

# Yn y Lwp!

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

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## Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

INSET - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February *HMS Dydd Llun Chwefror 17*

Half Term : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February /  
*Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Chwefror 24 - Dydd Gwener Chwefror 28*

### Week Beginning - Monday 17th February 2024 Week 2

Monday		INSET DAY
Tuesday		Product Design NEA & Yr 11 Hospitality and Catering NEA 2
Wednesday		Yr 11 Trip to Bath University Yr 10 Inspector Calls Trip
Thursday		Yr 11 Ski Trip Departure (4pm)
Friday		

### Week Beginning - Monday 24th February 2024

Monday		HALF TERM
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please remember that Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day  
there is no school for pupils.

Our exciting program of Enrichment is available on our website:  
[Ysgol Cwm Brombil Enrichment Programme](#)



# Healthy Eating *Tips* Vegetables



Consume colourful vegetables. They provide essential vitamins and minerals.



Leafy **Green** veg are a powerhouse of minerals; vitamins and fibre



**Red** coloured veg contain anti oxidants - help fight infections and reduce the risk of heart disease



**Garlic** - good source of Manganese; Vitamin C & B6 - boosts immune system -helps protect against common cold

# Forest Schools



Come and play the  
Forest School way  
@ Ysgol Cwm Brombil

Friday 28th February

10.30AM-12.30PM YCB Pupils year 4-6

1.00-3.00PM YCB Pupils year 7-11

Join us in the Tipi Garden for an Epic 2-Hour Forest School Adventure!  
Fire lighting, tool use, crafting, games, and lots of play.  
Roast marshmallows, explore, and have fun!

For any further information, or to book, contact  
Angie Thompson on [thompsona533@hwbcymru.net](mailto:thompsona533@hwbcymru.net)  
100% of money taken will be added to the garden fund!

£10 Per pupil  [ycb\\_gardens](https://www.instagram.com/ycb_gardens)

## 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 dayslost 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 you 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 you 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**.



## Senedd News

This week, the Senedd participated in a Children's Rights Workshop focused on the theme of one of our cornerstones, *Belonging*. The workshop aimed to deepen the understanding of children's rights, specifically in relation to the right to belong within a community, and how this right is respected and fostered within the school environment. The session highlighted the importance of daily interactions, school policies, and various school events in promoting a sense of belonging among pupils.



### Daily Interactions

One of the key areas explored during the workshop was how daily interactions between pupils, teachers, and staff contribute to a sense of belonging. Through regular communication and mutual respect, pupils are made to feel valued and included. The Senedd discussed how they themselves could serve as role models for fostering positive interactions, ensuring that every pupil feels seen and heard. This is not limited to interactions in classrooms, but also extends to hallways, playgrounds, and during extracurricular activities. The workshop emphasised the importance of kindness, inclusion, and empathy as foundational elements that support pupils in feeling part of the school community.

### School Policies

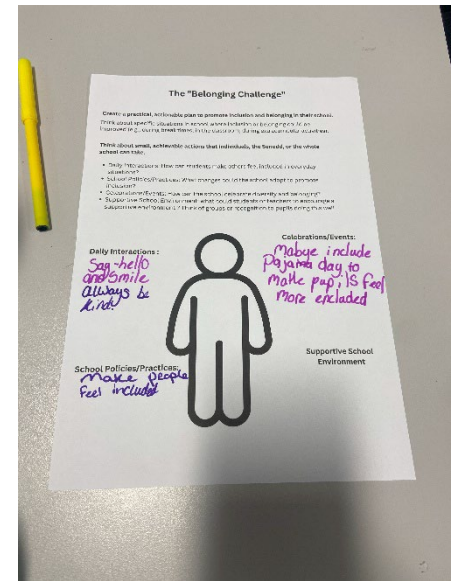
The Senedd also examined how school policies help create an environment where belonging is prioritised. It was highlighted that anti-bullying policies, inclusive language, and efforts to celebrate diversity are crucial in ensuring all pupils feel accepted, regardless of their background. The Senedd took the opportunity to review existing school policies, discussing how they can be better implemented and communicated to all pupils. They acknowledged the role of the school in creating safe spaces for pupils and ensuring that the school environment is supportive for everyone.



## Celebrations and Events

The workshop also touched upon the role of celebrations and school events in building a sense of belonging. The Senedd reflected on how events such as International Day, Diversity Week, and other themed assemblies promote unity by celebrating the unique qualities of each student. They discussed how celebrating various cultural, religious, and personal milestones within the school not only creates opportunities for students to learn from each other but also fosters a deep sense of community and pride. Additionally, the Senedd discussed the importance of ensuring that every pupil has the chance to participate in these events, reinforcing the message that everyone belongs.

The Children's Rights Workshop on Belonging proved to be an eye-opening experience for the School Council. It reinforced the critical role that daily interactions, school policies, and events play in creating an environment where every pupil feels included and valued. The Senedd's participation in this workshop will undoubtedly inspire further efforts to strengthen the sense of belonging within the school, ensuring that every student can thrive in a supportive and inclusive environment.



## 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:

<b>All pupils Year 7 to 11</b>		
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. <b>NO TRAINERS</b>
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><b>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</b></p>		
<b>Physical Education</b>		
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><b>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</b></p>		

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

# Sporting News & Success

## Football

Excellent performance from our Yr10 football squad today. This group have grown from strength to strength and have stuck together despite some difficult times. Today, they showed their full potential!



## Basketball

Outstanding, rewarding and exhausting day at the @basketball\_wales\_schools regional basketball competition for this yr 9/10 crew. As always, outstanding efforts! Well done





## Netball

Congratulations to our Head Girl Lexi on her success at the Intercounties Tournament this weekend in Bangor! The team were outstanding and came away with 2nd Place! Well done Lex





### NEXT WEEK SPORTING FIXTURES 17th - 21 Feb

**Tuesday**  
Yr 11 basketball finals 8.30 am  
Yr 7 Rugby away - Llangynwdd  
Yr 8 Football - Home

**Wednesday**  
Yr 10 /11 girls rugby festival  
Yr 10 Netball Tournament Away

**Thursday**  
Yr 8 Rugby Home  
Yr 9 Rugby Boys Festival



## Badminton

The Year 9 Badminton Teams had a fabulous day in the area competition this week held in Llandarcy. The boys team came runners up losing narrowly against tough opponents in the final. Our girls team came 1<sup>st</sup> overall losing only 2 games all day! Good luck to both teams as they will compete in the South Wales tournament in March



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## The Aim of the Welsh Language

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, Prynawn 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-

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus- Happy St David's Day

## 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

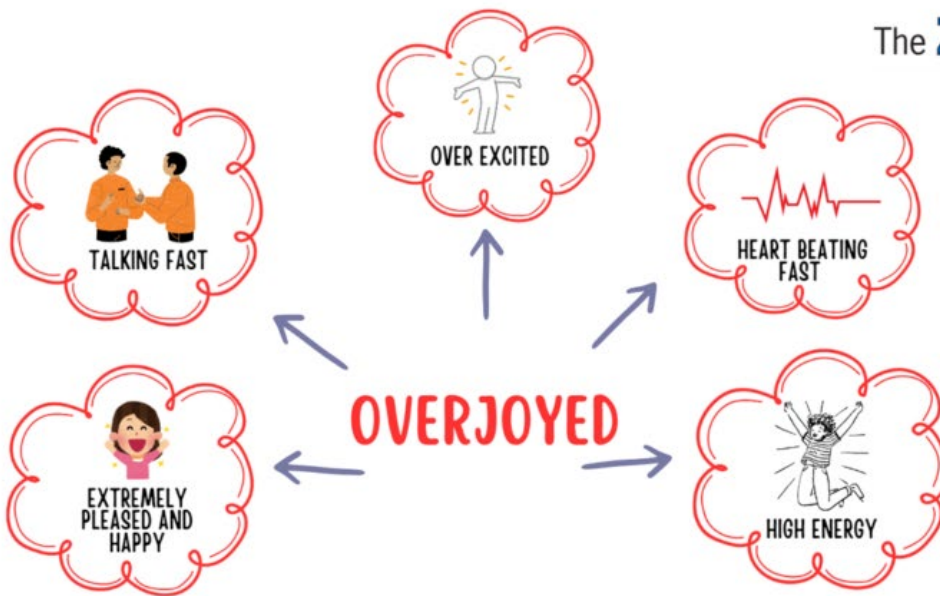
### **Future Military Opportunities:**

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

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

**SSCE**  
**CYMRU**

## The ZONES of Regulation™



### WHAT I MIGHT LOOK OR ACT LIKE:

- BLUSHING OR RED FACE
- LOTS OF ENERGY
- HYPER
- TALKING LOTS
- FIDGETING
- TALKING FAST

### STRATEGIES I COULD TRY:

- STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING
- ASK FOR A BREAK
- TENSE AND RELAX

# EMOTION OF THE WEEK

## 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

## Term dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	All pupils attend school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2024-25	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Term starts
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	
Spring Term, half term 3 2024-25	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
Spring Term, half term 4 2024-25	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Term 4 Starts
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Summer Term, half term 5 2024-25	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Term 5 Starts
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Last Day of half term 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term - Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	
Summer Term Half term 6 2024-25	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year

