

## **Bryn Offa Newsletter**

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

The Manager at The Cross Guns has reported that some parents are leaving rubbish on the Cross Guns carpark at the end of the day after collecting their children from Bryn Offa. They have been really kind in letting parents use their carpark but they have advised that if this continues to happen this will be stopped. Please be considerate and do not leave rubbish.



 **Bryn Offa Christmas Performance**   
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm and 6.00pm**

Miss Morris has now been through all the ticket requests for the Christmas performance. Tickets will be coming out to parents next week. There will also be a letter coming out regarding spare tickets so please keep your eye out for this if you require any.

If for some reason your child will not be able to attend any of the performances, please let us know

 **BOPA Secret Gift** 

If your child wishes to buy a BOPA secret gift for a family member, please return your order form and payment to the school office by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. A further copy of the letter and order form can be found on the school website.



### **Warm clothing**

It is starting to feel quite chilly now and it is important that the children bring warm outdoor clothing with them. Please ensure that your child brings a warm coat with them to school every day. If your child does not a coat with them in school then they may have to stay in at break time and lunch time. It may also be advisable for your child to also bring a scarf, hat and gloves just in case!

### **Choir**

Morton Minors will be entertaining the residents at Brook House in Treflach on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. They will be leaving school at 3.00pm, to arrive at Brook House by 3.30pm.

## **Bryn Offa's Autumn Sports Report**

It doesn't seem too long ago that the children arrived back at Bryn Offa from their Summer holidays, and it is often said that 'time flies when you're having fun.' This has certainly been the case for the Bryn Offa sports stars, who have taken the sporting fields across Oswestry by storm. Since September no fewer than 48 different pupils have represented the school, and every one of them can be proud of what they have achieved for both themselves and our school.

Seven different competitions have been entered with many pupils making their first appearance in Bryn Offa colours. The majority of these did so in our cross country team. In my opinion; the toughest test of any athlete. But with a squad of 28 Bryn Offa runners, our school was more than well represented. Special mentions to Jess Steel who secured a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in addition to Lily-Mae Owen, Isabelle Howard Elliott, Libby Williams, Dylan Keighley, and Harry Heard all of whom managed to finish inside the top 10, which is a wonderful achievement. The real highlight for me however, was seeing the sea of blue vests on the start line. Well done to all involved!

Another area where Bryn Offa has excelled is with our football teams. The Yr3/4 team finished a brilliant 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 teams in a recent competition with Finley McArdle displaying many examples of cool finishing. Our Year 5/6 team have taken part in two competitions, both held at The Venue. In the Autumn league, we managed to hold off all opposition to secure top spot – a first for the school. We then entered two teams in the Venue Challenge cup; the blue team finished a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> position in group B before the unstoppable red team won a very competitive final group to secure the trophy.

We have also sent a team to the hockey competition held at the Marches. These included several other debutants. By all accounts they played fantastically well all afternoon and improved with each game. Toby Hutton, Beau Creaser, Harrison Gillham, Emily Ellis and Owen Smith - you can all be very proud of yourselves.

The final fixture of the calendar year saw Bryn Offa visit Oswestry School for the annual Tag Rugby competition. After winning our incredibly tough group we progressed into the semi-finals where Gobowen School lay in wait. A lightning quick start ensured that Bryn Offa progressed 25-10 with Will Beckett scoring a brace of tries. The final was a real end to end affair. But, with some amazing passing and mazy running, Bryn Offa once again managed to edge it. The final score was Bryn Offa 30 – 25 Cockshutt. This now sees the team progress into round two of the school games.

Just writing this has made me out of breath! I would like to say a thank you to not only each pupil who has represented the school, but also to all of the children who have tried out for a team. As you can see, sport is a real strength of our school and this is down to the number of pupils who want to play it. Thank you also to parents who selflessly help by transporting children to and from events in addition to the vocal support you provide from the side lines. We now have so many trophies to display that Mr Thompson is currently looking into the cost of a cabinet!

I look forward to seeing you 'pitch-side' in the Spring!  
Mr Jones

## Next Week – Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Monday** after school – Ju Jitsu and Morton Minors performing at Brook House

**Tuesday** during school – Guitar lessons and Class 3 Fire Safety Talk

**Wednesday** during school – Wildlife Survival School for Class 2 (pm)

**Thursday** during school – Recorder club (during lunch)

Please note that Class 1 will not be doing Forest School on Thursday afternoon.



### Stars of the Week



**Beau McArdle** for making huge progress in all areas.

**Tyler Robinson-Scott** and **Elizabeth Ashton** for being able to discuss lots of different authors enthusiastically.

**Elliot Owen** for being able to do all of the actions for Little Rabbit Foo Foo during Talk for Writing.

**Rylan Beckett** for a fantastic nature poem using verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs.

**Perrie Evans** for excellent effort with her homework and super spellings.

**Edward Huninik** and **Logan Price** for super contributions when planning an Indian Folktale.

**Oliver Ridge** for great investigative work on how magnets can be used to generate energy.

**Tom Edwards** for always trying his best and making excellent progress as a result of this.

**Rachel Llewellyn** and **Libby Williams** for working incredibly hard as a team this week during Maths sessions. Both girls 'guru' others and this helps with their understanding of new topics.



### Writers of the Week



**Maisie Robbins** for creating a fantastic character description which included all of Class 4's focus areas e.g. fronted adverbials.

**Niamh Evans** for a fantastic set of instructions on making marmalade on toast for Paddington Bear.