

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Over the last few weeks we have done amazingly well as a school to keep infections away and the children in school. It has been great to see so many children in school and such little disruption. I would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting these measures, even when it can seem a real inconvenience.

On Monday I will be having a 'Stepping Down' meeting, where it will be decided which of the measures we can ease up on, and which we cannot. Each restriction will be considered separately and will all be judged on the same criteria – whether the benefits outweigh the risks.

For example, the first thing I will consider is the children being allowed to mix outside during break-times. The benefits to the children of removing this restriction are huge, but we will be measuring it against the increased risk. In this case the risks would have to be pretty high to outweigh the benefits to the children.

However, removing a restriction such as face covering for parents in the morning and end of day has very little benefit for the children but does increase the chance of infections moving between families and therefore classes. This has the risk of disrupting classes and the whole school in addition to the obvious risk to families of getting infected.

I'm sure that whatever I decide on Monday, there will be some who disagree. Whether you disagree or not, you can be assured I have thought very carefully on each decision and will only ever do what is best for the children.

In addition to detailing how the measures may change next week, I will also try to include some simple guidance to help parents and guardians understand some of the current regulations around isolation and testing. I can't promise on this one, as I've been reluctant to simplify or summarise in case I inadvertently make a mistake and give the wrong information. Additionally, the guidance can be so complex at times it is almost impossible to summarise and simplify.

The decisions next week are important and so need thought and discussion for each one. I imagine the letter informing you of them will come out to you on Tuesday. Until you hear otherwise, please keep all the safety measures in place.

## **Reminder - labelling of clothing**

We still have lots of items of clothing being brought into school without names on! Please ensure ALL clothing brought to school, including outdoor coats etc, are clearly labelled clearly with your child's name. This means that any lost property can be quickly returned to the owner.

## **Bryn Offa Non-Uniform Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**In support of Hope House**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we are going to be taking part in the Hope House 'Double Bubble Dress Down Day'! We would like the children to come to school in non-uniform and to bring a small donation with them on that day (suggested donation 50p/£1)

The money raised will go to Hope House to help to care for seriously ill children in our community. Any donation you can give would be fantastic! Thank you!

A reminder will be sent out next week.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

After the Half Term, as part of Rota Kids' fundraising efforts, we are going to be taking part in Operation Christmas Child. This project collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, and delivers them to children in need around the world and we will be asking for donations which can be used in these shoeboxes. Further information will be coming out to parents next week but if you would like to look into this in the meantime, more information can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)



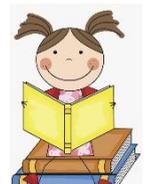
## **Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Thankfulness**



## **General Class Information**

### **Class 2**

Class 2 library books will be changed on Tuesday rather than Monday next week.





## Stars of the Week



**Harrison Edwards** for his super work in Phonics this week! Harrison worked independently to complete his work quickly and he listened really carefully during lessons. Well done Harrison!

**Rory Tuer** for being a superstar every week! Rory works hard and enthusiastically every day to complete each activity. He is very kind, polite and sensitive to the needs of others and is a joy to have in Class 1. Well done Rory!

**Bethany Hill** for being such a pleasure to have in Class 2 and for trying her best in everything she does! She has taken on board any next steps, and used them effectively! Well done Bethany!

**Bobby Waters** for his fantastic attitude to learning and behaviour in class 2! Bobby always gives 100% in every lesson. This week his Science knowledge and understanding have blown Mrs Maxfield away. Well done Bobby!

**Sophie Ahlberg** for trying her best in everything she does and for always having a huge smile on her face! This week Sophie has been working particularly hard during her English lessons. Well done Sophie!

**Austin Catterly** for making great strides with times tables and division facts on his three times tables this week! Austin has persevered and really challenged himself. Austin is also working really hard with his handwriting. Keep up the great work Austin, well done!

**Mia Oliver** for being an absolute delight to teach! Mia is hardworking, kind and very helpful. She always tries her best in everything and loves challenging herself. Miss Harvey thinks that she is a superstar and is very proud of her. Well done Mia!

**Niamh Tuer** for producing some fantastic work this week! Niamh has a very creative and scientific mind and has produced some great writing in English and some fantastic explanations in Science. Well done Niamh, keep up the great work!

**Imogen Hill** for her fantastic work which never fails to impress Mr Jones! Imogen's Maths work is both neat and accurate. Her use of a thesaurus in Literacy really adds the X factor to her written work. Keep up the amazing work Imogen, well done!

**Isobel Bowkett** for really impressing Mr Jones with her start to the year! Imogen takes a great deal of pride in her work and her reading is amazing. Well done Isobel!

**Perrie Evans** for an excellent start to the year! Perrie's effort in class is amazing and she always gives 100% in every lesson. Keep being brilliant Perrie, well done!

**Isobel Lloyd** for blowing Mrs Hartland away this week with her artwork! Isobel's work was out of the world and deserved to be displayed in an art gallery. Well done Isobel!

**Lexii Culkin** for her fantastic attitude to learning this half term! Lexii has tried her best in each lesson and has been working with increased independence. It has been wonderful to see Lexii's confidence grow, especially in tag rugby. Well done Lexii!

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