

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 12th March

This week has very much been the start of things returning to normal at school. Getting all the children back has been great but it is still only the start and it will take a while before things are completely back to normal.

One of the first things that I am pleased to see return, are the guitar lessons. Starting from next Tuesday afternoon Pete Jandrell will begin lessons again, so parents should look out for an email from him. Even if you don't receive an email, please make sure if your child had lessons with Pete previously, that you send your child's guitar in with them next week. It would also be helpful if they could make sure they have done some practice so he can start teaching where he left off from previously.

I've had lots of messages from parents who have taken up the opportunity to take Lateral Flow Tests for themselves and their children. Please remember that there is no need to inform me if you are doing the tests, or if the results are negative. The only time I need to know the result of the tests, is if one of the children tests positive. If one of the children get a positive result on the Lateral Flow Test, whether it is mid-week or at the weekend, please email me directly on head@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk. I am also assuming that the Lateral Flow Test results need to be reported online in the same way as the weekly tests. Please remember that letting me know about a positive result does not replace this online reporting and this is needed for the 'Test and Trace Team' at Shropshire Public Health.

All the systems are working well for the safety of pupils and parents, but there are a couple of areas that still need to be changed. Most parents of children from Classes 3, 4 and 5 are standing in the correct part of the playground for collection, but there are some parents that are congregating round the gate. This causes a narrowing at this point and means that parents are not able to maintain the two metre distance from them when they want to enter or exit the playground. No-one should be standing near the gate for collection. Every parent needs to be in one of the thirds of the netball court for collecting. The third nearest the play wall for Class Three, the middle third for Class Four and the third nearest to Pant Pandas for Class 5. Please also take care when leaving the site that you maintain two metres from each other, especially at pinch points going through gates. Please remember that the safer we are, the longer we stay open.

Cool Milk

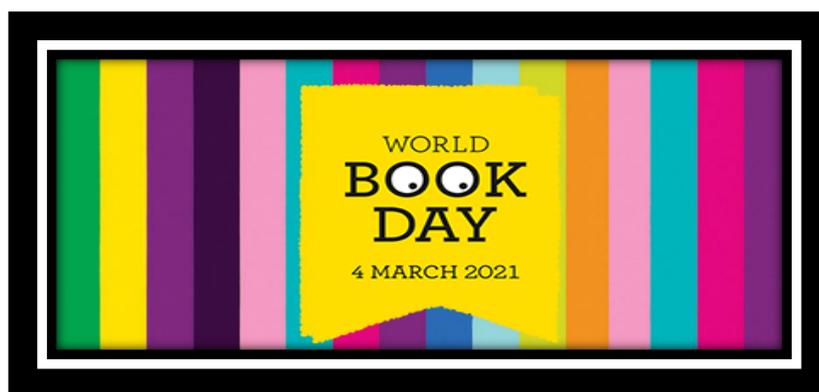
Up until the age of five, the children will be provided with a third of a pint of milk each day free of charge. After they turn five, milk will only be available if you have contacted Cool Milk to register your child and to set up payment. You can either register your child online (<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>) or you can phone them (0800 321 3248). There is sometimes a bit of a delay in Cool Milk updating the list of pupils that is used to distribute the milk so we would be grateful if you could let Miss Morris know when you have done this please.

Book donations



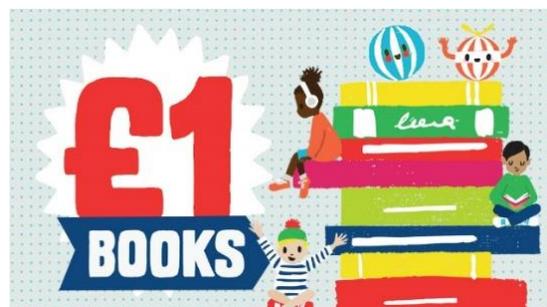
We are currently in the course of updating the books in our school library and wondered whether you have any children's books at home that your child may have outgrown and no longer reads and which you would like to donate. The books must be children's books only please and must be in a reasonable condition. If you would like to make a donation, please hand the books to Miss Morris over the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

World Book Day!



Well done to everybody that entered with their fantastic potato book characters – the teachers certainly had a difficult job choosing a winner! All photographs of entries will be displayed in the school library for the children to enjoy. The lucky winners have all received a book as their prize:

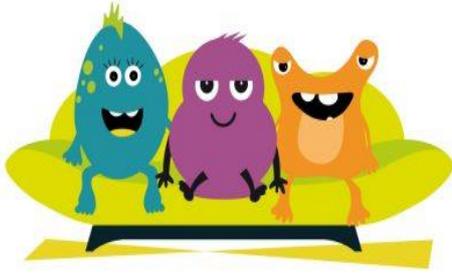
Class 1 – Poppy Edwards
Class 2 – Mollie Harvey
Class 3 – Declan Jamison
Class 4 – Maddie Ashton
Class 5 – Liam Evans



Some of your children may have already used the World Book Day Token that was emailed out to parents on 26th February. We have now received hard copy Book Day Tokens too so your child will be bringing one home with them today. Information on the books that can be purchased for £1 using these tokens can be found on the link below and the tokens are valid until 28th March.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

British Science Week



This week is British Science Week and we thought it would be a fantastic way to welcome the children back to school by the children taking part in some fun investigations. Miss Hyde carried out a live virtual Science experiment which was watched by all the children



and then each class had a go at recreating their own experiments. The class homepages will be updated with further information and photos so you can see what the children have been up to!

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Friday 19th March

Wear your pyjamas/onesie to school!

For Red Nose Day this year, we would like the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or a onesie if they have one! This is just a bit of fun to raise money so please do not buy anything especially. We would be grateful if you could send a small donation into school on this day (e.g. £1). The money raised will go to Comic Relief which funds over 2,000 amazing projects all over the world.

You can find out more at comicrelief.com



Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Perseverance

- P**ressing on
- E**agerness to continue
- R**unning the race
- S**ticking with things
- E**ncouraging each other to keep going
- V**aluing the support of others
- E**yes fixed on the target
- R**eaching a goal over time
- A**iming to complete a task
- N**ot giving up
- C**ommitment to keep going
- E**nding up somewhere you want to be!

Week commencing Monday 15th March

Tuesday during school: Guitar lessons (pm)
Thursday during school: Class 1 Forest School session (pm)
Friday during school: Red Nose Day!

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



Stars of the Week



Eliza Duffy and Isabelle Collier for both being fantastic Helpers of the Week and for doing it with a smile! Well done girls!

Archie Prescott for working so hard this week! Archie has settled back into class so well and has given 100% in every lesson. He has also been incredibly kind helping other children. Well done Archie!

Kitt Lambourn for also working really hard this week! Kitt has a great attitude to learning and has produced some fantastic pieces of work. Well done Kitt!

Mia Oliver for settling so well back into class! Mia has tried her best in every lesson and always has a beautiful smile on her face. Well done Mia!

Leighton Swannick for returning to school with the most fantastic 'can do' attitude! Leighton is trying hard in all his lessons, he has shown great signs of maturity and has been very sensible. Miss Harvey is very proud of him. Well done Leighton!

Grey Roberts for managing to solve a challenging Maths problem involving long multiplication! Grey used his times tables knowledge to help him and he blew Miss Hyde and Class 4 away with his skills. Well done Grey!

Elsie Harper for making a great start back to full time school life! Elsie always has her hand up in class to provide detailed and accurate answers. Great work Elsie, well done!

Lottie Lee for settling back into school life superbly well! Lottie has ensured that all her work is completed both promptly and accurately. Great work Lottie, well done!



Scientists of the Week



Nia Counsell for being able to use lots of scientific works to describe the Class 1 Science experiment. Well done Nia!

Luca Peter for sharing his fantastic ideas and developing great conclusions! Well done Luca!

Joe Ungurs for his great participation in the Class 3 Science investigation this week! Well done Joe!

Molly Tuer for her excellent contribution to the Class 4 discussions during Science Week! Well done Molly!

Louis Heard for his fantastic and detailed scientific answers this week! Well done Louis!