

Yn y Lwp!

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

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Autumn Term / Tymor y Gaeaf

Half Term : Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Hydref 28 - Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 1
 End / Diwedd: Friday 20th December 2024 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 2024

Week Beginning - Monday 18th November 2024

Monday		Year 6 Humanities Transition day
Tuesday		Year 6 Humanities Transition day
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 25th November 2024

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		INSET DAY

Our exciting program of Enrichment is out and available on our website:

[Ysgol Cwm Brombil Enrichment Programme](#)

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**.

“WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?”

AS A PARENT OR CARER YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Ensuring your child understands the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Taking an interest in their education – asking about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- Discussing any problems they may have at school and inform their SSO to pass on concerns quickly.
- Not allowing them to take time off school for minor ailments.
- Arranging appointments after school hours.
- Being open and willing to work with us to improve your child's attendance.

We are here to help!

If you are concerned about your child's school attendance, it is always best to talk to us first. Students with attendance of less than 95% are monitored closely by the Pastoral Team. Our Parent Support and Wellbeing worker is also available to work with families to offer intensive support guidance.

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](#):

Sporting News & Success

Football

Great game tonight for the Under 15 Girls footballers dominated in attack with some class crosses and strong defending



Good team effort from our Year 9 football team in their league game against Ysgol Llangynwyd



Next Week's Sporting Fixtures:

Tuesday

- Cross Country 12 – 3pm
- Netball home Yr 7 and 11
- Girls Football home Yr 8 and 9
- Yr 7 Welsh Cup Football away

Wednesday

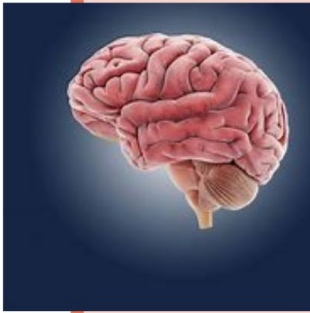
- Yr 7 Rugby home on grass
- Yr 8 Football Welsh Cup Home on 3G

Thursday

- Yr 8 Rugby away
- Yr 10 Football Home

BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

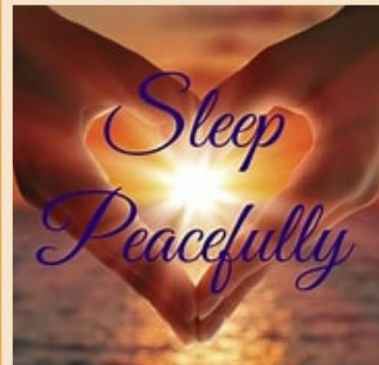
Aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous intensity physical activity a day across the week



BOOSTS COGNITIVE FUNCTION

improves memory, focus and enhances productivity and creativity

AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



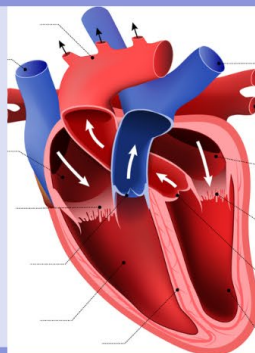
IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being



ENHANCES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens bones and muscles; protects against osteoporosis and fractures



PROMOTES HEART HEALTH

Lowers the risk of heart disease; stroke and diabetes

YCB Gardens

One year ago today, we launched our very first day of Outdoor Learning! Looking back, it's inspiring to see how far we've come in just 12 months.

From initial interventions to our expanding GCSE classes, the transformation has been incredible—thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of our amazing pupils. Their dedication has turned our outdoor space into a thriving environment where learning truly comes alive.

Our biggest achievement? Watching our pupils flourish in nature, building confidence, resilience, and a sense of community. Here's to many more years of growth, exploration, and success!





Criw Cymraeg and The Siarter Iaith



On Wednesday some members of the Criw Cymraeg went to Bro Dur to compete in a Dragons Den competition to win £1000 to help promote the 'Siarter Iaith' across our school. Our pupils did amazing, and their presentation was incredible. Having received amazing feedback from the judges, the results were announced -they won the competition! They have made us all at Ysgol Cwm Brombil so proud! Llongyfarchiadau a da iawn Criw Cymraeg!





CYMRAEG

The Aim of 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, 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

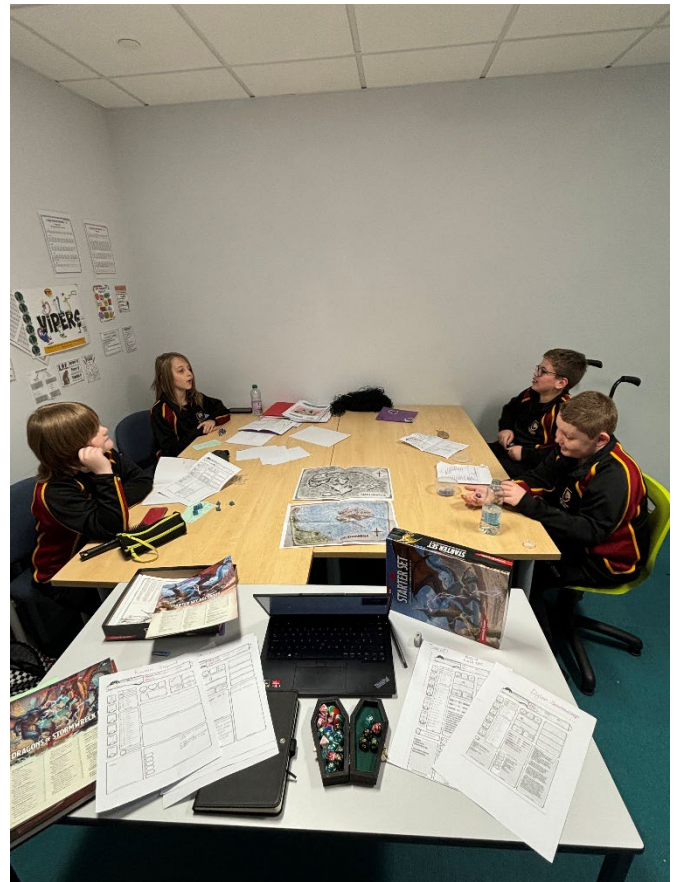
Brawddeg yr Wythnos/ Phrase of the Week-

Wrth Gwrs

Pronunciation- "oorth- goo-rs"

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Inspired by the publicity of the game in the TV show Stranger Things, the D&D club has taken off this term in school. Indeed, so popular is the game that the club has had to extend its running time to make sure of sufficient game time for participants! Many thanks to Mr Ford and Miss Kenny for overseeing the latest member of our enrichment program!



YCB Community

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

CHRISTMAS @ YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

We will be holding our first Christmas Fayre at Ysgol Cwm Brombil on Thursday 28th November 3.30 -7pm. It would be fantastic to see as many of you including your family and friends attending in support of our Christmas Child Appeal 2024. We have lots of exciting things for children and adults.

We have lots of amazing stalls from people within the community along with Santa, Storytelling with Mrs Claus, Elf letter writing, Wreath making in our Christmas themed garden. We have music from local bands along with our school choir, to get everyone in the festive mood.

Entry to the Fayre is free, with some bookable activities.

If you would like a stall on the night please complete the link below



<https://forms.office.com/e/8PAy4FAPuD>

CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2024



We have launched our Christmas Child Appeal 2024; this is our 7th Year supporting those most in need at Christmas time. Ensuring Santa visits all children.

Supporting children and families within the community. We are expecting to support between 250 - 300 children, with clothes, gifts, etc

If you would like to support our Christmas Child appeal please could you drop off any gifts to our reception area.

If you would like to make a financial donation please follow the link or scan the QR Code

https://paypal.me/ycbcommunity?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB



If you would like us to provide you with support at Christmas, please click the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/M7h8Uz9R4k>

If you have any questions please contact us Community@ysgolcwm-brombil.co.uk or visits us on Facebook- YCB Community

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

