

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

## **Internet Safety**

Last week I thanked the parents who returned the questionnaire relating to online safety and mentioned that I would start to provide some helpful guidance while I was in the process of arranging an information meeting. The first information I would like to share is a really useful website that provides detailed instructions on how to put parental controls on your internet connection. The information is very clear and provided in a step by step format. It doesn't need much technical expertise, but does rely on you knowing certain usernames and passwords which your providers will give you if you can't find them. Keeping passwords secure from computer savvy teens is essential. The website is: <http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>. I consider myself very knowledgeable with technology, but this website taught me a lot about how to filter both broadband and mobile internet. This further website provides additional information and the rationale behind setting up controls: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>.

## **Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy**

I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed Mrs Taaffe as a Lunchtime Supervisor and she will be joining the team at Bryn Offa team shortly. We are looking to appoint a further lunchtime supervisor and if anyone would like to be considered for the post, please make direct contact with me by email ([head@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk)) or by telephoning the main school number.

## **School Family and Individual Photographs**



The photographer will be in school on the morning of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, to take individual and/or family pictures. Please return your confirmation slip if you wish your child to have their photograph taken and ensure that your child has his/her school sweatshirt with them in school on Monday. If you wish your child to have a picture taken with a pre-school sibling please come to the school hall at 8.45am.

## **Bikeability- Years 4 and 5** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Any bikes which are left in school overnight during the 4 day Bikeability training will be stored outside Classes 1 and 2 under the covered area. This area is covered by CCTV but it would be helpful if parents could provide bike locks so we can lock the bikes up at night.

Children taking part in Bikeability will need to come into school in normal school uniform and they will need to bring **Warm clothing** including **gloves** and **some wet weather clothing** e.g. waterproof coat and trousers (if possible). The training will continue in light to moderate rain but will be suspended if there is a heavy downpour.

**Flu Vaccinations**  
**Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils**

The School Nurse will be visiting school on Thursday next week to administer the flu vaccinations. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please return the consent form by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Children in Need**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**



To raise money for Children in Need we would like the children to come to school wearing something spotty on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** and to bring a small donation of e.g. 50p. If they are not able to wear something spotty, they will need to come to school dressed in normal school uniform.

**Next Week – Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday** during school- Bikeability (day 1 of 4) and individual and family photographs

**Monday** after school – Ju Jitsu and Choir

**Tuesday** during school – Bikeability (day 2 of 4) and guitar lessons

**Wednesday** during school - Bikeability (day 3 of 4), Wildlife Survival School for Class 2 (pm) and Hockey Festival at The Marches

**Thursday** during school – Bikeability (day 4 of 4), flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 4), Forest School for Class 1 (pm), Football Challenge Cup at The Venue

**Friday** during school –Children in Need (wear something spotty) and Swimming Lessons for Class 3 and Class 5



**Stars of the Week**



**Oliver Smith** for continuing to make huge progress through his hard work and motivation.

**Hector Owen** for working hard and for always having a smile on his face.

**George Lambert** for very enthusiastic reading of his new book.

**Elizabeth Ashton** for being very brave after hurting her finger.

**Reece Willis** for super work when writing a non-chronological report on Polar Bears. Reece took great care in his work and showed great concentration.

**Liam Evans** for preserving with his handwriting.

**Maddie Ashton** for always trying her best in phonics and for applying her phonics knowledge in her writing.

**Max Burgess** for taking a really mature approach to his learning and for always giving 100% in everything he does.

**Jen Park** for excellent planning skills used when writing her Indian folktale.

**Logan Price** for great recall and storytelling skills of his folktale.

**Josh Taaffe and Elsey-Mae Hanrahan** for super effort when testing out scientific enquiries in Class 3's friction experiment.

**Danny Price** for excellent progress in his writing. Danny wrote a lovely piece of writing entitled 'A Day in the Life of a Stone Age Child'.

**Ruby Richardson and George Owen** for excellent attitude and progress in Maths this week.

**Oliver Borthwick** for a sustained improvement in his work. Oliver always gives 100% in class and as a result is showing an increased understanding every day.

**Caitlin Perdell** for working incredibly hard on her long division this week. Caitlin now fully understands the concept and this was reflected in her arithmetic score.