

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 23rd September

As the whole country is currently suffering from the 'cost of living crisis', I thought it may be worth detailing a few of the things we are trying to do to help out. The things we can do are very limited as schools are not immune to financial difficulties and we also face our own challenges of rising costs without receiving increases in funding.

The first thing for parents to consider is the lunch eaten by their children. Even though we have had to put the cost of a school dinner up this term, the meals are considerably cheaper than the majority of packed lunches. A school lunch is free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so these children should be encouraged to take up this offer. We have reintroduced a cold option in addition to the hot meal to try to encourage as many children as possible.

Parents applying for the Free School Meals as outlined in the newsletter last week is really important, even for the children that get the free meal anyway. We have now said that all school visits are free to the children on Free School Meals, which can save parents a large amount of money over the year as the costs of educational visits has gone up considerably. These free places will be paid for from the Pupil Premium funding received, not by increasing the cost to other parents. We never make any money on school visits, which is why the contributions from parents are even more important than ever from those who are able to pay it.

The final plan we are making this year is for some of the food collected for our Harvest celebrations on Monday 17th October to be made available to some of our families in the greatest need, before it is donated to the Oswestry Food Bank. If you would like to benefit from this, please send an email directly to myself, or speak to me during the morning drop off by the back door. All requests will be confidential.

Week commencing Monday 26th September

Monday after school:	Creation Club, Kindness Club and Art & Craft Club
Tuesday during school:	Guitar Lessons (pm)
Tuesday after school:	Textiles Club and Cross Country Club
Wednesday during school:	Woodwind Lessons (pm)
Thursday during school:	Violin and Clarinet Lessons (pm)
Thursday after school:	Cross Country at The Marches (4pm)



Stars of the Week



Harry Duffy and Nesta Bladen for both being really polite and showing off their lovely manners when collecting and dropping off the Class One bus list this week. Well done Harry and Nesta!

Oliver Mullineux for being a superstar during Class One's phonics lessons! Oliver can use the sounds Class One have learned to write words using his beautiful handwriting. Well done Oliver!

Charlie Tomkins for his amazing colour mixing skills! Charlie was able to remember the primary colours and the secondary colours. Well done Charlie!

Tommy Harvey for being extra kind this week when he has stayed in at break times with his friend Jude who has broken his arm! Tommy has been helping him with his bag and at lunchtime too. Well done Tommy!

Amelie Davies for an amazing start to Year 2 and for putting super effort in to all Class Two's lessons. Well done Amelie, keep up the hard work!

Bobby Waters for being an absolute pleasure to teach! Bobby is always ready to learn and has a fantastic 'can do' attitude. He is working really hard in all of his subjects but particularly enjoys Maths where he is always keen to challenge himself. Well done Bobby!

Dakota Jamison for settling into Class 3 brilliantly! Dakota is kind, hardworking and always has a smile on her face. She has produced some fantastic work in English this week when planning her own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. Keep up the great work Dakota, well done!

Charlie Evans for his fantastic work on addition this week! Charlie has concentrated really hard and can now add two four-digit numbers. Mr Jones is very proud of him. Well done Charlie!

Serena Smith for impressing Mr Jones with the quality of her work this week! It is neat, detailed and a joy to mark. Serena's hand is also always raised in class ready to give an answer. Keep bring brilliant Serena, well done!

Esme Jones for her great attitude to learning! Esme is already making brilliant progress and Miss Hyde has thoroughly enjoyed reading her pieces of writing. Well done Esme!

Jenson Gibbs for working really hard this week when creating some lovely paragraphs in his story! It has been lovely to see how proud of himself he is too and what amazing progress he has made. Keep up the hard work Jenson, well done!

Bryn Offa Value of the Month – Friendship

