

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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I would like to start with a big 'thank you' to our parents for the effort you have all gone to with face coverings to help us keep the school safe and open for as long as possible. Of course the key thing to always remember about face coverings is that we wear them not to keep ourselves safe, but to keep other people safe. For you to keep yourself safe you need to remember the other parts of the advice about hand washing and social distancing. The face coverings really help, but are not 100% secure so social distancing guidance should always be followed. I would encourage families to download the NHS app and above all to make sure that if a family member is showing any of the Covid symptoms, that the government advice is followed and the whole family isolate until the test results are received. My understanding is that tests are now being done much more locally and with much quicker results.

One of the challenges over the last few months has been trying to make sure all the important things keep happening in school, but that they are done safely. This is now the situation we find ourselves in for the parents' evenings we always do before the October half term. As face to face parent meetings will not be possible, we have organised for the parent consultations to run in the same way as normal, but over the telephone. We have been able to buy into some technology to allow the teachers to call from their computers to either a landline or a mobile phone. Early next week you will receive a form to complete regarding your telephone appointment time. It is important we receive it back as quickly as possible so we can provide all parents with a time window for the phone call. It is also really important that you are in at the agreed time and available to take the call. You will need to complete the form accurately and make sure the available telephone number you give is accurate and very clearly written. If you miss the call there is no way to call the teacher back due to the technology used.

SEND Newsletter for parent carers

Shropshire Council, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group and PACC have recently issued the latest SEND newsletter for parent carers. The newsletter aims to provide easy access to key information for SEND families during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as an opportunity for parent carers to hear from each other about their experiences. This edition is particularly looking at support for young people aged 18-25 years during the pandemic and moving from school to college and other key transition points. The newsletter includes information from several local services to support children, young people and their parent carers. The newsletter can be viewed here <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSHROPSHIRE/bulletins/2a42c06>

Muddy Trainers

We will be doing PE outside as much as possible and would be grateful if the children could bring a carrier/plastic bag into school with them please just in case their trainers are muddy after PE.

Class 1 Baby Photos!

Next week Class 1 are going to be reading 'Avocado Baby' and Mrs Machin and Mrs Prior would love for each child in Class 1 to bring in one picture from when they were a baby to share with the class! Please send a picture in with your child or email it over to class1@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk



Mini London Marathon

Over the past two weeks all classes have been working hard to complete the Virtual London Mini Marathon. Everyone had to cover a distance of 2.6 miles! We've had mini marathon courses on both our playgrounds and the field, and the children have been working very hard to complete their challenge. Most children have now completed the 2.6 miles (and some even more!) and will be coming home with their certificates today! It's been a challenge which was enjoyed by all the children and adults involved.



Eva Parkinson (Class 1) and her family are going to be taking part in the Virtual Dark Run for Hope House on 31st October. It's 5k and participants can walk, jog or run the distance. Further details can be found at <https://www.hopehouse.org.uk/Event/virtual-dark-run?locale=en> and if you would like to sponsor Eva and her family, please contact school.

Christmas Art Project for Schools

BOPTA are excited to announce this year that Bryn Offa will be participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS) again. We managed to raise about £250.00 last year and the children really enjoyed creating their artwork. The children are currently creating their artwork in school and this will be coming out to parents with an explanatory letter over the next couple of weeks. The project is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate your child's creativity and the items they make are great to send to family and friends.



The Cross Guns Pant Fest

We would like to say a big thank you to The Cross Guns for their very kind donation of £60.50! This was raised during their recent Pant Fest which was held on the August Bank Holiday. The money raised was split between BOPTA, Pant Memorial Hall and the Restore the Montgomery Canal appeal. It is lovely to see their support for local organisations in and around the village and we are really grateful for the donation!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SEND HEAD LICE PACKING!

Please do your part to prevent head lice spreading by checking your child's hair. **We would recommend that your child's hair is checked regularly (at least once a week), and on a regular basis thereafter.** Please also watch for signs of head lice as they are much easier to treat if caught early. If head lice or eggs are detected, treatment should be given to the whole family **before** your child returns to school. A second treatment should also be given 10 days later.

We would ask that any cases of head lice are reported to the school office to allow us to monitor cases and prevent head lice spreading.

Value of the Month **"Fairness"**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.
(Peter 3:8)

Bryn Offa **Reflection of the Week**

Fairness is where you are kind to everyone, no matter the colour of their skin nor the religion they believe in, or even what football team they support! You should treat everyone to the standard of love you would like to be treated with yourself. That is what fairness means to me.
(Josh Taaffe – Class 5)

Next week

Tuesday during school – Guitar lessons (pm)

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

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



Stars of the Week



Amber Rose Ridge for doing really super Maths work this week when making repeating patterns. Well done Amber!

Isabelle Collier for making some really complicated repeating patterns using natural objects at Forest School this week. Excellent Maths work, well done Isabelle!

Bobby Waters for trying his best in everything he does! This week Bobby has written a lovely recount of Class 2's visit to the Heritage Area, including lots of details. Mrs Maxfield has said that Bobby could get 'Star of the Week' every week! Well done Bobby!

Kitt Lambourn for blowing Mrs Maxfield away with his reading! Kitt is working his socks off at the moment and Mrs Maxfield loves hearing about what he has been reading. Keep it up Kitt, well done!

Summer Berridge for completing some fantastic work this week! In Science, Summer labelled plants independently, even adding some adjectives. She also wrote some lovely sentences about Autumn and she was brilliant during the Class 2 visit to the Heritage Area. Well done Summer!

Ollie Taaffe for being such a wonderful character in Class 3! Ollie's positive attitude and fabulous work ethic make him a popular member of the class and a great role model. Keep up the fantastic work Ollie, you are doing brilliantly!

Temperance Waddington-Gries for making brilliant progress in all of her subjects! Temperance always tries her best in everything she does. She is a polite, helpful young lady who cares about the well-being of her friends and she is a pleasure to teach. Well done Temperance!

Elliot Owen for trying his best consistently this week and for blowing Miss Hyde away in Class 4's Science lesson! Elliot carried out his investigation with accuracy, precision and enthusiasm. Well done Elliot!

Imogen Hill for being a delight to teach! Imogen always tries her best and challenges herself. She has already made excellent progress this term due to her mature attitude to learning. Well done Imogen!

Abi Evans, Reece Will, and Harvey O'Keefe for showing a huge improvement in both their effort and their focus this week! This has resulted in amazing progress. A great week's work, they should all feel very proud of themselves. Well done Abi, Reece and Harvey!