

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Going into this half term we had one simple measure of success- could we manage to keep every class open for the whole half term so none of the children would have to do any remote learning unless they were too ill to attend? I am absolutely delighted that we have been able to do this for our children. There were times when the layers of backup in place were stretched to the limit, but you can be assured we stayed open without placing any of the children under any risks.

When we return after the half term break we will be able to remove more of the safety measures we have had in place, and hopefully not have to reintroduce any of them. These are things like returning to whole school indoor activities like assemblies and returning lunchtime to twelve o'clock for everyone rather than having a staggered lunch. Parents evening should be face to face this term, and we have multiple visitors planned and lots of exciting visits for the children. Extra-curricular clubs should be able to be re-introduced as well, so please watch out for information regarding this in the first week or so.

I am sure that you will all have read that last paragraph with some degree of relief, but I do have to make sure you understand that the first priority for us is to stay open and provide the children with a first class education. All the extras we provide are what make us so special, and all of them will carry some small degree of risk. It is when the risks start to outweigh the benefits that I may need to reintroduce some measures if we are at risk of an outbreak, and subsequent full or partial closure. Staying open, and staying open safely will always be our top priority.

If we do need to reintroduce any measures you will be informed by email, so please make sure you keep monitoring emails frequently. Please also keep up with the government guidance for when to test yourselves and your children so we can keep the school clear of Covid. It is still incredibly important that you keep your child at home if they are unwell. Both these elements are vital in helping us to stay open.

Have a great half term and we look forward to all the children returning fit and well on Monday 28th February.



World Book Day

We have lots of activities planned for World Book Day on 3rd March. You will receive a separate letter regarding these today and your child will be bringing their World Book token home with them today for them to use over the Half Term break!



General Reminders

- × Please check your emails regularly and the weekly Newsletter each week for important updates and information.
- × Please phone in with any changes to end of day arrangements rather than emailing.
- × Please ensure your child has enough credit on their dinner account to cover dinner charges
- × If you have any concerns about your child's health or if he/she has a medical condition that we should be aware of, please let us know as soon as possible (for example, new allergies or medical conditions). It is really important to keep us informed if there are any changes.

Thank you!

Week commencing Monday 28th February

Tuesday:	Year 6 and Reception pupils height and weight screening Guitar lessons (pm)
Wednesday:	Year 5 pupils depart for Condover Residential Visit Woodwind lessons (pm)
Thursday:	World Book Day!
Friday:	Year 5 pupils return from Condover Residential Visit



Stars of the Week



Arno Shaw-Jones for a fabulous week this week! Arno is working so hard and was able to think of some brilliant rhyming words during Class 1's poetry lessons. Well done Arno!

Riley Grove for making massive progress with his phonics! Riley worked so hard this week and was able to think of the beginning sounds and the middle diagraphs of lots of words. Well done Riley!

Bethany Hill and Isabelle Collier for their amazing non-fiction reports about Neil Armstrong! They included lots of additional information and presented their reports beautifully. Well done Bethany and Isabelle!

Henry Owen for never failing to put a smile on Mrs Maxfield's face with his great sense of humour! Henry's reading has also blown Mrs Maxfield away this week. What a star! Well done Henry!

Mollie Harvey for being such a kind and thoughtful member of Class 3! Mollie shows genuine concern for the wellbeing of everyone and demonstrates great kindness to her friends. She also always listens carefully and does her best in every lesson. Well done Mollie!

Zak Hughes for his fantastic description of a dragon in his independent writing this week! Miss Harvey have seen huge progress this term and is very proud of him. Well done Zak!

Elijah Abbott for his amazing gymnastics routine! Elijah really impressed Mr Jones this week with his vaulting abilities and control during his gymnastics performance. Well done Elijah!

Harvey Kilvert and Melody Elli for their fantastic recorder playing abilities! Both Harvey and Melody have real focus in everything they do. This week, they led their recorder groups superbly well during their presentations. Well done Harvey and Melody!