



Bryn C.P. School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. We all hope that you had a lovely half term break.

Fundraising updates

I would like to thank our families, pupils and wider community for supporting all the fundraising events organised by staff and pupils at Ysgol Y Bryn. Here is an update of the total amount raised.

Summer Raffle - £289.00

Football Focus - £2,305.73

Macmillan Coffee Morning - £152.20

Rags2Riches4Schools - £90.20

Shwmae Day - £80.11

Jeans for Genes Day - £110.15

Rugby World Cup/Defibrillator - £2391.20

After School Clubs

Our new after school clubs will run for 5 weeks costing a total of £5 for refreshments and resources. Please pay via ParentPay to secure your child's place. Clubs will begin on Monday 13th November 2023 until Wednesday 13th December 2023.



Club	Year Group	Club Lead	Pupil limit
Christmas Craft Club	Reception	Mrs Dawson	15 pupils
Multi Skills Sport Club	Year 1, 2 and 3	Mrs Nicholas	15 pupils
Choir Club	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Miss Reardon	45 pupils
Rugby	Year 4, 5 and 6	Mr Clarke	20 pupils



Attendance Updates

Many thanks to all of our families for arriving on time each day. Our whole school attendance target is 95% which is the equivalent of missing up to 10 days of school over the whole school year.

I am really pleased to share with you that our overall school attendance has increased from 83% to 90.2%. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Polite reminder

Please only keep your child at home for genuine illness and I encourage that all dental and medical appointments, where possible, are made after school finishes.

Please be very mindful that lateness also affects attendance, so we kindly ask that your child is in school before 8.55am.

School doors will open at 8.45am and then close promptly at 8.55am.

Attendance and holidays in Term Time

Holiday requests will be considered based on the individual attendance of the pupils in question. We encourage you to make holiday plans outside of term time wherever possible. Individual pupil attendance below 95% will unfortunately be unauthorised under the guidance of the Schools' Safeguarding and Attendance Team, Carmarthenshire County Council. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Category	Attendance %	Days Missed	Outcome
Green	100%	0	Best chance of success Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
	99%	2	
	98%	4	
	97%	6	
	96%	8	
	95% - SCHOOL TARGET	10	
Amber	94%	12	Satisfactory Your child may have to spend time catching up on work
	93%	14	
	92%	16	
Red	Below 91%	Missing more than three weeks of education	Poor A significant impact on learning. Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education.

Safeguarding

Our school is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of every one of our children. We acknowledge that all children have a right to protection and we all have a duty to take action to safeguard their well-being when needed. We expect all staff, governors, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils. If you as parents/carers have any concerns, please speak to the below members of staff.

Safeguarding Lead – Mrs. R. Dawson (Acting Headteacher)

Deputy Safeguarding Leads – Mrs. R. Nicholas (Acting Deputy Headteacher)
Miss. G. James (Key Stage 2 Lead)



Christmas Concert Tickets – on sale from Monday 20th November 2023

Year Group	Concert Date	Concert Name	Start Time
Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Lights, Camel, Action	9.30am
Year 3,4,5,6	Thursday 14 th December 2023	Shrek	1.30pm
Nursery and Reception	Friday 15 th December 2023	The Nativity	9.30am

- £3.00 per ticket
- 4 tickets **per family**

Please hand your envelope to the class teacher – Please include:

- Pupil name
- Year group
- Concert name
- Number of tickets required
- Correct payment

From Monday 27th November you will be notified if there are any spare tickets and how to purchase them.

Communication – Home and School links

To ensure you receive all communication from school, please continue to use OURSCHOOLS APP. This is a FREE app. Once downloaded, type in the school postcode SA14 9TT and select Bryn school. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any support with this. All events, updates and reminders will go through the app, such as School Photographer, Christmas events, After School and Breakfast Club notifications.

Please note that all school letters will be sent via e-mail.

Breakfast Club – Free provision for all pupils

The school's free Breakfast Club provision continues to be very popular in the mornings. Doors open at 8:15am until 8:35am.

To ensure the safety of all pupils coming into Breakfast Club, please wait with your child while they are registered by staff.

After School Club

After School Club runs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Please ensure that you pre-book a week in advance with Miss Phillips as places are limited. Please either contact the school or email Miss Phillips directly.
Please note that there will be no after school club during the last week of the Autumn Term (Monday 18th – Thursday 21st December)
rebecca.phillips@bryn.ysgolccc.cymru

Important upcoming dates for your diary

Date	Activity
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Year 3 Diwali Assembly
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need
Monday 27 th November – Friday 8 th December 2023	Year 3 Swimming block – Llanelli Leisure Centre – Please pay via ParentPay for school transport
Sunday 3 rd December 2023	Bryn Hall – Christmas Lights switch on Stall open from 4pm Christmas lights switch on at 6pm Raffle draw at 6.15pm Bryn School Choir singing
Monday 4 th December 2023	Year 4 Christmas Story Assembly (school only)
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	National Elf day – Alzheimer's Awareness Day
Friday 8 th December 2023	Christmas Fayre 1pm – 3pm National Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas School Dinner - Please pre book via ParentPay by Thursday 30 th November 2023
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert – 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
Friday 15 th December 2023	Nursery and Reception Concert - 9.30am
Friday 15 th December 2023	KS2 Cinema to watch Wonka - Please pay via ParentPay, further info to follow
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Party Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. Please pay via ParentPay, further info to follow
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Children back in school

Best wishes,

Mrs. Rachel Dawson
Acting Headteacher