

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 15th March

Wheelbarrow donation

We had a great response to Mrs Prior's request to Class 1 parents for wood and other items that could be used for bug hotels so many thanks to all those parents who helped with this. In particular, Mrs Prior would like to say a special thank you to Temperance's dad. He not only supplied lots of wood for the project, but he was also kind enough to donate a wheelbarrow to school! This was extremely generous of him and we would all like to say a big thank you!



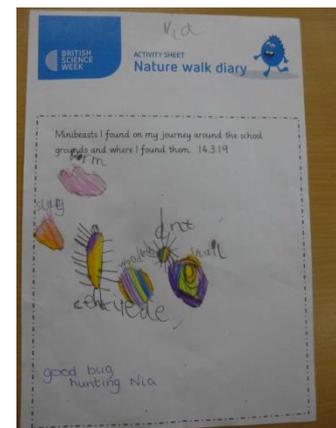
Science Week at Bryn Offa



Below is some information on what each class has done this week to celebrate Science Week!

Class 1

Class 1 have been hunting for mini-beasts around the school site and creating habitats for them!



Class 2

This year's theme for Science Week for Class 2 has been journeys. Class 2 started by creating journey sticks which were used when Australian Aboriginals went on long journeys. They would tie objects to a stick and would start at one end of the stick and work along it as they travelled. The objects would help them to remember events and experiences on their journey, and to tell others of their adventures. As Class 2 journeyed around school, they collected objects and tied on red wool whenever they passed by a classroom. They then shared their journey sticks to show what they had seen.

Class 2 have also looked at the journeys that bumble bees take! They learnt all about their important jobs and that they have become endangered! Class 2 started making their bee feeders this week which will be coming home as well as being placed in the school grounds! They can be filled with sugar water on cotton wool or bits of older fruit for the bees to taste. They should be put out in gardens anytime from June.



Class 3

Class 3 have had an action packed week of cooking and Science investigations!



One afternoon half of the class made and tasted their own pasta dishes, while the other group investigated mini-beasts using magnifying glasses, before swapping over. They have planted seeds which will be grown under different conditions to look at the effect of light, oxygen water and nutrients. They have also been making paper aeroplanes to investigate the effects of air resistance.

Class 4 and 5

This week Class 4 and 5 have been looking at the causes of pollution in the UK. They had 2 samples of water: A was from a pond in the countryside and B was from a puddle near a main road. Everyone practiced using a pipette to add the reagent to each sample. Sample B turned black/brown because the reagent reacted with the pollutant. The children really enjoyed using the scientific equipment to carry out the investigation.



Sporting Extravangza!

Key Stage 2 Netball

On Thursday 7th February, Bryn Offa's Netball team produced an incredibly high quality display to finish in second position in the Oswestry area competition. Well done to all of those involved!



K\$2 Indoor Athletics Success

Following their huge success in the Oswestry Area competition, Bryn Offa's athletes represented Oswestry in the North Shropshire competition. Both our boys and girls team performed amazingly well. The boys finished in joint 1st position on points only to narrowly lose out to Market Drayton Junior School in a sudden death relay. The girls however, went on to represent North Shropshire in the County final on March 5th. Well done to both teams – They were brilliant!



Sportshall Athletics County Final

On Tuesday 5th March, Bryn Offa's girls athletics team took part in the County final held at Shrewsbury Sports Village. The girls had won two previous rounds and earned the right to represent North Shropshire. The standard was incredibly high, but the girls produced some amazing displays to finish in a very credible 6th position. Well done to all!



Week commencing Monday 11th March

Monday after school – Ju Jitsu, Creation Club and Puzzle Club

Tuesday during school – Guitar lessons

Wednesday during school – Girls Football Tournament at The Marches

Wednesday after school – Cricket Club and Textiles Club

Thursday lunchtime – Recorders

Thursday after school – Football Club and Gardening Club



Stars of the Week



Kitt Lambourn for his brilliant writing about a ladybird!

Leighton Swannick for working hard this week and for practising his spellings!

Esme Jones for working extremely hard in her writing this week. She has written a fantastic retell of Little Red Riding Hood in English, and great descriptions of habitats in Science. Well done Esme!

Ollie Taaffe for working so hard in his writing this week. In his retell of Little Red Riding Hood, he included descriptions, speech and exclamation marks. Great work Ollie!

Georgie Tomkins for persevering and giving everything a try during Class 3's pasta making in food technology this week. She tried new foods and discovered that she enjoys the tastes she didn't think she would! Miss Harvey is very proud of her. Well done Georgie!

Cain Roberts for having a fantastic week. As always, he has been very engaged with his learning and has done brilliantly during Class 3's Maths lesson where he has been converting tricky units of measure. Miss Harvey thinks it is a pleasure to teach him!

James Richardson for always having a positive attitude to learning and for trying her best in every lesson. He is always ready to challenge himself and help others. Well done James!

Finley McArdle for always trying his best and challenging himself. He is always ready to help others and contribute to class discussions. Well done Finley!

Ollie Dulton for showing lots of perseverance this week, particularly in Maths. He can now add and subtract fractions with different denominators, which is a Year 5 objective! Well done Ollie!

Louis Heard for being a superstar this week. He has worked hard to complete his work independently and to listen to instructions. His facts about space yesterday were amazing. Well done Louis!

Maisie Robbins for her fantastic attitude to learning. Maisie often takes extra work home in order to sharpen her Maths skills. This is having a massive impact in class. Well done Maisie!

Lowri Jones for always giving 100% in everything she does. Her contribution to class questions is outstanding and demonstrates what a huge understanding she has in every topic. Well done Lowri!

Emily Ellis for producing an amazing drawing of a human eye yesterday. During Class 5's 'revolving gallery', several of the class members said how impressive her picture was. Well done Emily!