

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Each week has its ups and downs, but it is starting to feel like there are more up days than down at the moment, which is a great indicator things are starting to get back to normal. I'll use Tuesday to illustrate.

Tuesday was one of those beautiful days where the Class Teachers would be looking to get the children outside even if there was no pandemic. As I knew they wanted to use the field shortly during break times, I took the time to do a boundary check to make sure everything on the field and grounds were safe.

As I came onto the school grounds through the normal gate, the first thing to greet me was the sight of children playing in the new playhouse provided by BOPTA. It has been a while since we removed the last play house so it was fantastic to see this in place and being used. It looks fantastic next to the tree which is in full blossom and it was great to see how much the children were enjoying using the play house. My thanks to BOPTA and especially to Nia Morris and Sara Taaffe for the fundraising and organisation of this great resource. Thank you also to Nia's husband Ian, Pat Taaffe and Nigel and Jodie Creaser for helping out!



I then walked up through the bark area where another class were sitting in the Alpine Shelter and on the logs in the cool shade of the trees happily working away. They were so relaxed and engaged with their work I don't think they even noticed me there.

I then went up onto the field where I found Class 3 in the Forest School area on a bug hunt. Again, I was barely noticed as the children were so engaged with their pots, magnifying glasses and what they were doing. It gave me a moment to ponder that this had just been a bare corner of the field before Mrs Prior turned it into a fantastic Forest Schools site a few years ago. This is another great resource we have that we can access at any time and all thanks to Mrs Prior.

As I had walked down to see Class 3 in the Forest School area I had seen Class 4 in the middle of the field, but I hadn't really noticed what they were doing. When my safety walk took me further round the field I saw that the children were using the new frisbees that had been bought by Mr Jones to introduce some new activities into the school. I took a moment from my walk to watch them for a few minutes. It was clear to see that Mr Jones had made a great choice with the new equipment as the children were having a fantastic time. I can see this developing into a firm favourite for the children.

I was not expecting any of this when I set off on my boundary check that morning so I was truly uplifted by what I saw the children doing and how much they were enjoying it. As we will be trying to use the outdoors as much as possible, could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that from now until the end of the Summer Term, hats and sun cream are essential to make sure the children are safe outside in the sun.



Bryn Offa 5K in May Challenge!



During the May half term, we are encouraging all the children at Bryn Offa to take part in our '5K in May' sponsored challenge.

Participants have from the 29th May until the 6th June to run, walk or cycle 5km (3.11 miles). This distance could be covered all in one go or over a few days building up to the full distance. We are asking all the children who take part to collect sponsorship money which will go towards some new resources and projects in school.

Every child that takes part will receive a medal and a certificate and it would be lovely if all the children could have a go! Further information and a sponsor form will be coming out to parents during the week commencing 10th May so please keep your eye out for this.

Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Respect

'So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you.'
Matthew 7:12

'Respect is to show someone you care. A smile or a hug and to say thank you.'
Nia Watkiss Class 3

Class Photographs



The photographer will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 27th April, to take class photographs. Please ensure that your child has his/her school sweatshirt/cardigan with them in school on Tuesday.

Week commencing Monday 26th April

***Consent forms for the Class 5 visit to Llanymynech Hill/Heritage Area need to be returned on Monday please**

Tuesday during school:	Class photos (am) and Guitar lessons (pm)
Thursday during school:	Class 1 Forest School session (pm)
Friday during school:	Class 5 visit to Llanymynech Hill/The Heritage Area (am)



Stars of the Week



Lydia Harbinson-Crowther for demonstrating very good understanding in Maths this week when Class 1 were making numbers 11 to 20 using numicon. Great work Lydia, well done!

Phoenix Evans-Cook for making massive progress with his reading! He has impressed everyone who has listened to him and is so enthusiastic. He is a joy to listen to. Keep up the excellent progress Phoenix, well done!

Eva Swannick for working so hard this week, particularly in her writing lessons! During Class 2's writing sessions this week Eva wrote some fantastic similes! Eva has also been working really hard to improve her presentation. Well done Eva!

Sienna Hitch for being a superstar this week! She has written a fantastic description of a giant this week, including lots of great details. Sienna also showed great perseverance in Class 2's tennis lesson this week. Well done Sienna!

Declan Jamison for putting lots of effort into his lessons, especially his writing! He has written some brilliant instructions on how to make a sandwich and is working really hard on his handwriting. Declan is also coming into school with a positive attitude and a big smile on his face. Well done Declan!

Elijah Abbotts for designing and making the most fantastic moving poster! He has worked hard to make the poster informative while using lots of different mechanisms. Elijah also always tries his best in everything and presents his work beautifully. Well done Elijah!

Tyler Robinson Scott for working so hard since returning to school! He is listening carefully, participating well in lessons and trying his absolute best. He has a fantastic attitude to his learning. Well done Tyler!

Harvey Kilvert for returning to school with a huge smile and an attitude for learning! He tries his best in every lesson and is working really hard. Well done Harvey!

Molly Berry for also returning to school with a big smile and positive attitude! Molly has been working with increased independence and is challenging herself. Well done Molly!

Charlotte Liddiatt for her amazing acting skills during Class 5's English lessons this week! Her portrayal of Jim Jarvis was superb! The character she was playing was really cold and Mr Jones believed her acting so much that he told her to get her coat! Fantastic Charlotte, well done!

Harvey O'Keefe for returning to school after Easter with a fantastic 'can do' attitude! His Maths this week has demonstrated a real belief that he is able to tackle any challenge. Well done Harvey!

Isobel Lloyd Brown for proving to be an ultimate frisbee expert in P.E. this week! All of Class 5 picked up this new game really quickly but Izzy really stood out as an excellent team player. Well done Isobel!

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