conclusion, LCB contribute towards helping many diverse communities and homes. LCB strides to constantly show integrity, commitment and deliver their fundamental values and ethics. Over the last 10 years they have supported their clients suitably and help provide a safe and inspiring working environment to many young and expiring construction workers in the modern work force.

Georgia Oakes – Year 9 Business Student



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Cylchlythr Swyddogol Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Celynnog

Senior Netball

The Senior Netball Squad has been working hard this season and many girls who have not engaged in school sport on a regular basis in the past have been a great addition to the senior sports landscape. Recent fixtures included matches against tough local opposition.

The team put in a strong performance against Garth Olwg with every player doing their very best to compete. Lola Hodson proved very effective with great turnovers allowing the team to progress the ball through the court and feeding the shooting circle. Against Treorchy there were some great

passages of play turning defence into attack. Emma Cross defended very well with several interceptions aided by Abbie Orrell. In attack Rebecca Price proved her worth with turnovers leading to more goals. The team ethos was excellent with every player who stepped onto the court making a valid contribution. Even though both games ended in defeat each player should be proud of their contribution. The girls are really flying the flag for senior sport and are laying a foundation on which we hope regular participation and competition will be built. Da iawn ferched.





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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 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



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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	KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23							
19th Dec	Intervention Week									
26th Dec	Christmas Holidays									
2nd Jan										





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Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:112pm	Staff	Venue
Monday	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
Tuesday	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	M12
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 9 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 9 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
Friday 23rd December	Christmas Festival for students in years 7 & 8 Christmas Jumper Day for all students

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

