

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October

Along with this newsletter, you will also be receiving from me a letter both by email and by hard copy. Please read this letter carefully, as from Monday I will be requesting that all adults wear face coverings on the school site when dropping off or collecting their children. This is one more thing that we are doing in order to keep everyone safe and to try to get through this situation without having to close classes. As long as this new measure solves the difficulty of social distancing on the school site, we will not need to consider staggered drop off and collection times.

As we have increased the use of hand sanitiser in school and the frequency of hand washing, it is inevitable that some of the children will get dry and sore hands. This is much more likely to be the result of the frequent hand washing and inadequate drying than the use of the hand sanitiser that we have used problem free in school for the last five years. Please do not send your child to school with a different hand sanitiser as most are flammable, poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of children. The only thing we can do if parents refuse the use of sanitiser is to get the children to wash their hands every time the other children get the sanitiser. I personally feel this will make the problem much worse, and it would be better to apply a hand moisturiser just before bed to alleviate the problem caused by frequent washing.

I see in the news every day that schools around the country and also close to us, are having to close bubbles for two weeks due to a single positive case. Some schools have even had to close the entire school when there have been multiple cases. I would be grateful if all parents and guardians could please do all they can to support the measures we are putting in place to avoid this happening to us.

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

All classes have made a fantastic start to our whole school mini marathon effort, with some children completing the challenge in one go!!

We will be continuing our challenge next week and we will give out all running numbers and certificates on Friday 9th October.

Mrs Maxfield will be completing her own running challenge this weekend as she attempts the full virtual London Marathon (26.2 miles) this Sunday! She is very nervous but is running for the very worthy cause of NSPCC. If anyone would like to sponsor her there is a sponsorship form in the school entrance.

Help needed with collection and drop off at school!

We have a parent living in Four Crosses who is currently unable to drive. The buses are few and far between and she is wondering whether anyone living in that direction would be able to help with dropping off her child at school in the morning and collecting her child from school in the afternoon. If you are able to assist with this, please contact Miss Morris.

Help needed with garden waste!

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.

Bryn Offa **Thought of the Week**

“The things that make me different are the things that make me.”



Next week

Monday during school – Class 2 Visit to The Heritage Area

Tuesday during school – Guitar lessons (pm)

Thursday during school – Class 1 Forest School session (pm)

Class 2's homework needs to be handed in on Tuesday next week rather than Monday and spelling tests and times tables tests will be on Tuesday too.

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



Stars of the Week



Poppy Edwards and Tommy Adams for both being super helpful 'Helpers of the Week' this week. Well done Poppy and Tommy!

Olivia Hamer for being such a polite and hard-working member of Class 2! Olivia tries her best in every lesson and is making great progress. A number of different staff members have commented this week on how polite Olivia is, always using 'please' and 'thank you'. Well done Olivia!

Serena Smith for having a great week and for settling really well into Year 2! Serena tries her best in every lesson and always has a smile on her face. She is a pleasure to teach. Keep it up Serena, well done!

Zak Wilkinson-Hughes for also having a great week and for settling really well into Year 2! This week Zak has tried particularly hard with the presentation of his work. Although sometimes he has found it tricky, he perseveres and never gives up. Well done Zak!

Charlie Edwards for having a fantastic first week at Bryn Offa! Charlie has made new friends and has settled in brilliantly. Miss Harvey hopes he enjoys his time at Bryn Offa!

Max Rogers for having a fantastic week! Max has worked very hard and produced some brilliant writing and Maths work. Miss Harvey is very proud of all his hard work. Well done Max!

Class 4 for adopting an adventurous spirit during their Canoeing and Bushcraft Experience this week! They also blew Miss Hyde and Mrs Whitby away with their enthusiasm and work ethic during their Geography lesson world trade. Well done Class 4!

Cain Roberts for working incredibly hard this week! Cain's focus in class and effort in his work really is first class. Keep up the amazing start to the year, well done Cain!

Huw Roberts for settling into Class 5 superbly! Mr Jones has seen Huw really mature over the last few weeks and this has resulted in some amazing progress. A great start to the year Huw, well done!

Ted Lewis for really impressing Mr Jones with his amazing attitude since joining Class 5! Ted is already making superb progress. Well done Ted!