

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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I wasn't going to write a newsletter this week, but there are just a couple of things I would like to update you all on.

After the Easter break Mrs Machin will be starting her maternity leave, and we all wish her the very best at this exciting time for her and her family. Mr Prior has been teaching Class One for the full week during this term, but from the start of next term it will be Mrs Hartland who takes over the teaching of Class 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Hartland already teaches Class 1 most weeks now, so it should be a smooth transition as the children already know her.

As far as having any Covid cases in school, we are very nearly out of the woods. There has been nothing all term, but there is still the possibility that one of the children may get a positive test result **within the next two days**. If this happens you will need to send an email to myself in addition to informing 'Test and Trace'. You also need to check your emails just in case you are at the receiving end of the message to self-isolate. Once you are all more than two days into the Easter break, you should contact 'Test and Trace' and not myself.

The very final reminder of the term is to not send the children into school with their own hand sanitiser. These sanitisers always have the guidance on them to keep out of reach of children. This is especially important for any that contain alcohol. The sanitiser we use does not dry out hands, but if you don't want your child to use it, they will need to wash their hands multiple times very day. It is usually the washing (and poor drying) that causes skin dryness, rather than the sanitiser.

I'll finish by saying I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to all the children returning safely on Monday 19th April.

Bug Club Online Reading Scheme



If your child is looking for some extra reading over the Easter break, please don't forget to log on to Bug Club over the holiday - read the stories and earn rewards - enjoy!



Changes to the Lunch Menu



There will be some slight changes to the Lunch Menu when we return after the Easter break. The children will be bringing a copy of the new Menu home with them today for your reference. A copy can also be found on the school website

BOPTA Photography Competition!

We would like to say a big thank you to all the children and families that entered the BOPTA Photo Competition! BOPTA received so many wonderful photos and Mr Jones and Mr Thompson had a very difficult job picking the winners! The photos will be shown on the BOPTA page on the Bryn Offa website later on today and the winners have been listed below:

Class 1- Family & Pets - Eliza Duffy
Class 1- Light at the end of the tunnel - Nia Counsell
Class 1- Love - Eliza Duffy

Class 2- Family & Pets - Georgie Evans
Class 2- Light at the end of the tunnel -Ava Russell
Class 2- Love - Victoria Kato

Class 3- Family & Pets - Rhys Derwas
Class 3- Light at the end of the tunnel - Bo Nicholls
Class 3- Love - Neve Kerrison-Jones

Class 4- Family & Pets - Oliver Smith
Class 4- Light at the end of the tunnel - Bonnie Creaser
Class 4- Love - Alice Morris

Class 5- Family & Pets - Ollie Dulson
Class 5- Light at the end of the tunnel - Louis Heard
Class - Love- Pip Stephenson

Key Stage 1 winner – Bo Nicholls
Key Stage 2 winner – Rhys Derwas

Holy Week Cross Calendar

To celebrate Easter, Reverend Trimby has kindly provided each child with a small chocolate egg and a Holy Week Cross Calendar which the children will be bringing home with them today. We hope they enjoy making the Calendar at home over the Easter break.



Stars of the Week



Bethany Hil for completing her Maths activity really fast this week! Bethany sorted number dominoes, numicon, dice and cubes in a race against the clock. She was super-fast! Well done Bethany!

Isabelle Collier for being a joy to have in Class 1! Isabelle is always kind, polite and well behaved with a ready smile. She always does her best and works very hard. Well done Isabelle!

Ava Russell and Victoria Kate for blowing Mrs Maxfield away this week with their fantastic character descriptions which included lots of detail! Well done Ava and Victoria!

Hector Owen for being an absolute superstar! Hector challenges himself in every lesson and has written a fabulous non-chronological report about Egypt. He always models the importance of fairness and tries really hard to include everybody at playtime. Well done Hector!

Taylor Grove for really impressing Miss Harvey with his attitude towards his learning this week! Taylor is listening carefully and making super progress. He is doing especially well in his Maths and reading. His perseverance and resilience are a credit to him. Well done Taylor!

Isobel Bowkett for always listening carefully and for trying her best in each activity! Isobel has made good progress since returning to school. She has also been practising her timetables at home and is eager to improve further. Keep up the hard work Isobel, well done!

Oscar Prescott for trying his best in every single lesson! This has allowed Oscar to make fantastic progress. Miss Hyde has been particularly impressed with his independent writing. It is wonderful to see his confidence grow. Well done Oscar!

Cadel Kennedy for being amazing all week! Not only did Cadel impress Mrs Hartland with detailed answers in Maths, he was also amazing as 'Mr Spink' in the Class 5 role play. A great effort Cadel, well done!

Liam Evans for having an amazing work ethic in Class 5's Maths lessons! Liam's effort over lockdown has continued and this has resulted in superb progress. He has demonstrated exactly what can be achieved through hard work. A super effort Liam, well done!

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

Easter Poem by Kitt Lambourn (Class 2)

The Easter bunny gives us eggs
Then he goes away again
Then we eat them up
Thank you, bunny
It must be a nice life being a bunny
Resting all day



Chicks are cute and cuddly
But sometimes they can be cheeky
They are a symbol of new life
And they go cheep cheep cheep

Happy Easter!