

Yn y Lwp!

(In the loop - Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin)

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SpringTerm / Tymor y Gaeaf

Dechrau / Start Dydd llun Ionawr 6 / Monday 6th January
Half Term : Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Chefror 24 - Dydd Gwener Chwefror 28
End / Diwedd: Friday 11th April 2025 / Dydd Gwener Ebrill 11 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 6th January 2025 WEEK 2

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 10 English Literature Revision Day
Wednesday		Year 10 English Literature GCSE exam
Thursday		
Friday		

Please note that it will be week 2 when we return on Monday January the 6th

Week Beginning - Monday 13th January 2025 WEEK 1

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 11 Hospitality & Catering NEA
Friday		Y7-8 Residential visit to Llangrannog

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to leave 'X' in order to focus on more effective communication channels for our community. We remain committed to keeping students and parents informed through other platforms and look forward to continuing to engage with everyone in other ways.

Thank you for your continued support.

Recent Events

Christmas Carol Concert 2024



Over 70 pupils from Ysgol Cwm Brombil worked very hard to bring Christmas cheer to the community last night. They all performed brilliantly and put on an amazing show at St Theodore's Church, Tai Bach. We have some very talented pupils in school who should be very proud of themselves today!



University of South Wales Visit

We were lucky to be welcomed to the University of South Wales for a Year 11 Open Day. The students had a talk on the benefits of going to university, how to finance their qualification and how to apply for university. We had a tour of the Treforest campus and each won a bucket hat from team building activities.

It was a great day, the students were a credit to the school and it was lovely to see the students widen their aspirations!

Well done everyone

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 were put through their paces in their mock interviews this week! We were lucky to welcome 22 local employers to our school who gave our students a mock interview and feedback on their CV. All students performed so well and some of the employers even said how they would be offered a job based on the interview and CV! Well done everyone - we are so proud of you! A big thankyou to all the interviewers for giving of their time.

International Group & BAME Group

On December 9th, the International Group and the BAME Group hosted a remarkable and intimate session celebrating cultural diversity and heritage. Students brought items representing their cultural backgrounds, contributing to a lively exchange of traditions and information. Participants included individuals from Bangladesh, India, Nigeria, Ukraine, and Thailand, showcasing the range of diversity within the community here in Ysgol Cwm Brombil.



The event featured stunning displays, with boards adorned with images of cultural landmarks, traditional foods, and customs from countries such as Nigeria, Bangladesh, Thailand, Spain, and Ukraine. The session highlighted the beauty of multiculturalism and encouraged greater understanding and appreciation among the members who attended.

This wonderful event was made possible thanks to the tireless efforts of Mrs Tomkins and Mrs Stead, whose leadership and commitment to inclusivity have provided a safe and welcoming space for all. Their dedication ensures that every voice is heard and that every culture is celebrated.

Sporting News & Success

Congratulations to Zac Mizen, Archi Perry and Tai Wellington Y11 on their selection with the Osprey's East and West training squads for the regional age grade block after Christmas

Congratulations to Tom Hayden Y11 on his selection with West Wales squad for the Rugby League origin series

Tamworth Ski Trip

Our novice skiers visited the snowdome in Tamworth this week. It was a successful day that will see them well prepared for our trips to Alpendorf, Austria in February half term (Y11) and Easter (Yrs 8,9 & 10). As always our pupils were a credit to the school. Well Done!



Swimming

Eva Davies in year 8, Carys Iturbe in year 7 (pictured) and Jasmine Gale in year 10 all qualified and competed in the West Wales swimming regionals on the 15th - 17th of November at Haverfordwest Leisure Centre. All three girls represented their swimming club Afan Valley.

Between them, the girls swam 15 races over the 3 day gala, getting personal bests in each race.

We are very proud of you girls and we wish you luck on your upcoming regional event at the National Pool in Swansea in February!



Our school Swim Team produced an excellent performance at the NPT-Pass Swimming Gala this week. Their effort and teamwork were outstanding, all did extremely well!

Brombil Barracks Announcement

Brombil Barracks is a welcoming support group at Ysgol Cwm Brombil for service children. Welsh Government define service children as:



A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:

- *In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force,*
- *Or- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years,*
- *Or - One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.*

If your child falls into this category and we are not aware please contact the school to inform us so we can provide appropriate provisions. Please find useful links and tools below to support your service children at home. We would encourage you to share any future deployments with us and if deployed parents require communication from staff regarding pupil progress please contact us and we can accommodate this. Mrs Stanton (B12) and Mrs Sims (B14) are available for pupils drop ins at any time.

SSCE Monthly Bulletin:

[SSCE Cymru :: Monthly school bulletin](#)

SSCE Family Guide:

[SSCE Cymru Service family guide](#)

Little Troopers at home:

[Little Troopers at Home - Little Troopers](#)

Further support for service children with ALN:

Education Advisory Team (EAT)

X accounts:

@SSCECymru

@LittleTroopers

Future Military Opportunities:

[Motivational Preparation College for Training \(MPCT\)](#)

[The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association \(RFCA\) for Wales](#)

SSCE
CYMRU

YCB Gardens

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 10B class!

As part of their Woodland Carpentry unit, the boys have designed and built their very own bird boxes—from start to finish. The attention to detail and effort they've put in is incredible, and, in their own words, "they look class!"

Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off. Massive credit to the boys and to Outdoor Learning for making this project such a success!





Rydym yn ennillwyr
tystysgrif arian! We are
Silver Award winners.

MRAEG

The Aim of Y Siarter Iaith - the Welsh Language Charter

The Welsh Government's aim is to have one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

This year, we are working towards the Gwobr Siarter, Iaith Efydd (The Welsh Language Charter Bronze Award). This involves working with the wider school community to support the learners understanding of Welsh history, culture and identity.

In Ysgol Cwm Brombil we are aiming for a consistent use of Welsh across our curriculum and in all aspects of school life and we are proud of our culture, language and traditions.

Parents play a vital part in Siarter Iaith Gymraeg and can help Ysgol Cwm Brombil achieve an award. There are many Welsh resources to help you learn Welsh and strengthen your child's understanding of Welsh history and culture.

Ways you can help

Encourage your child to use everyday Welsh in school e.g. Bore da, Prynhawn da, Shwmae etc

Attend Welsh for adults' courses [Find a course](#) | [Learn Welsh](#)

Encourage your child to have a positive attitude towards the Welsh language

Talk about Welsh history and culture with your child

Use Welsh language learning apps with your child e.g. Duolingo, Quizlet, Say something in Welsh

Brawddeg yr Wythnos/ Phrase of the Week-

Nadolig Llawn

Pronunciation – Nad – ol – ig llaw-en

On the 11th December the Criw Cymraeg as well as Mr Clarke, Mrs Burton and Mrs Eveleigh, met with Mr Locke from the Local Authority. Mr Locke came in to assess our school for the Bronze Siarter laith Award.

Mr Locke was blown away by our school, but especially our pupils presentation and how they conducted themselves on the day. In fact, he was so impressed he awarded our school the Silver Award! In the New Year the school will be issued with a banner and certificate from the Welsh Government.



A huge congratulations to all pupils who have maintained a Welsh Duolingo streak this term. Prizes were awarded to the pupils who kept their streak going. Da iawn to Naomi who received Gold and a £20 voucher, Freya who won silver and a £15 voucher and Harry who had Bronze and a £10. The competition will start over next term.



The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Attendance Information



Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

For example:

- If a child is **late to school just 5 minutes** each day, throughout the year that equates to **3 days lost to learning (15 hours)**.
- Attendances of **97%** allows for one day of absence per half term and results in **30 hours lost to learning**

Important Reminders:

1. Parents **MUST** contact school to report any absences on **01639 760110 before 8.30 am**.
2. Parents should contact the school **each day** that a pupil is not attending.
3. If the school are not notified, then **you will be contacted** by a member of the Attendance team to find out why your child is not in school.
4. If your child is not notified of the reason for the absence it will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**.
5. If there are three unauthorised absences in a row, the Safeguarding Lead and Education Welfare Officer will be made aware to ensure that your child is safe.
6. You will be required to produce medical evidence if you state that your child is ill for 3 or more consecutive days.
7. We will ask the school Healthcare Professional to contact you if there is an absence of more than 2 weeks.
8. Term time leave will only be granted by the headteacher on request.
9. Where possible, **all appointments should be made outside of the school day**.



School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

All pupils Year 7 to 11		
Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.
<p>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</p>		
Physical Education		
Unisex T Shirt		Available exclusively from Bergoni
Rugby Jersey		Available exclusively from Bergoni
Shorts		Available exclusively from Bergoni
Socks		Available exclusively from Bergoni
Unisex ¼ zipped top		Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni
Plain black tracksuit bottoms		Optional available at any retail store
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)		Available exclusively from Bergoni
<p>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</p>		

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

SLEEP HYGIENE

Five effective tips to establish a healthy sleeping habits

Stay clear of stimulants late in the day.



Avoid drinks and foods that contain caffeine

Regular Activity



Regular exercise routine can help contribute to improved sleep. At least 1 hour a day

Stick to a consistent sleep schedule.



Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day

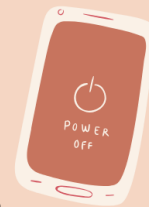
Create a relaxing bedtime/pre-bedtime routine.



A relaxing activity about an hour before bed helps creates a smoother transition.

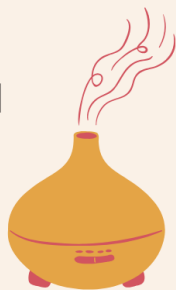
Unplug an hour before bed.

Keep screen use to a minimum, switch off at least an hour before bed,



Keep your room cool and comfortable.

Ideal for sleeping is cool, quiet, and dark.



Avoid eating high sugar/fatty foods late that may disrupt sleep.

Laying down right after a big meal, your digestive juices are still working



Term dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	All pupils attend school
Friday 25 th October 2024	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2024-25	
Monday 6 th November 2024	Term starts
Friday 29 th November 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 2 nd December 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Spring Term, half term 3 2024-25	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 21 st February 2025	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 28 th February 2025	
Spring Term, half term 4 2024-25	
Monday 3 rd March 2025	Term 4 Starts
Friday 21 st March 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 14 th April 2025 - Friday 25 th April 2025	
Summer Term, half term 5 2024-25	
Monday 28 th April 2025	Term 5 Starts
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Last Day of half term 5
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term - Monday 26 th May 2025 - Friday 31 st May 2025	
Summer Term Half term 6 2024-25	
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year

