

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

As we will not be in school next week on Friday due to the Bank Holiday, this will be the last newsletter I write for this term.

We are now tantalisingly close to the end of the term without having to close any class due to Covid-19. This is a fantastic achievement, and one we are hoping to continue right the way through to the end of the Summer Term. But to do this we will need your help. The nearer we get to restrictions being lifted, the more tempting it will become to bend the rules. Please make sure you do not fall into this trap. We have done so well in keeping Covid out of school, the last thing we want is to have to close classes in the Summer Term or even worse the whole school. Mixing socially outside school before the restrictions are lifted is really taking a risk with everyone's health and the continued education of the children. Please follow all the rules and help us to stay open.

The most recent guidance I received yesterday from the DFE was that children of primary school age do not need to be tested routinely with the Lateral Flow Tests. Instead, they only need to be tested with the PCR tests if they show any of the three main symptoms. The guidance doesn't really give a reason for this other than the children find it unpleasant and difficult to self-swab. Family members and older children should continue to use the Lateral Flow Tests even when asymptomatic. As the new guidance does not say that children must not be tested, I will continue to leave it to parents to make their own decision.

As I mentioned last week, we have put some dates into the calendar for the Summer Term, which is a good sign that things are starting to return to normal. The following dates have been set:

End of Year Reports – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Parents Evening – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (likely to be done over the phone)

Leavers Performance for Year 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (assuming restrictions allow)

Sports Day – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (assuming restrictions allow)

I'll finish by saying I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to the children's return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## Book donations



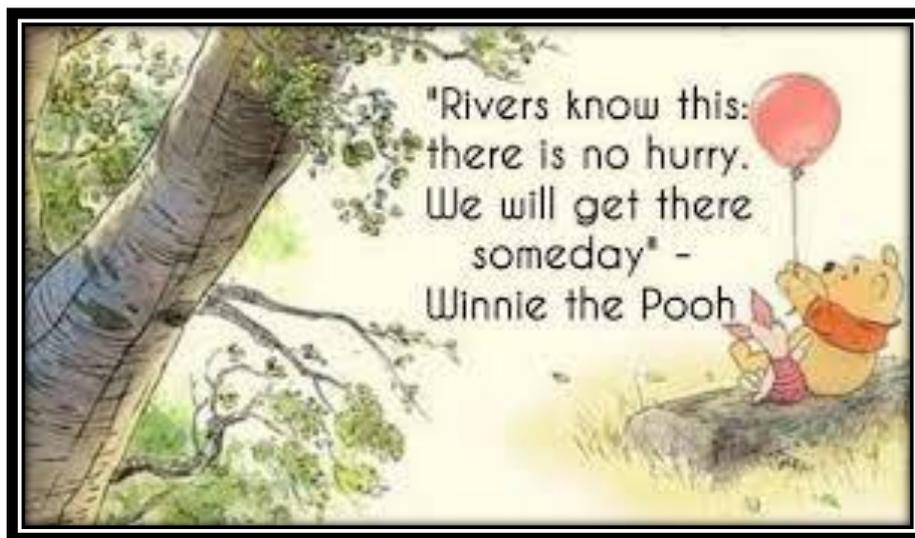
We are currently in the course of updating the books in our school library and wondered whether you have any children's books at home that your child may have outgrown and no longer reads and which you would like to donate. The books must be children's books only please and must be in a reasonable condition. 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!

## BOPTA Photography Competition!



There is still time to enter. Please get your photos into us over the weekend! There is an entry fee of £1.00 per photo and entries should be emailed over to [BOPTA@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:BOPTA@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk) or the BOPTA Facebook Page. The deadline for entries is **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** (payment by Monday please). Further information can be found here <http://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/bopta-homepage/>. Get snapping!

## Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Perseverance



## Week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday during school:                      Guitar lessons (pm)  
Thursday during school:                      Class 1 Forest School and Last day of Spring Term

The children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

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



## Stars of the Week



**Edith Lewis** for her marvellous mathematician skills this week! Edith was able to spot and predict number patterns. This is the first step into algebra. Well done Edith!

**Edward Stott** for following some very complicated repeating patterns using shapes this week! Mrs Prior had to keep making the patterns more challenging. Excellent Maths Edward, well done!

**Dakota Jamison** for trying so hard with her writing this week! Dakota has been using finger spaces and sounding out words carefully. She has also been coming into school with a big smile on her face. Well done Dakota!

**Mollie Harvey** for always giving 100% in everything she does! Mollie has a fantastic attitude to learning and is such a kind and considerate member of Class 2. Mrs Maxfield thinks she is a star! Well done Mollie!

**Summer Berridge** for working so hard this week and for her brilliant attitude to learning! Summer particularly impressed Mrs Maxfield with her writing lessons this week as she has extended and edited her own sentences. Well done Summer!

**Ollie Taaffe** for amazing Miss Harvey and Class 3 with his extensive general knowledge! Ollie is an avid reader and this really shows in his writing. He has written the most fabulous non-chronological report on Ancient Egypt this week. Ollie is also a very supportive friend and will always help anyone. Well done Ollie!

**Neve Kerrison-Jones** for being an absolute superstar! Neve is kind, caring and has the most wonderful attitude to learning! She never hands in work that she hasn't put 100% effort into. Neve sets a great example and is an excellent role model. Well done Neve!

**Elliot Owen** for making fantastic progress with his handwriting! Mrs Whitby and Miss Hyde have also been blown away by Elliot's summarising during one of Class 4's guided reading lessons this week. Elliot is always eager to contribute during class discussions and to use what he learns in his work. Keep up the amazing work, well done Elliot!

**Molly Berry** for returning to whole class learning with enthusiasm and maturity! Molly has listened intently to all instructions and she has concentrated well in each activity. Her attitude to learning has allowed her to make great progress already. Well done Molly!

**Abi Evans** for her amazing Tag Rugby skills! Over the last two weeks, Abi has really impressed Mr Jones with the effort that she is putting into PE lessons. Her improvement in Tag Rugby is amazing. What a great effort Abi, well done!

**Tilly Williams** for her amazing Easter storyline! Tilly always tries her very best in each piece of work, but this one was particularly impressive, where she included fantastic pictures and descriptions. Well done Tilly!

