



# Bryn C.P School

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## July 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Thank you**

As we approach the end of another successful and very busy academic year, can I please thank our parents, carers and wider school community for their wonderful support this year. I feel very privileged to be the Acting Head Teacher of Ysgol Y Bryn and am very grateful and proud to work with such a committed and fantastic team and community.

### **Goodbye and good luck Year 6**

On behalf of all of the staff, pupils and Governors at Ysgol Y Bryn, I would like to thank our amazing Year 6 pupils for their efforts, positive relationships, resilience and commitment during their time with us. We have all loved working with you. We wish you all well in comprehensive school and look forward to hearing about your many achievements. Good luck all. Llongyfarchiadau pawb.

### **Good luck on your Wedding Day**

We would all like to wish Miss Danielle Jenkins a wonderful Wedding Day as she gets married during the Summer holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming her back in September as Mrs Preston Bell.



### **School Uniform**

In readiness for September, please ensure that your child wears full school uniform each day. We have a large selection of pre-loved school uniform that all children are welcome to use. We all understand that uniform can be expensive, however, it is an expectation that all pupils attending Ysgol Y Bryn wear full school uniform. Please ensure that all school uniform is named.

- Jumper or Hoodie with logo
- Polo shirt – yellow or pale blue
- Navy blue - trousers, joggers, skirt, dress, leggings, shorts
- Summer dress - Pale blue gingham
- Trainers or school shoes – No heels, flip flops, open toe sandals or crocs please to avoid trips and falls.

### **Class information for the new academic Year 2023-2024**

Our full staffing structure for September 2023

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant Support</b>
Year 6	Miss. Gemma James (Senior Leadership Team – KS2 Lead)	Miss. Amy Boyling
Year 5	Miss. Carlie Reardon	Miss. Rebecca Phillips
Year 4	Miss. Megan Richards Monday and Tuesday each week  Mr. Chris Clarke Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week	Miss. Emma Steer  Mrs. Sarah Brown (PM) Working across Key Stage 2
Year 3	Miss. Shannon McCann	Mrs. Rachel Pegler
Year 2	Miss. Georgia Evans	Mrs. Sarah Jones Miss. Emma Davies
Year 1	Miss. Kirsty Lewis	Mrs. Amy Thomas-Penn
Nursery and Reception	Mrs. R Nicholas Acting Deputy Headteacher Foundation Phase Lead	Mrs. Joanne Pickett Mrs. Marie Cleaver Mrs. Jemma Strasdin Mrs. Nia Mackintosh Miss. Kelly Smith Mrs. Sarah Brown (am only) Mrs. Holly Hilde Miss. Anoushka Williams
Well-being support	Foundation Phase Key Stage 2	Mrs. Danielle Preston Bell
From September 2023, all of our Part Time Nursery will all attend the morning session from 8.55am – 11.30am (there will be no afternoon session).		

From September 2023, Mrs. Alison Williams will be working in Pembrokeshire. On behalf of the staff, pupils and Governors at Ysgol Y Bryn we would like to wish Mrs Williams all the very best in her new role.

Mrs Rachel Nicholas will be the Acting Deputy Headteacher of Ysgol Y Bryn from September 2023. Mrs Nicholas will continue in her role as Foundation Phase Leader and Reception/Nursery Teacher.

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Sam Davies and Mrs. Lauren Parry for their support and contributions since joining us. On behalf of staff, pupils and Governors, I wish them all the very best in their future careers.

### **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.

### **After School Club**

After School Club will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 and will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Please ensure that you pre-book with Miss Phillips as places are limited. Please either contact the school or email Miss Phillips directly.  
[rebecca.phillips@bryn.vsgolccc.cymru](mailto:rebecca.phillips@bryn.vsgolccc.cymru)



### **School Fayre fund raising event**

A huge thank you from all of the pupils and staff for attending our Summer Fayre today. We very much appreciate all of the support you have shown towards our school fund raising event today. Every penny made today will support our pupils and the fantastic learning experiences we have planned.

### **UPFSM roll out**

Since September 2022, all full-time Nursery and Reception children in Carmarthenshire have been offered a Universal Primary Free School Meal (UPFSM). This provision was extended to all Year 1 pupils in January 2023, and to all Year 2 pupils in April 2023. This is an important step in reaching the shared ambition of ensuring no child goes hungry whilst in school.

Following the successful roll-out of the previous phases, Carmarthenshire County Council is pleased to announce that from the start of the new term in September 2023, all Year 3 and 4 pupils will also be offered a UPFSM.

There will be no need to apply for a UPFSM for Year 3 or 4 pupils or new full time Nursery or Reception pupils from September. However, it is imperative that parents and guardians inform the school of any special dietary requirements for their child at the earliest opportunity to ensure that your child's dietary needs can be met from the first day of term.

Please ensure that you pre-book via ParentPay.

To ensure that provision is in place for the start of term you will need to inform the schools of any special dietary requirements by Friday 14 July at the latest.

### **Attendance and lateness**

From September we will be aiming for an attendance of **95%** or above. This is the equivalent of missing up to 10 days of school over the whole school year due to illness. The majority of pupils will be able to achieve this, with your support.

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. 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 aware that meetings with the Schools Safeguarding and Attendance Team will be arranged in the Autumn term 2023 for pupils and their families to discuss persistent lateness and low attendance.

Please note that from September 2023, holiday requests will be considered based on the individual pupils attendance. 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.

### **Relationships and Sexual Education (RSE)**

As part of our Health and Well-Being Curriculum, from September 2023 the children will have lessons around Relationships and Identity, Sexual Health and Well-Being and Empowerment Safety and Respect. These mandatory aspects of the Curriculum will be delivered to the children in an age appropriate context. An information leaflet has been produced by school that will be sent to you before the end of the Summer term giving further details. An information poster produced by the Welsh Government will also be included.

### **Important upcoming events:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Wednesday July 19 <sup>th</sup> 2023	<b>Bryn Fest – £2.00 per pupil</b>  We kindly ask for <b>£2.00 per pupil</b> to support the costs of the day – treats, musician/DJ, bouncy castle <b>Please pay via ParentPay</b>  <b>No school uniform day – festival vibe clothing and accessories (optional)</b>
Thursday July 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023	<b>Year 1 – Year 6 Summer trip to Pembrey Beach</b> The cost of this trip is <b>£3.50</b> to cover the cost of the bus. <b>Please pay via ParentPay</b>  <b>**Please wear blue or yellow school polo shirt**</b> <b>suncream, plenty of water and hats please</b>  Last day of school
Thursday July 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Year 6 Leavers party organised by parents/carers after school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	INSET Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Children return to their new classes

I hope that you all have a wonderful Summer break enjoying quality time together with your families and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 5th September 2023 between 8.45am and 8.55am.**

Have a wonderful Summer.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Rachel Dawson  
Acting Headteacher