

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

It has been delightful this week with us returning to almost normality at Bryn Offa. Due to having no cases in school at the moment, we have been able to continue with our plan and remove most of the restrictions. It is starting to feel much more like normal as we start to see the school diary fill up.

This week, Mr Jones and Mrs Taaffe have been to Condover Outdoor Education Centre with the Year 5 children. The outdoor and adventurous education at Bryn Offa has always been really strong, so it is great to see this starting back up again. Our outdoor and adventurous residential visits, coupled with our use of Arthog Outreach and running the John Muir Award, really add a richness to our curriculum that it is great to see return.

In addition to the outdoor education, we are also back in full flow with some of the other educational visits we provide for the children and the visitors we invite in. Next week we have the Planetarium in for the Class 2 Space Day on Monday, where some of the classes will have the opportunity to experience the Stardome. Class 2 will also have a space workshop in addition to their time in the Stardome.



The week after, Miss Hyde will be taking Class 5 to RAF Cosford where they will be able to see some WW2 planes and to take part in some workshops. One of these workshops will be all about the Battle of Britain, where the children will be able to handle real artefacts. The second workshop will allow Class 5 to apply their knowledge of forces to help them to create rocket cars! We also have our first of the Theatre Severn visits that week, which will be the Gangsta Granny performance for Key Stage 2. The week after that Miss Harvey will be taking the Year 3 and 4 children to the Hindu Temple, with the second Theatre visit the week after that for the performance of The Smartest Giant in Town for Key Stage 1. In between all these visits there will also be sports competitions taking place, with the next of these being the Tag Rugby Tournament next Thursday. Please note that we do not have money in the budget to subsidise visits, and we rely on parental contributions in order for the visits to happen. It would be a terrible shame if we have to cancel visits and support from all parents with payment would be really appreciated. I have listed some dates for your diary below.

We also have Red Nose Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and further information regarding this will be sent out to parents next week.

Another sign of our return to normality is the face to face Parents Evenings we have returned to, which are taking place next week after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are able to, please LFT before you attend as staff absence is the biggest cause of disruption we face. With all these wonderful things returning to Bryn Offa, we do not want to put any of it at risk with an outbreak in school. Please remember that the Covid virus is still around and once in a school the transmission is difficult to control. Please remember these basic rules are still in place:

- Keep your child off school if they are unwell (48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea).
- Keep them at home if they have a temperature, new and continuous cough or loss of smell or taste and book a PCR test for them. They need to stay at home while they wait for the results.
- Children with a Covid infection should not return to school until they complete their ten days isolation, or get a negative result on a LFT from Day 5 and 6 (this is unchanged from previous guidance)

You can get this guidance and further by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Please note that the change in restrictions on the 24<sup>th</sup> February removed some of the legal measures that had been put in place, but a lot of the health guidance remains. If in any doubt always check on NHS and government websites, rather than any third party sources.



## **World Book Day** **Extreme Reading Competition!**

Thank you so much to all of the children who entered our 'Extreme Reading Competition' for World Book Day! We have been overwhelmed with the number of entries and the amazing places the children have been caught reading! All the entries were shared in yesterday's assembly and winners have been picked by teachers and announced in this morning's Star of the Week assembly. The winning entries can be seen below. A huge well done also to all of the children for the fantastic costumes worn for on World Book Day. They all looked absolutely brilliant! Please don't forget to use the World Book Day token if you haven't already done so. More information on the books available can be found here

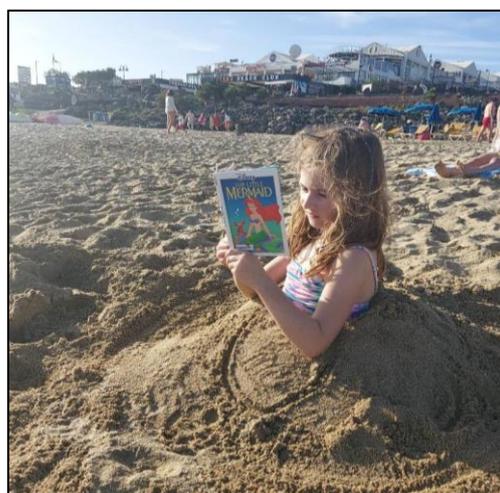


<https://www.worldbookday.com/2022/01/take-a-sneak-peek-inside-the-2022-1-books/>

### **Class 1 Winner!** **Hannah Ahlberg**



### **Class 2 Winner!** **Olivia Hamer**



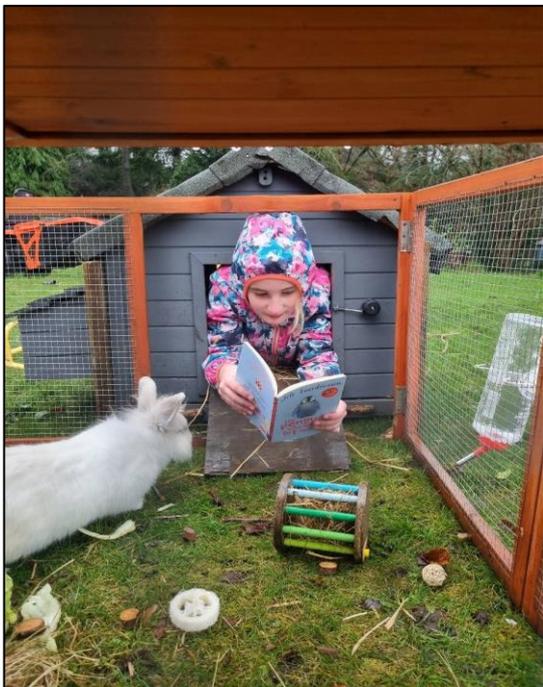
**Class 3 Winner!**  
**Mia Oliver**



**Class 4 Winner!**  
**Joe Ungurs**



**Class 5 Winner!**  
**Elsie Harper**



**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.

### **Nut allergy Reminder!**

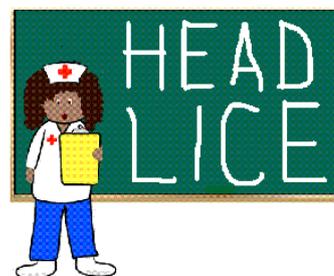
Can we ask that parents whose children have packed lunch are vigilant and do not send anything containing nuts into school please. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Cakes containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

### **Head Lice**

Please do your part to prevent head lice spreading by checking your child's hair. **We would recommend that your child's hair is checked 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



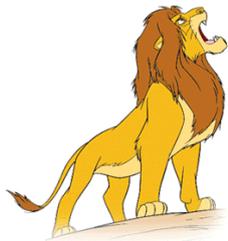
also be given 10 days later. We would ask that any cases of head lice are reported to the school office to allow us to monitor cases and prevent head lice spreading. Further information can be obtained from your local GP or pharmacist.

### **Week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday:	Space Day for Class 2, Stardome visit for Class 1, Class 4 and Class 5
Tuesday:	Guitar lessons (pm), Parents Evening (3.30pm-7.00pm)
Wednesday:	Woodwind lessons (pm), Parents Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Thursday:	Tag Rugby Competition, Class 1 Forest School (pm)

## Dates for your Diary!

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March -	Class 5 visit to Cosford Air Museum
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March -	Red Nose Day and Key Stage 2 Theatre Visit to watch Gangsta Granny
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March -	Year 3 and 4 visit to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March -	Year 5 John Muir session
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March -	BOPTA Meeting 8pm at The Cross Guns
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March -	Class photos
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April -	Key Stage 1 Theatre Visit to watch The Smartest Giant in Town



## Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Courage



Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'  
(Mary Anne Radmacher)



## Stars of the Week



**Hannah Ahlberg** for being a marvellous Maths magician this week! Hannah worked so hard to complete her work quickly, independently and accurately. Excellent understanding, well done Hannah!

**Sophie-Leigh Thompson** for being an absolute super star this week! Sophie-Leigh's reading, writing and Maths have all be fabulous. Keep up the hard work Sophie-Leigh, well done!

**Dakota Jamison, Dottie Edwards and Eva Parkinson** for writing fantastic instructions this week on how to make pancakes! Dakota extended her sentences and used lots of exciting detail, Dottie included lots of details and adjectives and Eva's instructions were so detailed and descriptive that they could be published in a recipe book! Well done Dakota, Dottie and Eva!

**Maisie Edwards** for making huge strides with her Maths! Maisie's confidence is really increasing and she is much happier putting her hand up in class. She is particularly good at data handling and has also made great progress with her times tables. Keep up the great work Maisie, well done!

**Victoria Kate** for being such a fun person to have in Class 3! Victoria always gives 100%, is kind to others and has the most infectious smile. She has also been working super hard on her handwriting which has resulted in her being awarded with her pen license. Amazing work Victoria, well done!

**Connor Bowkett** for his fantastic work ethic! Connor always tries his best and challenges himself. This has allowed him to make amazing progress in Maths and reading. Well done Connor!

**Niamh Evans** for always trying her best and challenging herself to be the best she can! Niamh is also a fantastic 'guru' and explains to others how to solve questions clearly and confidently. Well done Niamh!