

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Fitness trackers

This week you should have received a copy of a letter regarding the use of fitness trackers in school and the ban on smart watches. I would just like to add some further clarity to the letter, as I was asked about a watch with a possible texting function. The use of any device which records in any way, or communicates in any way is not allowed in school. We also have no facilities to secure valuable items in school so I would strongly advise against allowing children to wear high value watches or fitness trackers.

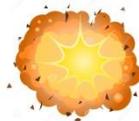
As the situation regarding wearable technology is an issue faced by all schools, the local authority are in the process of writing a county wide policy. I will take regard to this policy when it is complete, and I may in the future have to change the school policy regarding wearable technology. If you are considering buying anything like this for your child, please wait until I can provide further information regarding the county policy.

Bryn Offa's NSPCC John o' Groats to Land's End Challenge

This year Bryn Offa have decided to support the NSPCC. In order to do this we have asked the children to take part in a sponsored walk or run. During next week, each class will be asked to walk/run for 20 minutes each day. Within these sessions, the total distance covered will be added together. As a school, by the end of the week, we aim to have covered the 603 miles from John o' Groats to Land's End. Please encourage your child to get as many sponsors as possible for this worthwhile cause and keep an eye out on the website for daily updates.



Battle of Britain



As part of their journalistic writing across Class 3, 4 and 5, they will be starting their Battle of Britain history topic next week with a bang! Please watch out for something exciting happening on Monday morning.

Wildlife School for Class 2- Wednesday afternoon



Class 2- Please ensure that you send your child in with their outdoor clothing and wellies on Wednesday afternoon.



Forest School for Class 1- Thursday afternoon

Class 1- Please ensure that you send your child in with their outdoor clothing and wellies on Thursday afternoon.

Bryn Offa Mascot

We received lots of fantastic ideas for the name for our Bryn Offa mascot. A small number have been shortlisted and the winning name will be picked out of a hat in Monday's assembly. Thank you to all the pupils who sent in their suggestions.





BOPA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE
Friday 2nd February
3.15pm – 3.45pm in the Hall

Please come along!



Oswestry Advertiser - Draw you Mum



The closing date for pictures for this is **Wednesday 31st January**. The template that needs to be used can be found on the school website if you need a further copy. Please follow the guidelines set out in my letter dated 25th January.

Next Week – Week commencing Monday 29th January

Monday after school – Choir and Ju Jitsu

Tuesday during school – Guitar lessons, Tag Rugby Tournament at Oswestry School and Netball Tournament at The Marches

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

Thursday during school - Recorder Club (during lunch), Cross Country School Games Event at Oswestry School and Forest School for Class 1 (pm)

Friday after school – BOPA Second Hand Uniform Sale



Stars of the Week

Max Rogers for working independently to write some sentences, retelling Class 1's class story 'Whatever Next'.

Calisee Lyon for trying really hard when writing words during Class 1's phonics lessons.

Freddie Woodcock for great independent writing.

George Lambert for having good general knowledge, especially about planets.

Maddie Ashton for showing an impressive amount of progress and attitude to her phonics and Maths work.

Lacey Watkins for settling in really well into Class 2 and her new school.

Oscar Prescott for trying really hard with his writing and reading- super perseverance Oscar.

Dylan Keighley and Finley McArdle for making huge improvements in their handwriting and presentation. Keep up the good work, boys.

Jack Humphreys for being an excellent role model to the other children. Jack is kind, caring and considerate of others feelings. Jack is also great fun and incredibly hardworking. Well done, Jack.

Jennifer Park for being an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. Despite being one of the youngest in the class, Jennifer is also one of the most mature. Jennifer can always be relied upon to be listening carefully and to do the right thing.

Izzy Howard-Elliott and Ruby Richardson for being great friends and for always doing their best to help others, in and out of Class 4.

William Roberts and Ronnie Lee for always having a positive attitude and trying their best.

Beau Creaser for her outstanding descriptive write up about 'Joey', a horse in a battle during World War 1.

Jac Jones and Harrison Gillham for really impressing Miss Hartland yesterday with their knowledge about the Battle of Britain and World War 2.



Writer of the Week



Louise Harding for outstanding progress in her writing. Louise has created an amazing diary entry independently and then helped another child.