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Bryn Celynnog pupils dazzle audiences in Matilda Jr!

Wow! What an incredible month we have had in the Expressive Arts faculty. Our school production, *Matilda Jr.*, was a phenomenal success. The show was a product of 40 talented pupils, from Year 7 to Year 11, who performed three shows to sold-out audiences.

Their success was a culmination of six months of hard work singing, dancing, and acting in rehearsals, as well as additional time learning lines and practising harmonies at home.

The pupils' dedication to the process has been incredible, and we have had an amazing time working with them and watching their success.

Some stand-out performances included Claudia Morris as Miss Trunchbull, Tilly Mertens as Miss Honey, and Miley McGregor

as Matilda.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community in the audience, including school governors, teaching staff, and the families of the cast members.

There were also so many staff members who volunteered to help us backstage. Their jobs included operating follow spotlights, organizing props and costumes, and helping the cast with quick changes. The amount of work that was put in behind the scenes was staggering, and we are incredibly grateful to all who came to support us.

We are very excited for the future and cannot wait to see what our cast will do next!





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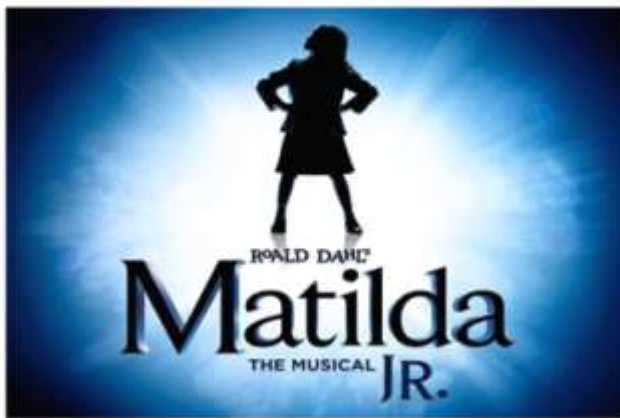




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Year 10 Pupils Make Connections at the National Apprenticeship & Education Event

On Tuesday, 18th February, a group of enthusiastic Year 10 pupils attended the National Apprenticeships and Education Event at Cardiff City Stadium. This event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to network and gain valuable career advice from some of the top UK employers, universities, and training providers.

Among the prestigious attendees were BAE Systems, British Airways, BBC, ITEC Skills, ACT, Studewest, Zurich Insurance, Iungo, and Wales and West Utilities. These organisations offered invaluable insights and guidance for pupils, highlighting various career paths and opportunities available to them.

A delightful surprise awaited the students when they encountered Ruby Edwards, a former pupil, leading the Caerdav stand. Ruby, who is currently in her second year of an apprenticeship, was awarded Apprentice of the Year last year. Her presence served as a massive inspiration to the pupils, demonstrating the potential success that apprenticeships can offer.

The students' behaviour was exemplary throughout the event, and they returned home with an array of goodies from the employers, including beach balls, mocktails, and sweets. More importantly, they gained a clearer understanding of the options available for their future careers.



Events like these are instrumental in shaping the aspirations and futures of young minds. The National Apprenticeship and Education Event provided our Year 10 pupils with a unique and inspiring experience, one that will undoubtedly influence their career choices in the years to come.

Year 10 Breakfast Club

A group of Year 10 students was nominated by departments from across the school to receive a special reward for showing resilience and a growth mindset.

As a result of their hard work and nominations, they had the opportunity to enjoy an extended break in the new sixth form area. Whilst there, they were able to have tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and Krispy Kreme donuts as a reward for their fantastic efforts.

Well done, Year 10!





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Hay Festival Scribbler's Tour

On 5th February, our English faculty took 50 enthusiastic Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to Swansea University to take part in the Hay Festival's annual Scribbler's Tour.

The day began with our wonderful pupils, along with pupils from other South Wales schools, being welcomed into the University's modern and purpose-built Arts Centre.

Following this warm welcome, pupils had the opportunity to learn how to create ideas and write imaginative stories with the help and guidance of well-established authors, such as Jenny Valentine, Steven Camden (aka Polarbear), and Liz Hyder.



Our pupils were incredibly engaged in these workshops, and many shared their own ideas with the room and came home with some fantastic story ideas and a renewed enthusiasm for writing.

Our fabulous day was rounded off by a tour of the university, where pupils had the opportunity to see what university life is like.



Thank you to all our pupils for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour, and thank you to our dedicated staff for all their support on this trip too. We look forward to attending again next year.



Normal Service Resumes...

After half-term, all music clubs will return to normal. Choir and Year 7 Drama Club will be replaced with Show Choir on Tuesdays in the Drama Workshop, which will feature hit songs from musicals (West End and Broadway). We will focus on singing, dancing, and acting in this club, so if you have a passion for the arts, this club is for you!

 Music & Drama Department Timetable 					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break	Open to rehearse	Open to rehearse	Open to rehearse	Open for KS4 only	Open for KS4 only
Lunch	Guitar Group T6	Show Choir Drama Workshop	Keyboard Club T6 Scripted (Year 7 & 8 Drama Group) T11	Brass & Wind Band T6 String Group T6	Band T6 Ukulele Group T6
Instrumental Lessons	Drums 9-11 Music Tech 11-12	Singing Lessons 9:00-13:00 String Lessons 10:30-13:20 Woodwind Lessons 10:30-11:30	Piano Lessons 12:50-14:50	Brass Lessons 9-12 Guitar Lessons 9:15-13:45	
Instrumental lessons timetables will be on the Music Department Notice Board outside of Miss Davies' Classroom (T6).					
Any queries, please see Miss Davies.					

If you would like to contact us at Bryn This Week please email btm@bryncelynog.org.uk



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The UK Maths Trust is the leading British Charity that advances the education of young people in Mathematics

The UKMT coordinates national and international maths challenges for young people:

Students from Bryn Celynnog took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a 60-minute challenge, with 25 multiple-choice questions. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in problem-solving.

The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

The next level is the Grey Kangaroo Challenge, followed by the Pink Kangaroo Challenge. Each consists of a 60-minute challenge with 25 multiple-choice questions. Entry to the Grey and Pink Kangaroo Challenges is by invitation, based on a qualifying challenge score, or by discretionary entry.

We are pleased to announce that, for the very first time, two students from our school qualified for the Pink Kangaroo Challenge.

Congratulations to Harrison Smith and Kelvin Chi. We are very proud of you, and we want to wish you all the best of luck for the next challenge.





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Netball Success

Glamorgan Valley's Netball

We would like to congratulate the following students who were chosen to represent the Glamorgan Valleys Netball Squad in the recent Wales Netball Inter-County Tournament in Bangor:

- **U14 Glamorgan Valleys:** Holly Smith & Oluchi Onyejiukwa
- **U16 Glamorgan Valleys:** Chloe Wren & Leah Wren
- **U18 Glamorgan Valleys:** Amber Bates & Erin Arnold (Amber Bates was also named Captain for the U18 A squad)

There were over 500 talented young netball players from across Wales who took part in this tournament at Bangor University on February 8th and 9th. This is a great achievement for our girls who were selected and an amazing experience for them. Well done, girls!



Welsh College's Netball



A huge congratulations to Amber Bates (Year 13), who has been selected for the Welsh Colleges Netball team for this academic year. She has shown grit and determination both on and off the netball court to improve her performance and earn her place in the squad. We are all very proud of her achievement and wish her all the best for the rest of the season.





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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

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 Celynog 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

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