



Bryn Coch Primary School

A Guide to Year 3

The adventure continues...



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Welcome to Year 3!



Mr Oldfield, Miss Holland, Mrs Fleming and I will be welcoming your child into Year 3 in September. We aim to make the transition from Foundation Phase to Key Stage 2 as smooth and as stress free as possible for all!

This booklet contains information given we would normally give during the Induction Evening but this year, the evening will not be taking place. If you have any further questions you will be able to ask these during the Q and A session online (information on this will be given)

Discussing the positive aspects of the move will encourage your child to approach his or her new class with greater confidence and enthusiasm.

We all look forward to working with you in September.
Yours sincerely

Mr I Hussain
Head of Year 3



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Mr J Oldfield



Miss G Holland



Mrs L Mikolajewicz



Mrs C Fleming

Bryn Coch Mission Statement

To achieve the highest possible standards by creating a happy, nurturing environment whilst maintaining the "warmth" that is at the heart of Bryn Coch.

Chwarae, Dysgu, Hwyl a Sbri

Maths

In Year 3 children are put into one of three maths groups according to their general ability and their individual learning styles. This is based on the results of standardised tests and previous teacher assessment carried out in Year 2. Your child will already have some experience of this type of grouping, but there is flexibility within the system and there is movement between groups when necessary. Your child will find out which group they are in when they return to school in September. You will be informed of any changes that are being considered throughout the year.

English

Similar to Maths we now, in Key Stage 2, have three English groups to help meet the needs of each individual child. This is based on the results of standardised tests and previous teacher assessment. There is flexibility within the system, and movement between groups when necessary. Your child will find out which group they are in when they return to school in September.

Reading

Reading books will be given appropriate to the children's reading age and this will be checked regularly. Children will be allocated books levels which give them an element of choice. A reading record will be given in order to monitor home and school individual reading. Please note pages read on a particular date, sign and make a comment if you wish. Children are encouraged to read daily at home and change their book when they have finished it.

- **Please remember that it is not a race to complete a book. Encourage your child to discuss the story and characters.**





Homework

Homework is set each half term to be completed by the last week in the half term. Children are asked to complete **at least** 3 out of 6 tasks set. Some of the homework can be presented on paper, whilst others might simply be practised and uploaded to Seesaw. Additional homework will be set if necessary.

Seesaw

Seesaw is an excellent tool and many of you will be aware of it as it has been used in in Year 2. We will be using Seesaw as a tool to display children's work for you to see as well as a communication.

Please note that any absences will need to be reported to the school office via and NOT on Seesaw.

Benefits of Using Seesaw

Students - can use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio.

Teachers – are able to create activities to share with students which can be completed with increased engagement.

Families – are able to see their children's work and leave comments and encouragement.

Daily Timetable

8:40 am School doors open for children to come into school.

8:50 am

School begins

All children should be in their classrooms by this time to start the school day.

10:30 am - 10:45 am Break

Fruit will be available for £1.50 per week pay-able on a Monday in advance.

12:05 pm - 1:00 pm Dinner

Children will be use to this process as it is the same in Year 2. You will be able to make your choice with your children before they come into school.

1:55 pm - 2:10 pm Break

3.20 pm End of school day

Please wait on the playground away from the Year 3 door so that the Year 3 entrance can remain clear.



TOP TIP

**REMEMBER TO CONTACT SCHOOL VIA PARENTMAIL IF
YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

Things to bring

- Pencils
 - Rubber and sharpener
 - Felt pens and coloured pencils
 - Berol handwriting pen—blue (when needed later in the year)
 - Small pencil case!
 - Reading folder with reading book, reading record and spelling log in daily
 - PE bag (will be told which days they have PE)
- **Please ensure that any items or letters are kept separate from drinks and food.**

Topics

- Term 1 -** *History based topic – The Celts/Europe*
Children will have an opportunity to visit Groundwork Education Centre to bring to life their history-based topic of the Celts. Children will take part in workshops, view the Celtic galleries and become a Celt for the day.
- Term 2 -** *Geography based topic - Natural Disasters*
Children learn about a variety of different natural disasters such as volcanos, earthquakes and hurricanes etc. Children will also get to experience a hands on natural disaster workshop.
- Term 3 -** *Science based topic - Living Things*
Children will visit Alyn Waters Country Park which forms part of their Geography, Science and PE topic work allowing children to learn in a hands-on manner. During the day they will become garden detectives and will be looking at plants and how they grow. They will also undertake some orienteering as well as spending time completing forest school activities.

Each term we will have a literacy focus. This means that we will select a text to accompany the work we do across the curriculum. Further details of these texts will be given to you on our termly newsletters. A copy of each newsletter will be available to view on the School website (www.ysgolbryncoch.com / Children / Year Group / Year3) together with other useful information.



PE and Games

Each week your child will have a games lesson outdoors with the whole year group and an indoor session within their individual classes, which you will be told about in September. Your child will also have the opportunity to participate in swimming sessions and more information will be provided on this in due course.

Year 3 PE & Sports Check List

- The Bryn Coch blue sports t-shirt, P.E fleece, black shorts, Bryn Coch kit bags (optional);
- Appropriate P.E. kit for winter (black jogging bottoms can be worn in the winter)
- No outdoor shoes to be worn in the gym -plimsolls or bare feet;
- Football boots are advisable for the field;
- Swimming - girls all in one swimsuit and trunks for boys (no bikinis or Bermuda-type shorts);
- No goggles for swimming;
- No jewellery;
- No earrings;
- Long hair to be tied back for P.E. and swimming lessons.

Extra-curricular sporting activities are open to all pupils unless stipulated otherwise. Consent letters must be completed (normally given at the beginning of autumn term and before Easter for the summer term).



TOP TIP
REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL KIT & PERSONAL PROPERTY!



School Communication & Absences

- Please remember to contact the school office *via the ParentMail App* or by phone if your child is absent from school. If no reason is given the mark is recorded as unauthorised.
- In order to reduce paper, in general, most communication from school will be by email or text; please remember to provide up-to-date details. You can also view information via Twitter @Year3BC, @ysgolbryncoch, @CochHT and the School website.

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

Taking a holiday during term time, seriously affects your child's attendance and in turn their attainment. Any such absences are at the discretion of the Headteacher.

If an unauthorised holiday is taken, this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being served. A fixed penalty notice can be given for a student who has 20 unauthorised absences from school. Persistent lateness will be counted towards unauthorised absences.

Attendance should be a priority. If there are any problems please contact school immediately.

Details you may wish to note:

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2 nd September	Thursday 21 st October
	Monday 1 st November	Tuesday 21 st December
Spring Term 2022	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February
	Monday 28 th February	Thursday 8 th April
Summer Term 2022	Tuesday 26 th April	Friday 27 th May
	Monday 6 th June	Friday 19 th July

Training Days*	Bank Holiday
01.09.21* 22.10.21* 22.12.21* 25.04.22* 20.07.22*	02.05.22

***Please note training days can be subject to change. WG have said we may have an additional training day 2021/22 – date to be confirmed.**