

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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## **Car Park Safety**

Those parents who have had children at Bryn Offa for a while will know that the car park is a constant source of concern for me. We do not have the available staffing to put someone on the car park morning and afternoon just to make sure parents do not do anything dangerous. We rely on the fact that everyone who parks there is a parent or grandparent, and as such will put the children's safety above a slightly longer walk. This is still not happening and there are still people parking in the middle of the car park parallel to the bus lane. This area is not for parking but is there to allow a turning circle to get into the car parking spaces. This week a child was nearly run over due to someone reversing out of the entrance when they had parked in the middle. This could easily have been a fatality.

The only option left open to me if parents do not stop parking in the middle will be to reinstate the gate and only allow access to staff and the school transport.

## **Textile Club - change of date for the last session**

As it is Parents Evening next Wednesday, we are going to move the last session of Textile Club to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, which is the first Monday back after Half Term.

## **Swimming**

Swimming sessions for Class 4 have now finished. Class 5 will begin their sessions during the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and a letter will be sent out to parents of the children in Class 5 closer to the time.

## **Clubs**

The last session of Creation Club, Lego Club, Textile Club, Gardening Club and Football Club will take place next week. Ju Jitsu will continue to run after Half Term (starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November).

Clubs may start up again after Half Term but you will receive notification of this when we return to school in November.

## **Missing school jumpers**

Over the past couple of weeks we have had lots of children losing school jumpers in school that are un-named. Could you please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. Permanent marker pen or iron on/stitch on labels are best. It is obviously very difficult to identify a piece of clothing if it does not have a name label in it. The jumpers we do currently have in lost property (and which are unnamed) will be on display during parents evening if any parents wish to look at it.

## Parental contributions to trips

As with all school trips, we rely on the parental contributions to enable the trips to take place. Unfortunately there is often a large cost to school of running a trip, which is why we have to ask parents for contributions when these happen. If contributions are not received, the cost has to be subsidised by school.

Recently we have noticed that some of our school trips and visits have cost the school hundreds of pounds as some parents have not paid any contributions. The school cannot keep funding trips without it affecting other areas of learning. If you are having difficulty with paying for a trip, then please contact the school office confidentially. We can set up small payments on School Money – sometimes even £2 per week can make a huge difference to spreading out the cost. We can also continue to take payments even after a trip has finished so the weekly cost can come down. If you are experiencing genuine hardship then we can work with you to help with the cost of trips and visits. If this is the case then please get in touch. I appreciate that it is difficult when we ask for money, but I hope that we can work together on a solution to make sure that the children get the best experiences possible.

## Next Week

**Monday** after school – Ju Jitsu and Creation Club (last session)

**Tuesday** during school – Guitar lessons

**Tuesday** after school – Lego Club (last session) and Parents Evening

**Wednesday** after school – Parents Evening

**Thursday** after school – Football Club (last session), Gardening Club (last session)

**Friday**- PD Day (children not in school)



## Stars of the Week



**Temperance Waddington-Gries** for beautiful writing when retelling the story 'Mog and the vet'.

**Neve Kerrison-Jones** for writing three very good sentences when retelling the story 'Mog and the vet'.

**Elijah Abbotts** for working so hard in English this week. Elijah has written a fantastic character description, which includes noun phrases and conjunctions! Fantastic work Elijah, well done!

**Sam Beattie** for always being ready to learn. Sam has made lots of progress with all subjects because he listens so carefully. Well done Sam!

**Max Burgess** for being such a wonderful, positive character to have in Class 3! Max makes us laugh every day and is very kind and helpful to his friends. Well done Max!

**Louise Harding** for always being a kind, polite and helpful member of Class 4. Louise has also made great progress in Maths this week. Well done Louise!

**Josh Taaffe and Finley McArdle** for always being eager to help other children and Miss Hyde. Josh and Finley contribute to class discussions enthusiastically and are fantastic book corner and reading corner monitors. Well done boys!

**Maisie Robbins** for being a real pleasure to have in class. Maisie is polite, kind and incredibly hard working. Well done Maisie for an amazing start to the year. Keep up the good work!

**Will Roberts** for showing a real improvement in his work ethic over the past couple of weeks. This has resulted in a great amount of progress being made. Keep up this effort Will and the sky is the limit! Well done!

