

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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At the moment, there are still quite a number of systems and procedures we have in school that are only in place due to the pandemic. We are likely to revert back to previous systems as soon as we can safely do so. One of those systems we want to change back again is the route the bus children take, to and from school. We are planning to trial this next week to see if it will work.

Both in the morning and at the end of the day, the children who travel by bus are escorted both ways by members of school staff. Where in the past we may have been able to squeeze these lines of children through a few gaps in parents here and there, this is no longer possible. When we practice this next week, please make sure you keep an eye out for these lines of children led by staff, and make sure you give them plenty of space to allow them to pass safely. We can only revert back to this system when I can see the bus lines are able to move around without squeezing in between small gaps.

We are keeping the arrangements of parents collecting children from Classes 3,4 and 5 unchanged, with parents and guardians collecting from the main playground. Please make sure you are waiting in the correct part of the playground and you do not lurk around the gate making it narrower for others.

In addition to the arrangements described above, I also need to remind parents that it is vital that children are picked up on time at 3:15pm. By the time the bell rings at 3:15 you should be stood in the correct third of the playground waiting for your child. Then as soon as you have collected your children please make sure you leave the site as quickly as possible. This is really important because we have to vacate the building before the cleaners arrive. This only gives a very short time for the staff to sort out what they need to before having to leave, so waiting ten minutes for a late parent to arrive causes a great deal of difficulty for those teachers and could end up increasing the risk for our cleaners.

Children should also not be running around the playground or playing with school equipment at the end of the day please while waiting for siblings.

## Dogs on the school site



Just a reminder please that the only dogs permitted on the school site are guide dogs. No other dogs should be on the school site at any time.

## **Drew's cycling challenge!**

Drew Edwards in Class 4 has set himself the amazing challenge of cycling a minimum of 100 miles throughout the month of May! He will be raising vital funds for his chosen charity of the Severn Hospice. His challenge will begin with a 13 mile cycle with his family around Lake Vyrnwy this weekend.

Drew has raised just over £400 so far! His family, friends and everyone at Bryn Offa are really proud of him.

It would be really great if you could show your support and encouragement for his challenge by giving a donation if you are able to. The link for Drew's Just Giving Page is below.



[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/drews100milecycle?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=drews100milecycle&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=437be24a52c1439395d87de01feae473&fbclid=IwAR0t64XPtQOOh33bEieQYX3AEpPJkekkOGeb7FKwdL9A\\_e1C88rjiSgr7LmQ](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/drews100milecycle?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=drews100milecycle&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=437be24a52c1439395d87de01feae473&fbclid=IwAR0t64XPtQOOh33bEieQYX3AEpPJkekkOGeb7FKwdL9A_e1C88rjiSgr7LmQ)

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> May until the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May so please keep your eye out for this.

## **Week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Monday:	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday during school:	Guitar lessons (pm)
Thursday during school:	Class 1 Forest School session (pm)

## Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Respect

I Will Show  
**RESPECT**

I Will **LISTEN** TO OTHERS

I Will **FOLLOW** THE RULES

I Will be an **HONEST**  
PERSON

I Will be **RESPONSIBLE**

I Will be **KIND** TO OTHERS

I Will be **HELPFUL**

Class 4 have recently read the Bible story 'Bartimaeus, the blind beggar'. Lacey Watkiss wrote 'Jesus shows respect to Bartimaeus by speaking softly and by making him able to see. Jesus is teaching us to treat people with respect and kindness. Everyone is worthy of our respect.'



### Stars of the Week



**Bethany Hill** for thinking of new rhyming words for the three funny books about sandwiches which Class 1 have been reading in English! They were all very unusual sandwiches! Well done Bethany!

**Edith Lewis** for continuing to be marvellous at Maths! She always listens carefully and works very hard to complete every task. What a superstar! Well done Edith!

**Bobby Waters** for his fantastic attitude to learning! Bobby always gives 100% in every lesson and takes on board his next steps. He has a great sense of humour and is a pleasure to have in Class 2. Well done Bobby!

**Serena Smith** for also having a fantastic attitude to learning and for making great progress! Serena's writing contains lots more detail as she extends her sentences and includes lots of descriptive language. Her reading is fantastic and Mrs Maxfield really enjoys her book discussions with her. Well done Serena!

**Esme Jones** for always listening carefully during lessons and for always challenging herself whenever possible! Esme is making great progress in all of her subjects but she is doing particularly well with her work on fractions in Maths. Keep up the great work Esme, well done!

**Freddie Woodcock** for being a caring, thoughtful and hardworking member of Class 3! His patience and understanding is demonstrated daily and he is an excellent role model to all at Bryn Offa. Freddie also has excellent general knowledge and he enjoys sharing his facts with the class. Well done Freddie!

**Braiden Keechan** for returning to school after the Easter holidays with an excellent attitude to learning! He tries his best in every lesson and has been challenging himself to work with increased independence too. Miss Hyde is very proud. Keep up the hard work Braiden, well done!

**Melody Ellis** for being one of the first children in Class 4 to learn her stanza when Class 4 performed the poem 'The Raven' this week! Melody's performance was confident with wonderful expression and actions. Her performance blew Miss Hyde away! Well done Melody!

**Amber Wilcox** for always having a smile on her face! Whether the work is straightforward or difficult, Amber always tries as hard as possible and really wants to improve. Amber sets an excellent example for others to follow. Well done Amber!

**Huw Roberts** for really impressing Mr Jones this week in PE! Huw is a very talented sportsman but the way that he encouraged others on his team was amazing. He was so supportive and proved himself to be a real team player. Well done Huw!

**Olivia Lambert** for her amazing reading ability! Liv loves her books and spends every spare second in class reading. Her score on the test Class 5 did this week demonstrated how gifted she is in this subject. Well done Liv!

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