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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This half term has flown by and has certainly been extremely busy. The children have once again made us very proud of their achievements both in and out of school. Everyone certainly deserves a well-earned break.

At the end of November, the children in Year 1 to Year 6 had a wonderful time at the pantomime, and our Reception children enjoyed a magical trip to the toy mine to visit Santa. As always, the children behaved impeccably and were wonderful role models. This was remarked upon by staff at both events.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see every class perform over the past few weeks. The children in Nursery and Reception started the ball rolling with their '*Jolly Christmas Postman*', which was filled with beautiful singing, smiles, and laughter. Year 1 and Year 2 followed with '*The Enchanted Gift*', where the children learned and performed a wealth of songs, spoke with confidence, and treated the audience to a range of dance moves. Finally, our Junior children hosted two pantomimes which were wonderful. The production of props and time spent learning the different roles was a sight to behold. Year 3 and Year 4's production of '*Jack and the Beanstalk*' was delightful, and Year 5 and Year 6's '*Cinders*' certainly made everyone laugh. It was wonderful to see all the children taking part with enthusiasm and ensuring that everyone left the performances with a smile on their face. I think we can all agree that this year's performances have been outstanding.

Our school attendance target is 93.5%, and this term 135 children achieved 95% and above attendance percentages which is the Local Authority target, which is a wonderful achievement. The Attendance Officers are working hard to celebrate attendance and the progress made. As always, we would like to thank our families for continuing to inform us of any absences. It is also important to remind families that holidays, appointments, arriving late, or leaving early from school decrease attendance percentages.

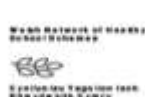
This week, families will be receiving our new school reports. Each term, parents will receive a written report that will focus on two of the Areas of Learning. This term, the focus will be on Expressive Arts and Health and Wellbeing. We hope that you find the new reports informative and a celebration of your child/children's work. We would really value your feedback on the reports, so if you could spare a few minutes to complete a short survey, we would be most grateful. <https://forms.gle/NyJc5oo5kLKmf9tdA>

Sadly, Mrs. Dennett Jones will be leaving us at the end of this term after 23 years of being a very important part of our Brynnau Team. Mrs. Dennett Jones's caring and thoughtful manner will be missed by us all, and we would like to wish her all the very best as she starts her new adventure in Cambridge.

As this term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a lovely holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the New Year on Tuesday, 7th January.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Atkin
Headteacher



Dates for January – July 2025

Term 2

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January

Monday 10th February

Tuesday 11th February

Tuesday 18th February

Friday 21st February

Monday 3rd March

Thursday 6th March

Friday 7th March

Thursday 10th April

Friday 11th April

Term 3

Monday 28th April

Tuesday 29th April

Thursday 1st May

Monday 5th May

Friday 23rd May

Monday 2nd June

Wednesday 25th June

Thursday 26th June

Friday 4th July

Thursday 10th July

Friday 11th July

Tuesday 15th July

Friday 18th July

Monday 21st July

Monday 1st September 2025

INSET Day 4

Children return to school

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening

Internet Safety Day

Children's School Disco after school

Last day for pupils

Return to school

World Book Day (optional dress-up)

School Eisteddfod (red tops, red sports tops or Welsh costumes)

End of term report to parents

Easter Bonnet Parade (Bonnets/hats needed)

Last day of term

INSET Day 5

Children return to school

Junior swimming lessons in Llantrisant begin (ten weeks)

Bank Holiday Monday

Last day of half term

Return to school

Sports Day 9.30am Nursery/Reception, 1.30pm Year 1-Year 6

New Nursery Parents' Meeting

Summer Fair 3.30-5pm

Last swimming session

Y6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm

Reports to parents

New class visits for pupils in September (am)

Parents to meet the new class teacher meetings ready for September

Last day of term

INSET Day 6

INSET Day 1