Monday 20th April – Week 2

Key Dates & Information

INSET Days	19/06/2026, 20/07/2026
Parental Engagement Evenings	Year 7 – 11/06/2026 **Year 8 – 23/04/2026**
Coleg Gwent Open Events	June 23rd 5pm – 7.30pm

Important Links

Extra-Curricular activities	Brynmawr Foundation School - Extra Curricular
ParentPay	ParentPay
School Menu	Brynmawr Foundation School - School Catering
Classcharts	Access pupil details
School Cloud	SchoolCloud - Brynmawr Foundation School
Neurodiversity Support Hub	Home - Neurodiversity Gwent

Reminders for the week ahead

Free pupil breakfast	Breakfast is available to all pupils before school. Please encourage pupils to take advantage of this.
Attendance	Full attendance is expected. If your child is absent please call the absence line or leave a message on Classcharts before 9.30am.
Unwell pupils	If your child becomes unwell during the school day please remind them to follow school protocol and inform pupil services before contacting home themselves.

What have we been up to….?

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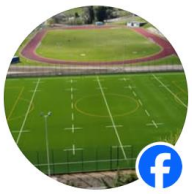


PE

Humanities

ALN

Resource Base

Technology

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see our pupils again this week. Pupils were excited to see their friends. Many of our Year 11 pupils attended revision sessions in school over the Easter holiday, this proved to be extremely beneficial.

This week we focused very much on school routines; getting back into good habits. A minority of pupils were tired, these pupils expressed a lack of sleep was the cause. Please ensure that your child has a minimum of 8 hours sleep every night.

Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit for PE lessons. PE helps your child build strong habits for a healthy, active lifestyle while improving their fitness and coordination. Regular participation in PE also supports confidence, teamwork, and social skills that benefit them both in and out of school. During and after exercise the body releases endorphins which reduces stress, increases laughter and happiness. At school, we are educating your child to have a healthy lifestyle and body into the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr McNamara

Attendance

Weekly Attendance Figures 23rd March 2026

	This Week Girls	This Week Boys	**2025-26 Girls**	**2025-26 Boys**	2024-2025 Girls	2024–2025 Boys
Year 7	91.6%	97.5%	93.7%	93.7%	92.2%	90.5%
Year 8	93.4%	95.6%	91.4%	91.4%	88.2%	91.4%
Year 9	83.1%	89.5%	86.1%	91.9%	87.2%	89.7%
Year 10	88.3%	82.3%	88.8%	90.3%	85.0%	88.0%
Year 11	81.0%	83.8%	84.7%	86.2%	88.0%	90.2%
Total	87.8%	90.0%	89.3%	90.9%	88.2%	90.1%

House Points 2025-2026

45555 points

44314 points

43078 points

PE Activities

Following suggestions from our Pupil Leadership we are looking to make some changes to our lunchtime clubs. Please scan the qr code below or click the link to share your views.

Pupil Voice - Lunchtime Clubs – Fill in form

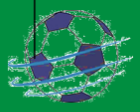
PE ACTIVITIES: 20th – 24th April

Monday 20th April	Tuesday 21st April	Wednesday 22nd April	Thursday 23rd April	Friday 24th April
Athletics: Y8-11 Pick Up: 4pm	Primary School Netball Tournament GCSE Health & Social Revision Pick Up: 4pm	Rounders: All Years Pick Up: 4pm	Parents Evening GCSE PE Revision Pick Up: 4pm	Girls Football: All Years Pick Up: 4pm Basketball: Year 9 Pick Up: 4pm

Please note: Pick up times shown for all activities are from Brynmawr Foundation School

SPORTS LUNCHTIME CLUBS
20th – 24th April

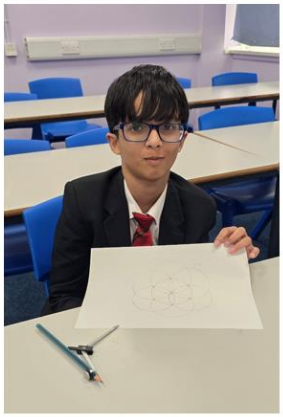
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Badminton KS3 Football	Y9&10 Dodgeball	Just Dance Basketball	*No Clubs*	Y7&8 Dodgeball Darts

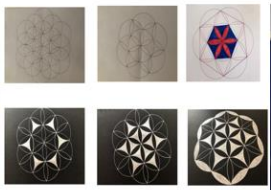


Yellow activities – Boys Gym Blue activities – Girls Gym

As we enter the new term, our Pi Squad Maths Club is full of enthusiasm and eagerness to discover interesting facts related to mathematics. This week we worked on constructing a hexagon using a compass and a ruler. In addition to learning new geometric concepts, there was also space to make use of our artistic skills.
We invite everyone to join us every Friday during lunchtime in room B6.

Congratulations to Sayon Nambukara Gamage, who took part in the Blaenau Gwent Maths Competition and received a distinction.
Well done for representing the school so excellently.





GRT HISTORY MONTH

– SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

To celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRI) History Month, schools across BG are invited to participate in a creative art competition that promotes inclusion, cultural awareness, and positive representation of GRT communities.

Theme Options

- Our Journeys, Our Stories
- Homes & Belonging
- Proud of My Culture
- Hidden Histories
- Community & Togetherness

This could include traditional wagons, trailers, camps, houses, symbols, important GRI figures, stories or contributions to history that are less w...

1st Prize – £40 Amazon Voucher

2nd Prize – £30 Amazon Voucher

3rd Prize – £20 Amazon Voucher

Submit your entries to Miss Flyng or Mrs J Williams by 27th April 2026

Literature for the month of April

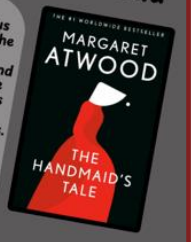
Our theme for this month is: Dystopia

For the younger readers

The second prequel to The Hunger Games Trilogy, it delves into themes of political manipulation, the power of propaganda, and societal control under a totalitarian regime. As the 50th Hunger Games unfold, the story explores survival, moral compromise, and the quiet beginnings of resistance that will shape Panem's future.

A classic must-read

Set in Gilead, a totalitarian, religious state that replaced the USA after an environmental crisis and low birth rates, fertile women are enslaved as "Handmaids" to bear children for elite couples. The narrator, Offred, navigates survival, slavery, and forbidden resistance while longing for her lost family.



Some Non-Fiction

An award-winning investigation into the intense, high-stakes battle between tech giants, particularly OpenAI and Google's DeepMind, to develop artificial general intelligence. It explores the dangers of rapid, unchecked AI development, including systemic bias, job losses, and potential existential risks, with regulation lagging far behind the race to create "god-like" systems.

In Poetry Corner

The Second Coming - William Butler Yeats

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi
Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

Mathematics Revision Timetable

Year 10 & 11

Year 11 Mathematics Revision

After School – From 23.2.26

- **Higher Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30 Wednesday, **Room B5**
- **Intermediate Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Monday, Room B6 *(Begins 26.1.26)*
  - Wednesday, Room B3
- **Foundation Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Thursday, Room B4

Year 10 Mathematics Revision

After School – From 23.2.26

- **Higher Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30 Wednesday, **Room B5**
- **Foundation Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Thursday, Room B4

Lunchtime Revision

- **Thursday, Room B3**

Drop-in session for any problem questions/topics during independent revision

Year 10: Unit 1 Poetry Revision

THURSDAYS IN C4
FROM 16 MARCH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

TABOUR YOUTH CLUB BRYNMAWR

Year Groups 7 & 8
Every Monday 6pm - 8pm

ART AND CRAFT

Express yourself and unleash your skills

POOL/DODGEBALL

Love to challenge your friends in a friendly game

QUIZ TIME

GAMING OPPORTUNITIES

HANG OUT WITH YOUR MATES

COOKING

GAMES, CHALLENGES

Table Tennis

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