

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 25th September

It has been another great week at Bryn Offa with very little disruption to the children's education. We have even managed two climbing and caving sessions with children from Class 3 and 4 at Llanymynech Rock with the outreach instructors from Arthog! This is all part of our philosophy of keeping to the safety rules, but making school as exciting and interesting as it has always been. There are lots of photos on the website if you would like to take a look!

It would be great to think that we will have no disruption this term due to Covid-19, but this may be stretching my optimism too far. It feels almost inevitable that at some point we will have to deal with a situation of a positive case in school, so I thought it worth explaining what may happen. I say 'may happen' because the decision as to whether we close a class bubble or bubbles is not mine.

If we have a positive case, I have to call the Department for Education and then Public Health Shropshire for them to make the decision on our response. All the systems and procedures we have in place are there to minimise the disruption to the children's education and keep them in school for as long as possible. If we are told by the DFE or Public Health to close one or more of our class bubbles, you will be informed as soon as possible. This is very likely to be by email and text, so please ensure you check these frequently.

While we will do all we can to keep children and staff safe in school and to minimise disruption to the children's education, it is important that parents and families work with us by following the government guidelines. It really is the small things that make all the difference, such as:

- making sure pupils and their siblings do not touch any play equipment when dropping off and collecting from school;
- maintaining social distancing at all times and making sure you move aside to let people pass at a safe distance;
- keeping to one parent/guardian dropping off and collecting where possible;
- entering and leaving the school site as quickly as possible, whilst staying safe;
- self-isolating the whole family if one member has symptoms until a negative test result is received; and
- keeping children off school if they unwell and getting them tested if they have any of the Covid symptoms.

I would also like to re-emphasise that all the guidance states that if a child feels hot to the touch on their chest or back this should trigger a test. Previous guidelines that had stated a specific temperature have been superseded and if you have seen any guidance sent out by the local authority or by other schools last week with a temperature on of 38 degrees, this was sent out in error and should be ignored.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor to complete our great lunch team. The position will involve working in the dining hall or outside to ensure the lunchtime at Bryn Offa is safe and enjoyable. The role will include supporting pupils to eat their lunch safely and in play activities. The successful applicant will provide basic first aid for the children (with all training provided). Applicants must be professional and polite in order to provide a good role model for our pupils.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check will be required for the successful candidate. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact me at school.

Mini London Marathon

Over the next two weeks during PE lessons, the children at Bryn Offa are going to be taking part in the first virtual Mini London Marathon which will involve them running 2.6 miles between Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October. Further information to follow!

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school next Thursday. Please return the consent form for this as soon as possible if you haven't already and you wish for your child to have the vaccine.

Help needed!

Mrs Prior is looking for some help removing some of the garden waste from our raised beds. If you are able to take a bag to the waste site on our behalf, we would be very grateful. Please let Miss Morris know if you are able to help.



The Bryn Offa PTA (BOPTA) are hoping to organise an online meeting soon and would like parents to join them! They are always looking for active and enthusiastic parents, guardians and grandparents to bring fresh ideas so if you feel you can help, please do not hesitate to get in touch. For more information and to join the meeting, please visit the post on their Facebook page to confirm your preference for the day of the meeting for either a Monday or Tuesday.

Bryn Offa
Value of the Month
Acceptance

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

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Reflection of the Week

It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Next week

- Monday during school – Yr 5 Canoe and Bushcraft Experience (10 Year 5 pupils from Class 4)
- Tuesday during school – Remaining pupils from Class 4 Canoe and Bushcraft Experience, guitar lessons (pm)
- Wednesday during school – Yr 5 Canoe and Bushcraft Experience (15 Year 5 pupils from Class 5)
- Thursday during school - Flu vaccinations, Class 1 Forest School (pm)

Please remember to check the class blogs and class homepages on our website regularly for class updates and photographs!

Moreton Hall Virtual Open Day (via Zoom)
(Year 5/6 pupils)
Saturday 3rd October
10.00am

Please email admissions@moretonhall.com
for more information

Oswestry School Open Morning
(Year 5/6 pupils)
Saturday 28th November
9.30am – 12.30pm

If you wish to attend, please email
admissions@oswestryschool.org.uk to book



Stars of the Week



Henry Woodcock for being very kind and polite! Henry's enthusiasm at Forest School and gratitude for some help he was given was a joy to experience. Well done Henry!

Eliza Duffy for being a wonderful asset to Class 1! Eliza is helpful to both children and adults in class and is brilliant at tidying up. Well done Eliza!

Henry Bowkett for blowing Mrs Maxfield away this week with his Maths work! Henry has been solving addition calculations involving two two-digit numbers. He has been eager for extra challenges and has had fantastic focus. Well done Henry!

Archie Prescott for having a fantastic week! Archie has worked extremely hard, particularly in Maths where he has been completing more and more extra challenges. Keep it up Archie, well done!

Lexi Humphreys for having a fantastic start to Year 2! Lexi tries her best in all of her work and always asks for help when she needs it. Lexi has also made fantastic progress in her Maths and reading. Well done Lexi!

The Year 3 pupils for a fantastic day climbing and caving! They really did themselves proud and showed resilience, determination and perseverance. Well done Year 3s!

Genevieve Jefferys for being a fantastic guru to the other children in Class 4! Genevieve is always thorough with her explanations and takes the time to make sure they completely understand. Well done Genevieve!

The Year 4 pupils for being an absolute credit to Class 4 and Bryn Offa during the Climbing and Caving Experience this week! They were all very brave and gave it a go and they have made Miss Hyde extremely proud. Well done Years 4s!

Sophie Roberts for her first class attitude to learning! Sophie's effort in school and at home is staggering. In her arithmetic test she has moved from 11/30 in week 1 to 24/30 in week 3. Top effort Sophie, well done!

Megan Ford for her incredibly impressive writing! The descriptions that she has started to use in her work has taken it to the next level. Excellent work this week, well done Megan!

Baylian Hodson for being a real asset to Class 5! Baylian is a hard-working, helpful, friendly and incredibly kind pupil who always gives 100% in everything he does. Keep being ace Baylian, well done!