

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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During recent times it has felt like all I have done is to reduce things, cancel things and sometimes not even start something that I know would end up not being possible. There has been so much to deal with 'in the moment' that it has felt like the only thing to look forward to is a bit of normality. Whilst we will all welcome normality, it shouldn't really be the only thing we have to look forward to.

One of the things that we have always done really well at Bryn Offa, is to provide great experiences for our children that they may not get in other schools. Sometimes these experiences can only include a small group of children, like the members of Creation Club going to Brook House to sing for the elderly residents or a sports team going to a competition. However sometimes, we are able to provide something for the whole school! The event I told you I was risk assessing in the newsletter last week is our plans to take the whole school to the theatre in the new year. I am delighted to inform you that in Spring 2022 we will run two theatre visits that will mean every child at Bryn Offa will be able to see a performance at Theatre Severn. Classes 1 and 2 will see a performance of 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and children in Classes 3, 4 and 5 will see 'Gangsta Granny'. Further details will be provided nearer to the time, and hopefully BOPTA will be able to support some of the costs so it won't be too expensive for parents and guardians.

As long as we have no school linked infections next week, we will be stepping down measures again next week and will be returning to all the children having lunch at 12 o'clock. They will still be sitting with children from their own class, but it will allow us to have more children in the hall at the same time and this will be less disruptive to the school day. The stepping down next week will take us to Level 2 of our infection control plan, which involves just a few restrictions before we eventually step down to Level 1 which is the long awaited normality. However, getting to Level 1 is not entirely in our control. The factor keeping us at Level 2 is not the situation in the school, but that in the local area. As soon as we are clear in school and Shropshire infection figures are low, we can open things up fully. Please keep wearing face coverings, testing and keeping the children at home when they are unwell and hopefully when we move to Level 2, the next move will be to Level 1 and not back to Level 3.

Request for old tinsel!

Class 2 need some old tinsel! If you have any, please bring it into school next week. Thank you!

Toys in school

Can we please ask that children do not bring toys and other items into school unless they are to be shown as part of the class 'show and tell'. Whilst we understand that children may wish to carry familiar toys with them and to show their friends items they consider precious, it has been our experience, that bringing toys from home to school can create difficult situations to manage. They can disrupt the learning at school and they may be lost or damaged. Parents' cooperation with this would be appreciated.



Head lice

We have had a couple of cases of head lice in school recently.

Please do your part to prevent head lice spreading by checking your child's hair regularly (at least once a week), and on a regular basis thereafter. Please also watch for signs of head lice as they are much easier to treat if caught early. If head lice or eggs are detected, treatment should be given to the whole family **before** your child returns to school. A second treatment should also be given 10 days later.

We would ask that any cases of head lice are reported to the school office to allow us to monitor cases and prevent head lice spreading.



Christmas Book Fair



The Christmas Book Fair will be in school from next Thursday.

In order to make the Book Fair as safe as possible for everyone visiting, we have allocated one date for parents of each class to visit as follows:

Class 1 parents	-	Thursday 2nd December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 2 parents	-	Friday 3rd December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 3 parents	-	Monday 6th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 4 parents	-	Tuesday 7th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 5 parents	-	Wednesday 8th December 3.15pm-4.00pm



There will also be a BOPTA stall where you will be able to buy raffle tickets and homemade Christmas decorations and a second hand uniform stall!

Reminders will be sent out to parents next week. Please come and join us if you can!

BOPTA Christmas Raffle

A letter regarding the raffle and some raffle tickets were sent home this week. It would be amazing if you could have a go at selling the tickets on BOPTA's behalf. All money and any unsold raffle tickets should be returned to the school office by **Friday 10th December**. The winning tickets will be drawn the following week.

BOPTA would not be able to hold this raffle without your support and would be really grateful for any donations/prizes to go in the raffle. Items like the ones listed below would be fantastic!

★ Wine ★ Chocolates ★ Christmas decorations ★ Biscuits, crackers etc ★ Vouchers ★ Beauty products ★ Candles

Please bring your donations into school by **Friday 10th December**. If you have trouble with any drop off or you have any queries or need any more tickets, please contact Nia Morris.

Christmas Performances

The dates and times for each class Christmas performance/assembly is shown below. Tickets will be limited to two per child. A letter will be coming out to parents regarding this next week.



Class 4- Monday 13th December at 2.45pm

Class 2- Tuesday 14th December at 2.30pm

Class 1- Wednesday 15th December at 2.30pm

Class 3- Thursday 16th December at 2.30pm

Class 5- Friday 17th December at 2.45pm

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December will be our Christmas Jumper Day! This year we are going to be raising money for Save the Children. If you are able to make a donation, please send it into school on that day.



Normal school uniform should be worn but the children can wear their favourite festive jumper/home decorated jumper in place of their normal school jumper. Please do not buy a Christmas jumper especially- a home decorated jumper would be fantastic

Week commencing Monday 22nd November

Tuesday during school:

Guitar lessons (pm)

Wednesday during school:

Woodwind lessons (pm)

Thursday during school:

Forest School for Class 1 (pm)

Thursday after school:

Book Fair for Class 1 parents and children 3.15-4.00pm

Friday after school:

Book Fair for Class 2 parents and children 3.15-4.00pm

Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Service



“No joy can equal the joy of
serving others”
(Sai Baba)



Stars of the Week



Elodie Swannick for being a super star every week! Elodie is so enthusiastic about learning and always does her best. Class 1 are lucky to have her! Well done Elodie!

Sophie-Leigh Thompson for working really hard this week and for making great progress with her phonics when sounding out new words! Keep up the good work Sophie-Leigh, well done!

Eliza Duffy for her fantastic attitude to learning and for always putting a smile on Class 2's faces! Eliza has completed some great Science work this week, discussing how to look after animals. Well done Eliza!

Nia Counsell for being such a pleasure to have in Class 2! Nia is a kind and polite pupil who has a great sense of humour. This week she has worked really hard during her Maths lessons and has completed some tricky challenges. Well done Nia!

Charlie Evans for a great few weeks! Charlie is super keen to get on with his work in class and is reading and doing his homework brilliantly. He is very helpful and always has a smile on his face. Keep up the amazing work Charlie, well done!

Isabelle Edwards for always working hard and trying her best! Isabelle's handwriting is absolutely beautiful and she takes great pride in her work. She always asks interesting questions and is very interested in the world around her. Keep up the great work Isabelle, well done!

Lexi Humphreys for being a very kind and mature member of Class 3! Lexi is an excellent guru and loves to help other people. She has also produced some fantastic work on the Stone Age this week. Well done Lexi!

Esme Jones for making huge improvements already this year! The most pleasing has been Esme's level of independence. She has shown a real maturity in her approach to her work and should feel really proud of her efforts. Well done Esme!

Jack Law for always trying his best! This week, not only has Jack produced some superb work, but he has also been a superb guru to his classmates. He is an incredibly friendly and helpful pupil who is a real asset to Class 4. Well done Jack!

Tyler Robinson Scott for impressing Mr Jones and Miss Hyde this week! Tyler's tables continue to improve and his work in his ICT lesson this week was incredibly impressive. Well done Tyler, keep up the amazing work!

Braiden Keechan for really impressing Miss Hyde this week with his attitude to learning. Braiden was the summary speaker for his team during Class 5's debating lessons. This was a challenging role but he persevered and made clear points when it was his turn to speak. Well done Braiden!

Molly Tuer for always trying her best and for challenging herself in every activity! This week Molly created some excellent arguments during Class 5's debating lessons in English. Molly always helps others too, making her an outstanding team player. Well done Molly!