

Autumn Newsletter



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"The flame-red moon, the harvest moon, rolls along the hills, gently bouncing, a vast balloon." — Ted Hughes, "The Harvest Moon" — Emily Brontë

A message from Mrs Khan ...

What a busy and exciting 8 week term! A huge thank you to all parents, carers, staff and our PTA for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to return this term to see our children settled, happy and engaged in their learning. Our new Nursery and Reception pupils have settled in beautifully! We have a packed Autumn Term 2 ahead of us... the countdown to Christmas begins! (yep! I said it ... !)

ANTI BULLYING WEEK **Bullies Out**

Bryn Primary School will continue working with **Bullies Out** in Autumn Term 2, Bullies Out are an award winning charity working across the UK offering a range of practical, interactive activities and workshops with the aim to promote and foster safe, caring and respectful learning environments.

Workshops will initially run on **Monday 4th November** for pupils in Year 1 & 2 and Year 2 & 3. The workshops are entitled 'Positive Friendships' and 'Changing Attitudes' - pupils will explore qualities of positive friendships and develop awareness of the impact of bullying - socially, emotionally and physically.

Bryn Primary School will also celebrate **Anti Bullying Week** from **Monday 11th to Friday 15th November**, with the theme 'Choose Respect!' The theme aims to empower children not to resort to bullying, even when we disagree and reminds us to lead by example online and offline. Children will take part in a range of activities throughout the week designed to encourage them to think about how we can *Choose Respect* and how to role model this behaviour.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent/Teacher
Consultations

Thank you for your support in attending our parent consultations, we've received such positive feedback. If you were unable to attend, please contact your class teacher for a phone consultation to update you on your child's progress.

A PROUD MOMENT



Our pupil leaders took part in The Royal British Legion Blackwood and District march this week. The 2024 Poppy appeal was launched in Blackwood High Street, it was an honour for them to participate in the church service and meet Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, High Sheriff of Gwent and Brigadier Lieutenant Robert Atkins CBE.



On **Tuesday 5th November**, Pupil Leaders will deliver an assembly, poem and prayer to the school with Mrs Khan in preparation for our moment of silence.

On **Thursday 7th November**, A Royal British Legion representative will deliver a special assembly to all pupils.

We will once again create a poppy garden at the front of the school, pupils are welcome to make a poppy over the half term holiday and place it in our memorial garden on their return.

PARENT WORKSHOPS - MATHS



On **Thursday November 28th at 3:30pm** in the school hall, parents are welcome to join us for a maths workshop. Parents will have the opportunity to find out how Mathematics and Numeracy is taught at our school, feel equipped with ideas and strategies to use at home with your child and find out more about Personalised Assessments.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest annual road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations, communities and individuals take part, coming together to shout out for road safety.

We will celebrate Road Safety Week 2024 from 17th to 23rd November. Our focus will be 'safe parking'.



The PTA Halloween Disco took place on Wednesday 23rd October. The disco was a huge success and raised £220! THANK YOU to our dedicated PTA, staff and parents for making the event fun for our pupils!

In preparation for Christmas ...

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Christmas Clothing Swap Shop!

3.15PM | SCHOOL HALL

Do you have any used but good quality Christmas jumpers, elf or nativity/Christmas costumes that no longer fit your child and you would like to donate?

Please pop them in a bag, bring them into the school office and place in the collection box no later than **FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.**

Shortly we will run a Christmas Clothing Swap Shop, where you can pick up Christmas clothing for £1-3 with all profits going to the PTA.

By donating and buying you'll be helping the environment, saving some pennies and preparing for the upcoming school events! Please note donating does not guarantee a purchase.

The PTA have set a goal to raise money this academic year to develop the outdoor KS2 area.

Our goal is to raise £15,000 to develop the space...

Where are we now?



What are we aiming for?



Please follow our PTA on Facebook to keep updated on all fundraising efforts and events:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/oNSheQ4HtDjw7aTw/?mibextid=K35XfP>

SPANISH IMMERSION DAY



We had so much fun celebrating our Spanish Immersion day today! The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities during the day learning about aspects of geography, culture, art, food, music and language. We welcomed a Spanish specialist from Islwyn High School to deliver a whole school assembly and a big THANK YOU to Grandma Hicks for volunteering to teach us Spanish! We are so grateful to you!

CHILDREN IN NEED



A reminder that we will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15th November. The theme is 'SPOTacular!' - pupils can wear spots on this day for a £1 donation.

A CASHLESS SCHOOL



We have taken on board feedback from parents and look forward to moving to a cashless system. We will be trialing this next term following a period of set up and training. This will enable parents/carers to pay online for school trips, workshops, charity contributions etc. We will keep you updated on a roll out date.

PARKING CONCERNS

The concerns raised regarding unsafe parking outside of the school premises have been taken seriously. CCBC CEO's (Civil Enforcement Officers) will be visiting and patrolling the vicinity and surrounding area of our school. They will be able to take action on any observed violations. Thank you for your continued support.

INSET DAYS

There will be 6 INSET Closure Days held throughout the academic year.

INSET Days 2024 - 25
02.09.24
21.02.25
11.04.25
23.05.25
02.06.25
21.07.25

DATES FOR THE DIARY AUTUMN TERM 2024/25

(new dates in red)

28.10.24	HALF TERM
04.11.24	Anti Bullying Workshops - Year 1 & 2, Year 2 & 3
11.11.24	Remembrance Assembly
11.11.24	Anti-Bullying Week
15.11.24	Children in Need events and activities - Theme 'SPOTacular!' - wear spots!
28.11.24	Maths Workshops - all parents/carers welcome
03.12.24	DO RE MI Christmas Show - 1:30pm School Hall - more details to follow
10.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 2:15pm
11.12.24	Nursery & Reception Christmas concert 10:00am Year 4/5 Christmas concert 2:15pm
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day 'Save the Children' £1.00 donation
13.12.24	Year 1/2, 3/4 Christmas concert 10:00am
18.12.24	Entrepreneurial Craft Fayre - School Hall FP 10:00am KS2 2:00pm
19.12.24	Rocksteady Christmas Concert - (afternoon show - time to be confirmed)
20.12.24	Elf Yourself! Fancy dress day 'Elves'
20.12.24	Last day of Autumn Term 2. 'Toy Day'
06.01.24	First day of Spring term 1

SCHOOL TERM DATES Autumn Term 2024

- Term starts Monday 2 September 2024
- Half term starts Monday 28 October 2024
- Half term ends Friday 1 November 2024
- Term ends Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 6 January 2025
- Half term starts Monday 24 February 2025
- Half term ends Friday 28 February 2025
- Term ends Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

- Term starts Monday 28 April 2025
- Half term starts Monday 26 May 2025

- Half term ends Friday 30 May 2025
- Term ends Monday 21 July 2025

AUTUMN CURRICULUM OFFER



The school adopts a conceptual approach to learning. The topics ensure full coverage of the curriculum and evidence activities relevant to the age group/progression step. Autumn Term's Theme is **Cynefin**.

Bryn Primary uses Bruner's spiral approach to curriculum design, so the concept is revisited in each year group but with a greater depth of learning. Evidence shows that when pupils re-engage with a topic repeatedly, they both consolidate prior knowledge in their memory and build on it over time.

To keep learning irresistible it is pupil-led and each class learns about Cynefin through a slightly different lens.

Mrs Murphy / Jones - Here I am!
 Mrs Turner - My Community
 Mrs Llewellyn - My Wales
 Mrs Khokar / Miss Boaler - My Four Nations
 Mrs Robinson - My World

SCHOOL VACANCIES



There is an opportunity within the school for the role of **School Crossing Patrol Officer**. Please share this with anyone you think may be interested in this position.



BATTERY RECYCLING INITIATIVE

Our battery collection for this year has been weighed and collected so our recycling container is ready and waiting for any old batteries that you bring in from September.

PARKING AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES



Bryn Fields is close, safe, free parking that is allocated to school for your benefit during drop-off and pick-up times **and is only a short walk from the school gates**. Parents do not have access to park/drop off in the school carpark without permission.

Please be mindful not to:

Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access

Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance

Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways

Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

Leave your vehicle with the engine still running

Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.