Monday 6th July – Week 2

Key Dates & Information

INSET Days	20/07/2026
Transition Evening Year 6 Pupils	09/07/2026
Sports Day	06/07/2026
Careers Week	06/07/2026
Trip to France	07/07/2026 – 10/07/2026

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**

Attendance

Weekly Attendance Figures 22nd June 2026

	This Week Girls	This Week Boys	**2025-26 Girls**	**2025-26 Boys**	2024-2025 Girls	2024–2025 Boys
Year 7	89.9%	86.5%	92.9%	93.2%	91.3%	90.8%
Year 8	84.7%	80.9%	90.4%	91.2%	88.0%	91.4%
Year 9	71.6%	82.2%	85.7%	91.9%	85.9%	89.2%
Year 10	75.0%	84.0%	88.6%	90.2%	85.4%	87.9%
Year 11						
Total	81.7%	83.4%	89.8%	91.7%	87.8%	89.9%

House Points 2025-2026

54344 points

54228 points

51407 points

Literature for the month of July

Our theme for this month is: Globetrotting

For the younger readers

In Jules Verne's 1873 classic wealthy English gentleman Phileas Fogg wagers his club members £20,000 that he can circumnavigate the globe in 80 days. Accompanied by his new valet, Passepartout, he faces numerous perilous obstacles and a bumbling detective who mistakenly suspects him of bank robbery.

A classic must-read

Marco Polo was a Venetian merchant and explorer. His voyages began in 1271 with a visit to China, after which he served Chinese Emperor Kublai Khan. He describes experiences of unfamiliar religions, customs and societies; spices and silks of the East; precious gems, exotic vegetation and wild beasts of faraway lands.

Some Non-Fiction

This follows the real life story of Beryl Markham growing up in Kenya (then British East Africa) in the early 1900s, her careers as racehorse trainer and bush pilot. She was the first woman in East Africa to be granted a commercial pilot's license, as well as the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west, the way considered far more dangerous due to the prevailing winds.

In Poetry Corner

When we got to the beach
Hollie McNish

I screamed
sprinted to the sea
flung off shoes and socks
ran towards imagined heaving waves
and jumped each tiny trickle that I found there
with just the same excitement

you stayed back
took your socks off more timidly
giggled at your stupid mother
eventually took my hand

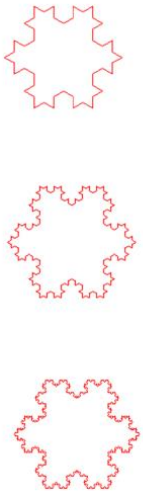
we jumped together
and we jumped together
and we jumped together

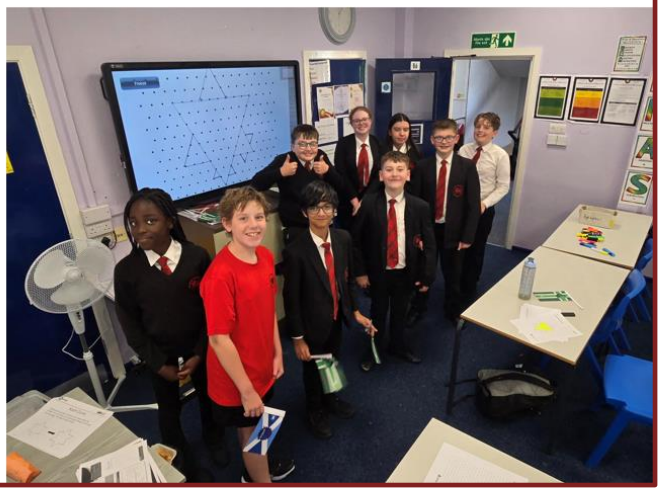
three hours later
collapsing on our backs
we made angels in the sand

the seaside always made me
want to scream

now
with you
I can

Once again, during a meeting of our **Pi Squad Maths Club**, we are working on fractals. This time it is the **Koch Curve**. We managed to construct one of them and learn about its properties and interesting structure.
See you on Friday during lunch in room B6.





Junior Kangaroo

Congratulations to our Year 8 student – **Rory J**, who has been awarded a Bronze achievement in the nationwide Junior Kangaroo Mathematics competition.

This is an excellent result, reflecting Rory's hard work and outstanding mathematical ability. We are very proud and thank him for representing our school in this prestigious competition.

Well done Rory !!!

UK Maths Trust

PE ACTIVITIES: 6th – 10th July

Monday 6th July	Tuesday 7th July	Wednesday 8th July	Thursday 9th July	Friday 10th July
		Boys Football: Y7 & 8 Pick up: 4pm	District Minors Athletics Competition: Y7 & 9 @ Leckwith Stadium Leave school 8.30am Pick Up: 4pm Girls Football Pick Up: 4pm	Badminton: All years Pick up: 4pm

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

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

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

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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

HALF DAYS £14

FULL DAYS £20

21ST – 24TH JULY 2026

8:30AM – 4:30PM
DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4–14

BRYNMAWR FOUNDATION SCHOOL, NP23 4XT

WHAT TO EXPECT

- FUN & ENGAGING SESSIONS
- SKILLS, GAMES & TOURNAMENTS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS & BUILD CONFIDENCE
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- BRING WATER, SNACKS & SHIN PADS

LIMITED SPACES – BOOK NOW!

BOOK ONLINE: WEMAKEFOOTBALLERS.COM/BRYNMAWR/HOLIDAY-CAMPS

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