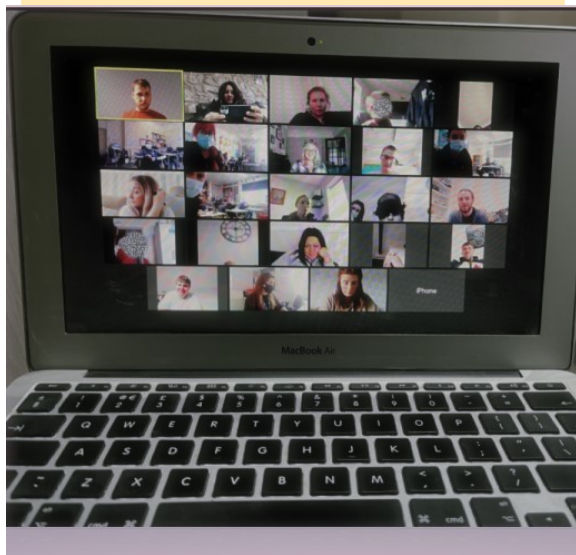


Blended learning at Bryn Tirion Hall School continued over the Spring term for a small number of learners with live lessons and See-saw. We loved getting together with our remote learners and school staff for our weekly reward meetings using zoom. This has helped our learners feel a sense of community.



School Inset Days this Term

- 9 Staff trained in level 3 waterside safety through the Royal Life Saving Society. This taught them knowledge and skills of water safety to make sure our learners have the outdoor experiences, understanding of risk assessment and fun that can help them take measured decisions and manage risk as well as taking part in physical activities.
- Speech and Language Support Training (ELKLAN) was moved to online sessions after school. This has supported staff to improve their knowledge and understanding of speech and language development so they can continue to support our learners to make the most progress they can.



School Improvement

Education is changing in Wales and at Bryn Tirion Hall we are excited to announce that we will be planning a new curriculum up to year 8 and a new qualifications offer from year 9 and above to start from September 2021.

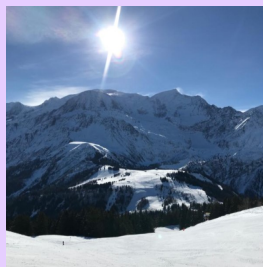
We will continue to make sure learning will include skills and experiences, as well as knowledge, however teachers will have more freedom to teach in ways they feel will have the best outcomes for their learners. Please have a look at Welsh Government website <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/> for further information.

We would love your input as well. If you would like to be part of developing our new curriculum please contact school.

We will be sure to keep you updated on this exciting development.

Skiing Update!

Current plan is for a return to Chamonix over a 4-week period, hopefully starting January 2022.



New Mobile phone rules

After Easter holidays we have tightened up our rules around mobile phones and devices. Our aim is to help our learners to develop responsible behaviour, improved focus and improve their social interactions. These will be sent to all families to read and prepare their children.



Outdoor Classroom

For bespoke support to create learning driven by the 4 Purposes contact us enquiries@impact.wales

THE 4 PURPOSES of Curriculum for Wales

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- Why do we need the 4 Purposes for Curriculum for Wales?
 - to set a common mission for all teachers & leaders.
 - to support teachers & leaders to make appropriate choices about curriculum content & pedagogy
- How should schools be using the 4 Purposes statements?
 - as a set of guiding principles to aid planning decisions.
 - as an evaluation tool to identify pupils' greatest needs.
- Create a curriculum driven by the 4 Purposes:-
 - know which of the 4 Purposes pupils need the most
 - create teaching & learning that addresses those needs
 - support pupils to **progress** in those areas

The 4 Purposes of Curriculum for Wales are underpinned by:

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| Principles enshrined by UNITED NATIONS Convention on the Rights of the Child | Welsh Language and Culture | Principles of inclusive education | Community & civic role of schools | Health & well-being of pupils |
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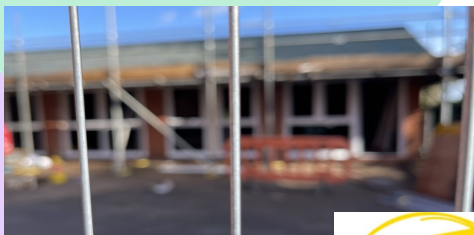
National Story Telling Week - and World Book Day

This complemented our whole school aim to improve reading and promote reading for pleasure. Lots of stories, dress up and an extreme reading competition. Some of the pictures of the day and winners below. We are pleased to announce significant progress in reading across the school.



New Dining facilities at Bersham

Currently it is expected this will be ready after Easter for Maya, our chef, to continue to prepare healthy and wholesome meals for our learners.



Children's Mental Health

Week— all our learners were asked to complete a questionnaire. Most learners were missing their friends and staff. This has helped us to make sure we aim to get all learners back into school as soon as possible with extra support for some.



Chinese New Year Celebrations



Careers and Work Related Education (CWRE)

Y 9 Careers Interviews

Despite lockdown our Year 9 interviews are nearly completed! As pupils transition into their GCSE curriculum and vocational qualifications we spend time individually with each one to determine a bespoke pathway through their final 2 years of compulsory education. This is to ensure we are fully aware of each pupils aspirations, their strengths and interests, to guide them onto the best possible outcome when they leave us, whether that be 6th form at BTH, college, an apprenticeship or any other option. We have budding scientists, teachers and zookeepers among us, to name but a few!

School Links

Working collaboratively with our local college Coleg Cambria, our new Enrichment project goes from strength to strength with selected pupils from year 10 & 11 attending college one day a week to familiarise themselves with Further Education, gain a qualification and prepare them for their post 16 options. Offering vocations from Catering to IT, Welding to Animal Care, our pupils are flourishing with this amazing opportunity, and all current Year 11s on the programme have now been accepted onto full time college courses next year!



Starting young, exploring what interests you!

Pupil Leaders held a competition to raise awareness of LGBT month to help our learners to respect the rights of others and let everyone know we welcome, support and celebrate diversity at Bryn Tirion Hall School. Congratulations to Mackenzie who produced the winning logo. This will now be added to our website.



External Leadership continue to help our learners explore, take risks safely and have fun.