

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Summer Term / Tymor y Haf

Half Term : Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Mai 26 – Dydd Gwener Mai 30
 End / Diwedd: Friday 18th July 2025 / Dydd Gwener 18 Gorffennaf 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 14th July 2025 – Week 1

Monday		Yr 9 & 10 Photography Trip
Tuesday		Sports Day Yr 10 Geography Trip
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning – Monday 21th July 2025

Monday		SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		



YCB Gardens



As the school year starts to wind down, the garden is doing the exact opposite - bursting into life! We've got gluts of kale, chard, lettuce, and beetroot, and the beds are overflowing.

Year 9 have harvested their first runner and French beans and have been busy keeping on top of garden jobs. Year 10 have been learning all about crop storage - we even made our own jam! They've also been out doing plant observations, keeping a close eye on what's growing well and who we're sharing our crops with (mostly cabbage whites!).

Our Nurture classes got creative, making beautiful mandalas from natural materials found in the wildflower meadow, while the Seren pupils enjoyed a field study, uncovering bugs and signs of life in the long grass.



Bro Dur are now in week 5 of their programme and have made a fantastic start on the woodland carpentry unit, working from our tipi garden.

In forest school after-school club, we made spears and a target, then finished off with a fire and roasted marshmallows.

Cherry, Fig, and Burt have welcomed two new friends - a pair of guinea pigs who are still waiting to be named!

It's been fantastic to see so much happening across our Outdoor Learning gardens this week! We've had some brilliant cross-curricular visits too- Year 7 [@ycb_geography](#) pupils have been out doing incredible work on their litter surveys, [@ycb_maths](#) have been applying their measurement skills in a real-world setting, and [@ycb_science](#) have been using quadrat surveys to explore biodiversity around the site. We also said hello to [@ycb_primary](#), who had a wonderful time exploring and making nature bracelets using treasures they discovered along the way.



WE ARE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CHAMPIONS!



WE ARE THE ONLY SCHOOL IN NPT TO ACHIEVE THIS AWARD!

This year, the Senedd has been working with The Children's Rights Charity. Clare Pritchard (pictured) is one of their officers and she has led one workshop every month that we have taken part in. Some Senedd members also had the opportunity of visiting Croeserw Primary School to meet with pupils from the Afan Valley who will be attending our school from September. This was a Spill the Tea session where Yr6 pupils were able to ask any questions they had about our school. The session was very interesting.

HERE'S A LIST OF THE WORKSHOPS WE'VE TAKEN PART IN:

What is privilege?	A Sense of Belonging.
Use your voice.	International Women's Day.
Kindness in action.	Message of Peace.
Human Rights Day.	World refugee Day.
Relationship Road Map.	Earth Day.
Safe Internet day.	Men's Health Day.
World Water Day.	Youth Skills Day
School of the Future.	Thank you Day.



Sporting Success



Rugby

A first taste of touch rugby for many of these pupils in competitive matches today! Been a pleasure to introduce them to the sport and hopefully it will lead to bigger and better things. They have come a long way in 6 weeks and can be very proud of their efforts



Athletics

Great day for our Junior and Middle Boys Athletics teams at the Afan Nedd County Cup Match last week. Junior boys 3rd overall and Middle Boys 4th overall. Special mention for Jac in year 8 winning the 200m and Discus events as well 2nd in the relay. Well done all!



Bowls

What a way to spend an afternoon! Thank you so much to Margam Tata steel bowls club for hosting us and introducing bowls to this group. Fantastic coaching and hopefully some of these pupils will take up playing the sport.



Duke Of Edinburgh

A massive well done to our group of Year 9's completing their final Bronze expedition down the Gower!

Plenty of laughs, falls, sun and sore feet, but you got through it! Looking forward to Silver next year



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JULY SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

LIMITED TO 80
PLACES ONLY



JULY 22ND, 23RD & 24TH

9AM - 3PM

YSGOL CWM BROMBIL 3G

DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM

UNDER 6S -
UNDER 12S

BOOK VIA THE BOOKING LINK

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts and give them likes!



[Ysgolcwmbrombil](#)



[YCB Cymraeg](#)



[YCB DofE](#)

[YCB Garden](#)



[YCB Geography](#)



[YCB GivingClub](#)



[YCB HealthWell](#)

[YCB Internationclub](#)



[YCB Mfl](#)



[YCB PE](#)



[YCB Performingarts](#)

[YCB Primary](#)



[YCB Religiousstudies](#)



[YCB Science](#)



[YCB Skiing](#)

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.



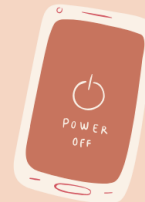
Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day

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

Attendance Information



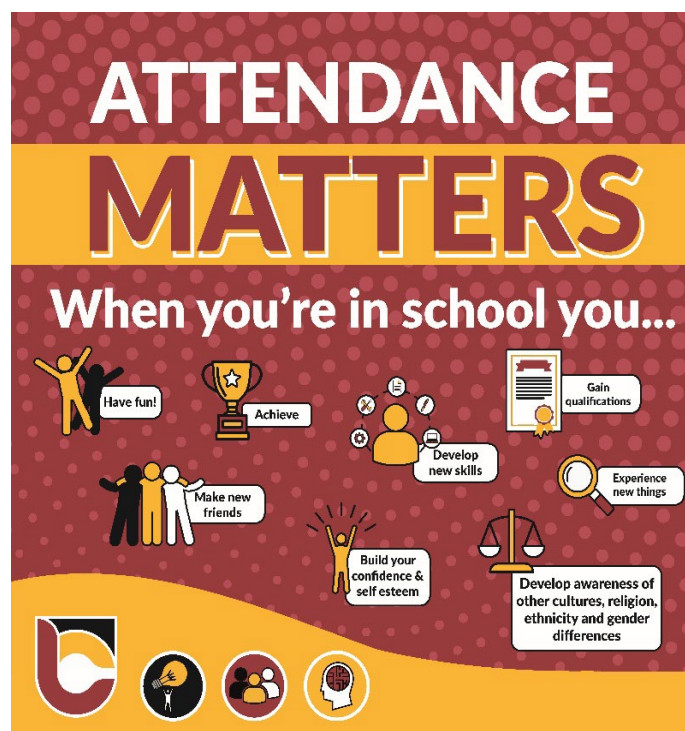
Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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](#):

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

Brombil Barracks

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](#)

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
Monday 17 th February	Staff INSET (Training) Day
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 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 the school Year

