

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

End / Diwedd: Friday 27th March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27^{ain} Mawrth 2026

Week Beginning - Monday 16th March - Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday	Unit 2 Welsh Orals	
Wednesday	Unit 2 Welsh Orals	SCHOOL PRODUCTION - 7 p.m.
Thursday	Unit 2 Welsh Orals	SCHOOL PRODUCTION - 7 p.m.
Friday		SCHOOL PRODUCTION - 7 p.m.

Week Beginning - Monday 23rd March - Week 2

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 11 Exam Information Evening
Wednesday		
Thursday	Drama Unit 2	
Friday	Drama Unit 2	

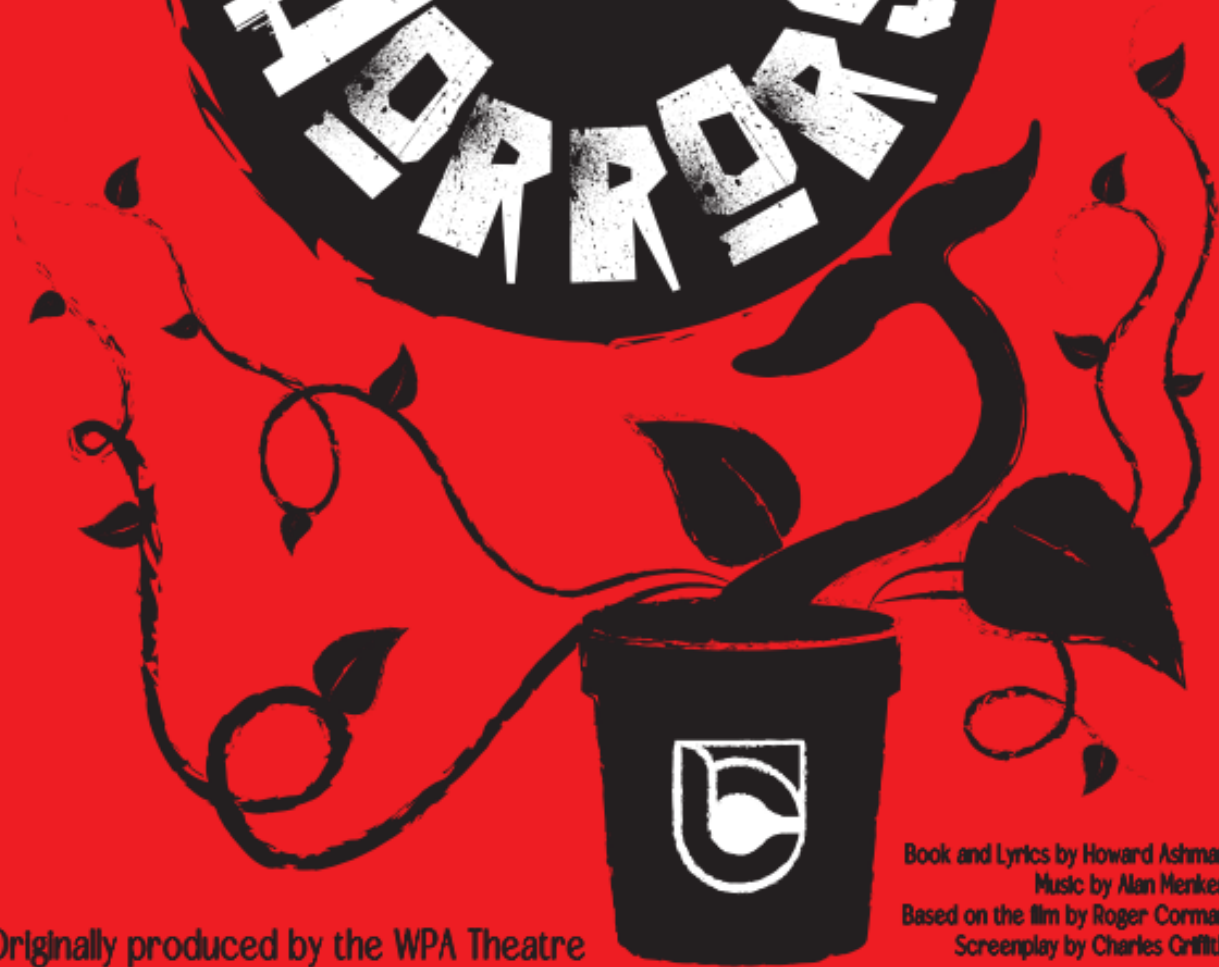
YSGOL CWM BROMBIL PRESENTS

18th – 20th March 2026 Tickets – £10

Doors Open – 6:30pm
Show Starts – 7pm

Tickets available to purchase via
ParentPay or the school office.

Tel: 01639 760110



Originally produced by the WPA Theatre

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman
Music by Alan Menken
Based on the film by Roger Corman
Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Ski Trip

During the February half term, a group of Year 11 and Year 7 pupils travelled to Austria for another fantastic school ski trip. It was a hugely successful week on the slopes, with students showing excellent commitment and making impressive progress in their skiing throughout the trip. From beginners finding their confidence to more experienced skiers refining their technique and exploring the wider mountain, it was great to see everyone challenging themselves and improving day by day.



Evenings were just as enjoyable as the time spent on the mountain. One of the highlights of the week was our fancy dress night at the bowling alley, which brought plenty of laughs and some very creative and colourful costumes. Pupils also had the chance to enjoy sledging and swimming in the evenings, making the most of the full winter experience.

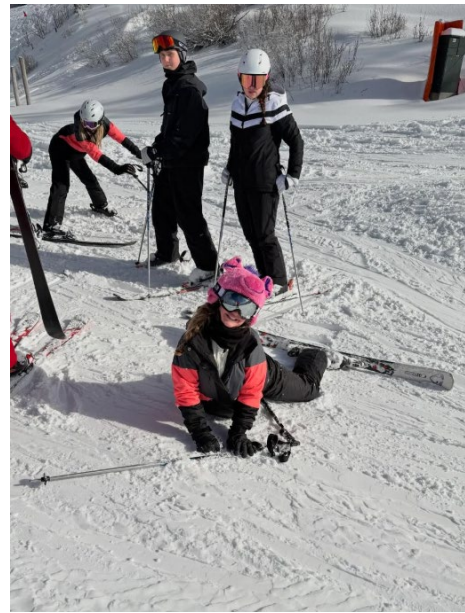
The trip finished with our rewards night, where we celebrated the achievements, effort and positive attitude shown by students throughout the week. It was a brilliant way to round off another successful ski trip.

We are already looking forward to getting back on the slopes during the Easter holidays with students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

There is also an exciting ski trip planned for December 2026 for students in Years 7-10. If you would like more information, please go and see Mr Hopkins.

For updates and information about our school ski trips, please follow @ycb_skiing on Instagram





Sporting Success



Cricket

Well done to the U13s Cricket girls who played today. Great leadership from AH and communication on the cricket pitch



Badminton

The culmination of another good badminton season was had in the regional finals in Cardiff for our yr 7/8 and 9/10 teams this week. High standard of play and our pupils relished the opportunity! Great work everyone and well done on making it this far. Big thanks to Mr Mann in again producing great teams



Basketball

Great day out for our Yr11 Basketball team today. Not only did they reach the South Wales 6th Form Finals but they more than held their own while playing against their older opposition. Led by their talisman Anderson who put up some huge numbers for points, rebounds and assists the whole team did themselves and the school proud. Great effort lads.



Netball

A big well done to our Year 9 Netball team who took part in today's tournament. Your effort, teamwork and determination on court was fantastic to see.

Every match is a chance to learn and grow, and there are lots of positives to take away from today as you continue to develop your skills.

Great effort today, girls – keep working hard!



BROMBIL BLOKES

DADS & KIDS OUTDOOR CLUB

Brombil Blokes is a relaxed outdoor group run by volunteer Tom for dads, grandads, male carers and their children. We get outdoors, try things like bushcraft, woodwork and building, and enjoy some fresh air together.



Fancy coming along?

Meet Tom outside the Cwtch Café at Ysgol Cwm Brombil School at 2pm.

We meet every second Saturday of the month - first session March 14th.

If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Knowledge Organiser Challenges

A huge congratulations to every single Year 7 and Year 8 pupil who achieved an award for the Knowledge Organiser Challenges. These pupils went above and beyond expectations, completing challenges independently in their own time. The calibre of some of these challenges was outstanding, they were a real pleasure to see!

Well done to you all and we look forward to awarding more certificates and badges before the Summer holidays, for the next set of challenges, which will be released at Easter.





Welcome to Y Cwtsh – Your Community Eatery!

Y Cwtsh is a warm and welcoming space right at the heart of our community. Freshly cooked meals are served every day, whether you'd like to sit in and relax or grab something tasty to take away. We are open 7 days a week, serving delicious all-day breakfasts, hearty meals, and tempting sweet treats to suit everyone.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 7.00pm

Weekends: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Our sweet treats include luxury doughnuts, alongside other delicious goodies – perfect with a hot drink or as an after-school treat!

There's something extra special for our pupils too – all pupils receive 10% discount off everything on the menu. Just let us know you're from the school and enjoy your savings.

Feeling creative?

Try our popular Create Your Own Milkshake option! Simply choose your favourite chocolate bar and we'll blend it into a delicious, customised milkshake just for you.

We also offer daily specials, so be sure to ask our friendly staff for more information about what's available each day.



Y Cwtsh is open to everyone in the community and stays open throughout the school holidays, making it the perfect place to meet friends and family.

We are proud to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy great food at great prices. Whether you're stopping by for breakfast, lunch, a sweet treat, or a milkshake made just the way you like it, we look forward to seeing you at Y Cwtsh soon!

Swallowing pills - 6 easy steps!

1. Find a safe, comfortable place with no distractions.



2. Let the child choose their drink. This should always be given in a sports bottle or through a straw.



3. Start with the smallest practice pill or sweet. (These can range from 100's and 1000's up to jelly bean sized!)



4. Place the pill in the middle of the tongue.



Don't throw your head back!

5. Seal lips around the bottle/straw and take 3 gulps without stopping.



6. Try another! Practice makes perfect!



Top Tips!

- Be firm and consistent but avoid punishments and threats.
- Give positive reinforcement! It really helps them to see how pleased you are that they have taken their medicine
- Make pill taking part of their daily routine i.e. breakfast, pills, brush teeth.
- Try to administer their medication at the same time each day where possible.
- Avoid thick liquids
- Give the child control by letting them choose which medication to take first.
- Try not to bargain or bribe.
- Use food to help reduce bad tastes (follow swallow with a spoonful of yogurt or jelly).
- Avoid tricking the child with food (don't hide the tablet!).
- Make the process fun!

Symptoms Winter Vomiting Bug (Norovirus)

- Persistent Nausea (feeling sick)
- Persistent Vomiting (being sick)
- Persistent Diarrhoea
- High temperature
- Body aches and pains

Although called the Winter vomiting bug you can get it any time of year - seek medical advise and do not go to school, nursery or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 2 days



Vomiting once is often not a cause for concern and can be due to various common factors eg overindulgence; migraine; anxiety - this does not require non attendance

Reporting your child's absence

In order to improve our efficiency tracking absences, we have enabled the reporting absence option on ClassCharts. When you go into the ClassCharts Parent app for your child, you will now see an absences tab on the top. (scroll across if it is not immediately visible).

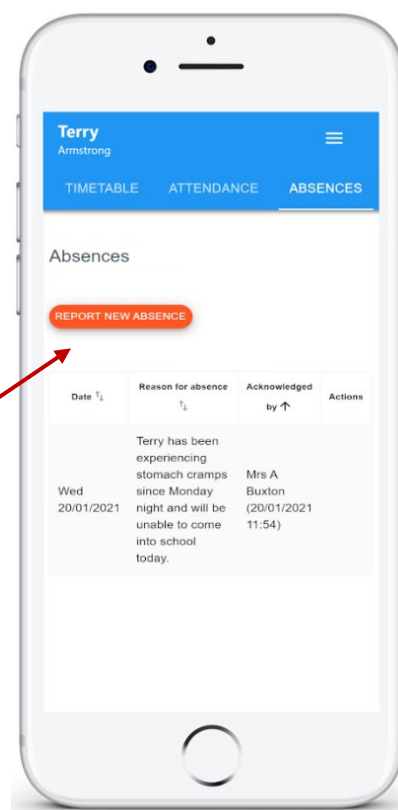
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the "Report new absence" button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the "Attach supporting Evidence" button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a member of staff.



Date of absence
26/01/2021

Reason for absence
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments
+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

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- Our members are all business professionals who refer business between each other. Discover how our community of business professionals can help your business connect and grow at our next meeting.
- Join our club for low-cost networking and growth opportunities. As an independent organisation, we focus on nurturing each other's businesses for mutual success.
- We meet every other Friday at YCB. Our meetings start at 7:30am and end at 9:30am. This includes breakfast rolls and pastries, with a choice of Tea or Coffee, along with an opportunity to network with local professionals from diverse industries.

This week's business in the spotlight:

Accountancy Solutions

At Accountancy Solutions, we believe that a strong town is built on the success of its local businesses. Operating from our office at Ty Dewin on Station Road, we are more than just your accountants—we are your neighbours.



Whether you are a sole trader in Aberavon or a growing limited company from Baglan, we understand the unique landscape of the Neath Port Talbot economy. Our mission is to take the "tax headache" away so you can focus on what you do best: running your business.

Why Choose a Local Partner? Navigating HMRC deadlines and ever-changing tax laws can feel like a maze. Having a partner-led firm just around the corner means:

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Get in Touch

If you're looking for an accountancy firm that truly understands Port Talbot, let's have a no-obligation chat about your business needs.

- **Visit Us:** Ty Dewin, 16 Station Rd, Port Talbot, SA13 1JB
- **Call:** 01639 887723
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YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SRING TERM 2026

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 27th MARCH

PLEASE NOTE!! – AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND PUPILS HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN TRANSPORT HOME. ALL CLUBS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AS FIXTURES WILL TAKE PRIORITY.

FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE COMPLETION TIMES OF THESE FIXTURES WILL VARY AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU.

LOTS OF CLUBS WITH BE CANCELLED DURING THE PERIOD OF 30th JANUARY - 13th FEBRUARY DUE TO INTERNAL SCHOOL EXAMS.

WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	NETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTS HALL
	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM/MULITGYM
TUESDAY	NETBALL	9, 10, 11	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS/TRAMPOLINING	Yr 11 GCSE ONLY (UNTIL 27th FEBRUARY)	SPORTSHALL/BACK GYM
	GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL YEARS	3G/GRASS
THURSDAY	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	ALL YEARS	BACK GYM/MULITGYM

WEEK 1 and 2 (LUNCH TIME)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	S+C	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM
TUESDAY (WEEK 2 ONLY)	BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/S+C	9,10,11	SPORTSHALL/BACKGYM
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL

For lunchtime activities pupils can wear school uniform or GET CHANGED if they choose. Pupils do not wear PE kit to school unless they have a practical PE lesson on the same day.

All clubs are also subject to cancellation if other school commitments take priority.

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts (links in the logos) and give them likes!



School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

All pupils Year 7 to 11		
Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.
<p>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</p>		
Physical Education		
Unisex T Shirt	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Rugby Jersey	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Shorts	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Socks	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Unisex ¼ zipped top	Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Plain black tracksuit bottoms	Optional available at any retail store	
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
<p>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</p>		

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via “Y Cwtch” our community Hub Café.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Term dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term, half term 1 2025-26	
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 th October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 th November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 st December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 th March 2026 - Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 th May 2025 - Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 st June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of half term 6, end of the school Year

