



# Brynnau Primary School

## Dosbarth Melyn & Coch

### Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2024

Our topic this term is '**Lights, Camera, Action!**' Pupils will experience rich teaching and learning that incorporates all the Areas of Learning and Experiences (AOLE's) from the Curriculum for Wales (CfW). Our topic title will cover a wide range of fun, engaging and practical activities with the children., some are based on the pupil voice questions conducted in class, for the children to have ownership of their own learning. The children will be very creative and imaginative investigating fairy tales and characters from stories. We will explore how we can make a simple digital film, what props and costumes we can use, how we can make music and sound effects, what dances we can use and use drama for hot seating characters and acting. Our term's work will culminate in the children's December performance. There certainly are lots of adventures ahead and it is going to be a VERY busy term! The children will continue to have daily access to the outside environment, including the woods so warm clothes will be appreciated as the weather becomes colder but fingers crossed for a pleasantly warm and dry Autumn!

#### Language, Literacy and Communication

The children will read a range of books daily in class. Every day, we will practice high frequency words and phonics from the Monster Phonics programme. <https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/> Please listen to your child read and practise the unit words. We will also practise these words with your child in school and new units of words will be sent home when required. Please sign the record and make a comment if you wish. **Reading books will be sent home every day. Please ensure that the book and book bag are returned to school every day.** Thank you!

Enjoy sharing and talking about the book with your child and don't forget to read those all-important bedtime stories too! If your child is unsure of a word encourage them to break it down into sounds whenever possible. It is important that they can read and remember the words.

#### **Some useful apps are as follows:**

**Hairy Letters**-Games to reinforce learning and build letters into simple words, the Hairy characters and memorable animations make this a fun and engaging introduction to literacy.

**Hairy Phonics**- Introduces the digraphs that every child needs to learn. Two vowels join together and make one sound

Weekly spelling patterns will be emailed using Teachers to Parents. We will practise these spelling and phonics daily in class. Please practise these words at home in preparation for the weekly challenge on a Friday. Some Year Two learners will have access to the Nessy programme to help with reading, spelling and writing. Nessy is a phonics programme that was originally designed to help dyslexic learners. However, we have found this programme works for all learners to support literacy. The children will practice Nessy for 20 minutes daily in school. A permission letter will be sent home to the children who will be involved in the programme. Please return this slip promptly. You will then be sent details on how to access Nessy at home.

#### Mathematics and Numeracy

Within Mathematics we will be learning about place value of 2 and 3-digit numbers, learn and revise number facts up to 10 and above, counting numbers up to one hundred and beyond, adding and subtracting numbers from a one and a two and three-digit numbers. We will also be remembering all the ways to make ten and how we can use these facts to help us solve our sums whilst making sure our numbers are formed correctly. Each day we will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as learning the ten times table. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, measuring, our ages, days, months and time and using money in calculations. On Fridays the children will complete a CLIC, SAFE (Year 2) and Learn It Challenge with the number facts and skills we have been learning. The aim of these sums is for the children to memorise the facts and know the answers off by heart. The CLIC challenges are in the Class Teams in files in the Class Materials folder.

### Other information

Please could children also bring in a pair of wellies **clearly labelled with their name** to be stored on our welly cupboard for our woodland adventures. Some afternoons, we will be visiting the woods to see what we can find out so, please make sure your child has wellies in school and a coat ready for our adventures. Apologies now but there may be many occasions when your child returns home a little muddy, but we promise you they will have had lots of fun!

Please remember that children are only allowed to wear small stud earrings and a watch and that all other items of jewellery are not allowed to be worn in school. If you have any concerns please come and see a member of staff as we are always happy to help! Please **only** send in the blue book bag and not a ruck sack as we are limited on space.

### PE

**On Mondays Dosbarth Coch and Melyn will have P.E.** so they will need to wear their P.E. kit to school on the day. Please can the children wear a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings or a tracksuit bottom, a blue school jumper and trainers as some weeks we may go outside (depending on the weather).

The learners will have daily outdoor physical sessions as part of their daily learning.

### Labels

Please can all items of clothing be clearly labelled with your child's name!

### Fruit Snack

A **small fruit** snack is required each day. Please place all fruit snacks in a pot or plastic bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Please do not send snacks containing nuts into school.

### Dinner Money

Dinner money is to be paid online.

### Home Learning

The weekly Learn Its and Spelling words will be e-mailed via Teachers to Parents.

### Important Upcoming Dates-

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Urdd Hwyl yn y Gymraeg assembly and workshops
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Colofoto - individual and sibling photos
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu spray
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening / 'Shw mae' Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Children's School Disco after school
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last day of half term</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET Day 3</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Concert 10am & 1.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term report to parents
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>INSET Day 4</b>

If you have any concerns please come and see a member of staff as we are always happy to help! Here's to a fun filled term....! We are so excited!

Kind regards,

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