Monday 22nd June – Week 2

Key Dates & Information

INSET Days	20/07/2026
Coleg Gwent Open Events	June 23rd 5pm – 7.30pm
Transition Evening Year 6 Pupils	25/06/2026
Trip to North Wales	22/06/2026 – 24/06/2026
Year 10 Geography Field Trip	03/07/2026 – CHANGED DATE

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….?

BFS

PE

Humanities

ALN

Resource Base

Technology

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an extremely busy week this week with so many great opportunities taking place for our pupils. Our Y10 pupils were invited to attend a STEM college taster day at the HIVE in Ebbw Vale where they worked with carbon fibre, car engines and studied the aerodynamics of a model car! Some of our Y7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in an archaeological dig at the CAER Heritage centre where they unearthed medieval pottery and other amazing objects from the past - feedback from staff running both events stated that the pupils were fantastically well behaved and a credit to their parents and our school.

Today all staff have taken part in an INSET day where much of the focus has been around evaluating and planning for further opportunities for our pupils to experience more exciting events and make further progress with their learning. We are looking forward excitedly to that.

Next week we welcome our Y6 pupils who will be joining us from September - we have two jam packed days planned for them where they will get to experience even more about life at Brynmawr Foundation School.

Gerard McNamara

Attendance Form of the week

7EF

Most improved attendance award goes to **8JHA**

Weekly Attendance Figures 8TH June 2026

	This Week Girls	This Week Boys	**2025-26 Girls**	**2025-26 Boys**	2024-2025 Girls	2024–2025 Boys
Year 7	88.3%	91.2%	93.0%	93.3%	91.7%	90.9%
Year 8	85.5%	90.2%	90.5%	91.4%	88.2%	91.6%
Year 9	83.8%	91.5%	86.1%	92.0%	85.9%	89.3%
Year 10	86.5%	84.8%	88.9%	90.3%	85.5%	87.9%
Year 11						
Total	86.2%	89.6%	90.0%	91.8%	88.0%	90.0%

House Points 2025-2026

54355 points

53884 points

51137 points

CLWB CYMRAEG

'YSGOL BRYNMAWR'

PRYD? / WHEN?
Dinner time –
Every TUESDAY

AMSER / TIME
1:05 - 1:40

OEDRAN / AGE
YR. 7+

BLE? / WHERE?
CLASSROM - C6

URDD GOBAITH CYMRU

Brynmawr Foundation School
Ysgol Sylfaenol

Cymraeg

Ieuenctid a Chymuned

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- GAMES / GEMAU
- CELF A CHREFFT / ARTS AND CRAFTS
- QUIZ & BINGO
- PRIZES/ GWOBRAU
- WELSH / CYMRAEG

A MWY / AND MORE!

For more information - Please speak to Mrs Went

DIOLCH YN FAWR! 🙂

Brynmawr Foundation School

EISTEDDFOD

A celebration of talent, culture and creativity!

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

COMPETITIONS INCLUDE:

- Welsh, French and Spanish poetry recital
- Musical performance
- Dance performance
- Drama performance
- Hyrox competition
- Sporting hero competition
- Gymnastics
- Poetry writing
- Art competition
- Humanities and Science and Maths competitions

SUGARLOAF

SKIRRID

BLORENGE

Take part. Give your best. Be proud.

EVERY TALENT. EVERY VOICE. EVERYONE.

PE ACTIVITIES: 22nd - 26th June

Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
Athletics: All Years Pick Up: 4pm	Y10 Rugby 7s @ Ebbw Fawr Leave school 9.30am Return in time for school buses	U13 Girls Football Tournament @Brynmawr Pick Up: 4pm Boys Football v Newbridge (A) Pick Up: 5.15pm	Athletics Cup Competition: Y7-10 @ Leckwith Stadium Leave school 8.30am Pick Up: 4.15pm	Badminton: All years Pick up: 4pm

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

SPORTS LUNCHTIME CLUBS
22nd - 26th June

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

Yellow activities – Boys Gym Blue activities – Girls Gym

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to eligible learners who attend school full-time. This includes:

A pupil may be able to get free school meals if their parent receives one or more of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (as long as the annual net earned household income is less than £7,400, not including benefits).

You can learn more about free school meals on the Welsh Government Website

How to Apply

If you think you may be entitled to a free school meal for your child, please complete an online application below.

Apply Now

What happens next

The local authority will contact you and let the school know when your child is eligible for free school meals.

Contact Information

Name of Team: Benefits
Email: benefits@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or telephone 01495 311556

If you need any support with applications or queries around free school meals, please contact the school on 01495 310527

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be eligible if your yearly income is **less than £7,400,** or if you get:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit

Eligibility could unlock help with:

- **School uniforms**
- **School trips**
- **Water bills**

IMPORTANT

All primary school children in Wales get universal free meals. You **MUST** still apply to unlock extra help and support.

Getting means-tested Free School Meals?
No need to reapply unless things change!

Help starts by **scanning the QR code**. Leave your contact details and we will get back to you.

A little advice can help a lot!

Our Schools Family Advice Service is **free and confidential**

citizensadvicecbg.org.uk/schools

SCHOOL ESSENTIALS GRANT

Who may be eligible

- Children in reception to Year 11
- Households receiving means-tested benefits
- Children who receive Free School Meals

You could get

- £125 per child
- £200 for Year 7 starters
- Extra funding for schools
- Support with school trips

To be used for

- School uniforms
- School equipment
- Digital learning
- Trips and activities

Applying for the grant **WILL NOT** affect your benefits

Getting means-tested free school meals? No need to apply!

You will **automatically** get the School Uniform Grant

A little advice can help a lot - Speak to an adviser to see if you are eligible and for help applying.

Scan the QR code to find a way that suits you

citizensadvicecbg.org.uk/schools

Literature for the month of June

Our theme for this month is: Pride

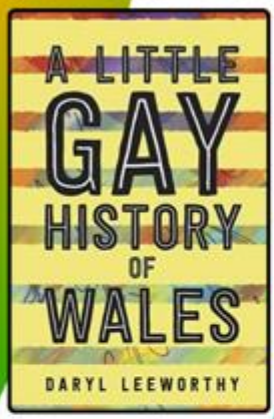
For the younger readers

A coming-of-age young adult novel in verse that follows Michael, a mixed-race, gay boy growing up in London. Struggling to fit in between his Jamaican and Greek-Cypriot cultures, he wrestles with race, sexuality and belonging, ultimately discovering a empowering sense of self and community through university drag shows.

A classic must-read

An American in 1950s Paris, awaiting the return of his fiancée from Spain, embarks on an intense affair with an Italian barman while struggling to accept his own sexuality. It sparked outrage at the time as a black author writing about white gay men but has now become a milestone of gay writing.

Some Non-Fiction



A Little Gay History of Wales tells the compelling story of Welsh LGBTQ+ life from the Middle Ages to the present day. Drawing on a rich array of historical sources from, together with oral testimony and material culture, this pioneering study is the first to examine the experiences of prejudice and intolerance, emigration and isolation, the HIV/AIDS crisis and the impact of the Section 28 legislation.

Brynmawr Foundation School Ysgol Sylfaenol

In Poetry Corner

A Litany for Survival - Audre Lorde

For those of us who live at the shoreline
standing upon the constant edges of decision
crucial and alone
for those of us who cannot indulge
the passing dreams of choice
who love in doorways coming and going
in the hours between dawns
looking inward and outward
at once before and after
seeking a now that can breed futures
like bread in our children's mouths
so their dreams will not reflect
the death of ours;

For those of us who were imprinted with fear
like a faint line in the center of our foreheads
learning to be afraid with our mother's milk
for by this weapon
this illusion of some safety to be found
the heavy-footed hoped to silence us
For all of us this instant and this triumph
We were never meant to survive.

And when the sun rises we are afraid
it might not remain when the sun sets we are afraid
it might not rise in the morning
when our stomachs are full
we are afraid of indigestion
when our stomachs are empty we are afraid
we may never eat again
when we are loved we are afraid love will vanish
when we are alone we are afraid
love will never return and when we speak we are
afraid our words will not be heard
nor welcomed but when we are silent
we are still afraid

So it is better to speak remembering
we were never meant to survive.

Staff Emails

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