

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 25th March

It feels like a real backward step to have to mention Covid in the weekly newsletter, but we did come fairly close today to having to suspend a class for a short time due to lack of staff. Our normal procedure during staff absence is to use internal staff first and then to go to the supply agencies. Unfortunately, the supply agencies simply don't have enough staff to cope as the demand is so high and we are running out of internal staff. Apart from remaining vigilant and testing, there is not much else you can do to help the situation.

It is important that parents remember to check emails before leaving for school in the morning just in case we have to close a class until we can staff it safely. If we do have to close a class, as long as the teacher is well enough, they will provide remote education as directed by the government.

Please note that the remote learning is a temporary measure put in place for Covid to minimise the education of the children. Providing remote education is not possible for other illnesses unless they extend beyond a fifteen day period. Please do not expect staff to provide work for children during general illnesses in the same way they do for Covid isolation.

Car Park Safety!

We have had a couple of near misses in the school car park this week due to parents parking in the bus lane. Even though the markings for the bus lane have long worn away, every parent knows where the busses park and this is an area of the car park that must not be used by parents to park. I would also ask parents to use the pavement on the left as you leave school and not to try to squeeze in between the lines of children being taken out to the busses by the school staff. While we take large numbers of children to the bus we need to be able to see and control the line well, which is really difficult when parents squeeze into the gaps.



Red Nose Day!



Thank you to all the children who took part in our Red Day Nose celebrations last Thursday by wearing something red to school! Thank you also for all the donations we received. With your help, we managed to raise the impressive amount of £172.20!

Bryn Offa Tree Planting Ceremony

Last week, the children at Bryn Offa were involved in planting a tree both on the school grounds and at Moreton Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. A prayer has been written and this was shared by some of the children in Class 4 during the planting of the trees. We are looking forward to seeing them grow over the coming months and years!



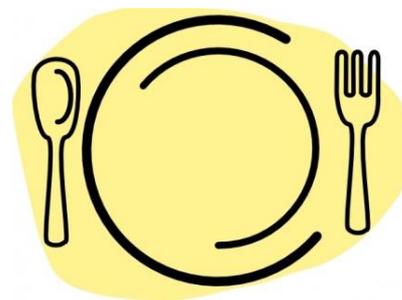
Dear God,
Thank you for this beautiful sapling.
We promise to welcome it into the Bryn Offa family.
Our hope is that it will grow like the knowledge of the pupils in our school.
We look forward to enjoying it's shade and listening to the birds singing from the branches for generations to come.
With your help, we will care and provide all the tree needs in order for it to flourish.
In your holy name we pray,
Amen (written by Class 4)



Changes to the lunch menu on Monday

Due to delivery issues, the menu on Monday will be as follows:

- The main option will be a mixture of fish fingers, fish cakes and chicken goujons.
- The vegetarian option will be pizza or a baked cheese roll.
- The side will be spaghetti hoops with sweetcorn or green beans.
- Pudding will be cookies or shortbread or a variety of fruit.



General reminders!

- × Please telephone rather than emailing with changes to end of day arrangements please, just in case your email is not picked up or we are unable to access emails.
- × If your child does need to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please let Miss Morris know in advance of the appointment. Please also provide proof of the appointment (e.g. appointment text, hospital letter). Failure to do this may result in the absence being unauthorised.
- × Please ensure that you have enough credit on your child's dinner account to cover dinner charges. Any arrears should be paid promptly.



BOPTA Cake Sale- Friday 5th April



Donations of cakes to sell at the Cake Sale would be really appreciated and may be left at the School Office on Friday morning or brought to the sale from 3pm. Further information will be coming out to parents next week!

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the morning of Monday 28th March to take class photographs.

Please ensure that your child has his/her school sweatshirt or cardigan with them in school on Thursday.



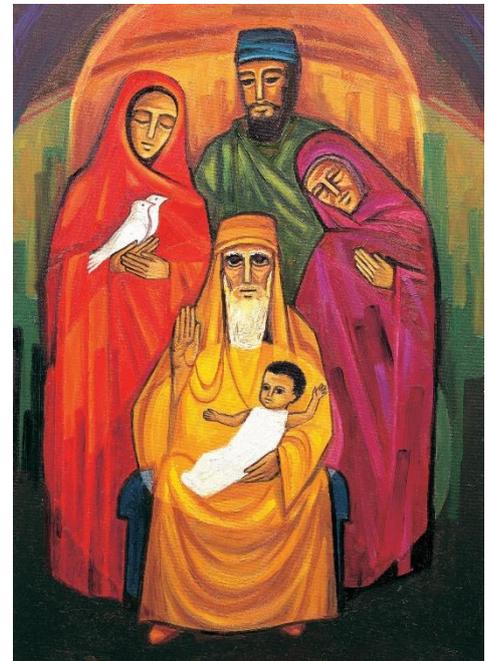
Week commencing Monday 28th March

Monday:	Class photographs
Tuesday:	Guitar lessons (pm)
Wednesday:	Woodwind lessons (pm)
Thursday:	Class 1 Forest School (pm)

Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Courage

Courage is...

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement



Father God,
Help us to be strong and courageous.
Help us to speak out for others.
Help us to stand up and be counted.
Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.
Amen



Stars of the Week



Livia Parkinson for her fabulous work on Class 1's topic of 'Houses and Homes'! Livia wrote that she loved her home because of the beautiful views of sunsets! Well done Livia!

Pippa Hanson for her fabulous version of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Pippa's version was called 'The Three little Penguins and the Big Bad Polar Bear!' Well done Pippa!

Amber Ridge for working really hard in class! Amber's phonics have particularly impressed Mrs Maxfield and her spelling and sounding out have been fantastic! Well done Amber!

Gracie Williams for being really sensible and working hard in all her lessons!

Gracie also created a brilliant spring dance in PE! Well done Gracie!

Bo Nicholl for his amazing magnetic experiment this week! Bo showed great independence when discovering a range of magnetic objects. Great work Bo, well done!

Maisie Edward for the kindness and help she shows to others! Maisie is a great team player in Class 3 and is always helping in any way she can. She is incredibly kind to all who she works with. Well done Maisie!

Isobel Bowkett for her amazing Maths work on fractions! Isobel has truly mastered fractions- she even corrected Mr Jones this week! It is great to see her confidence grow. Great work Isobel, well done!

Max Roger for his amazing perseverance! Max has worked incredibly hard at work at home, learning a new skill and this has had a positive impact on his work in school. Well done Max!

Caitlin Fleet for showing tremendous perseverance over the last two weeks, whilst she has been on crutches! Caitlin has worked hard to complete her Maths and English as independently as possible too. It was an absolute joy to see her join the Key Stage Two Theatre Visit last week! Well done Caitlin!

Emily Borthwick and Sam Beattie for both working extremely hard over the last few weeks to improve their arithmetic scores! This week Emily's improved by 6 an impressive 6 points and Sam's score has improved by a massive 7 points! Well done Emily and Sam!

Rory Pierce for his exemplary behaviour and attitude during the Class 5 visit to RAF Cosford last week! Rory engages with the volunteers in the hangers in such a mature and polite manner, he was a credit to Bryn Offa! Well done Rory!

