

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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It was lovely last week to detail all the additional music tuition at Bryn Offa as I believe it adds so much to the children's experience here and develops some really useful skills. It is now a real strength of the school, and I hope to be strengthening it even further with the addition of a choir that we are planning between 12:30pm and 1:00pm during Thursday lunchtime. In addition to learning the skills and experiences being part of a choir provides, the children will also get the opportunity to perform in local events, which are amazing experiences in themselves.

## **Pupil Premium**

The final thing I would like to mention is the importance of all parents completing the Pupil Premium paperwork if you are eligible. I have copied the eligibility criteria below as well as the link to allow you to apply. The funding benefits all the children in the school, and will benefit those who receive it directly by funding school visits, including the residential visits in Years 5 and 6. Even if your circumstances change, the funding remains in place, and so do the benefits for six full years.

A child is eligible for free school meals based on their family circumstances and applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- × Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- × Income support
- × Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- × Income-related employment and support allowance
- × Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- × The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- × Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You can apply at the following link <https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/> or by telephoning 0345 678 9008.

## **Changes to the School Lunch Menu next week**

Due to delivery issues, we have made the following changes to the lunch menu next week:

- × Wednesday – it will be sausages with Yorkshire pudding instead of roast beef
- × Friday – it will be meatballs and chips instead of sausages

There may be further changes depending on delivery times but we will keep you posted.

## Extra-curricular Clubs

The after school extra-curricular clubs are also starting next week, though not all of them due to the Bank Holiday on Monday. In a full week, there will be Creation Club, Kindness Club and Art & Craft Club on Monday after school with Textiles Club and Cross Country Club taking place on Tuesday after school.

Miss Harvey will also be starting Rotakids very soon, which has proved to be fantastic in the past and has raised some money for some very worthwhile causes.

### Week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Monday during school:	Bank Holiday (school closed)
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)



### Stars of the Week



**The whole of Class 1** for a fabulous first full week at Bryn Offa! Well done Class 1! **Gracie Williams** for having an excellent start to the new school year and for trying really hard in the Class 2 phonics lessons! Gracie is also working really hard in Maths and is getting to grips with larger numbers. Keep up the good work Gracie, well done! **Millie Kilvert** for also having a fantastic start to the new school year! Millie has been reading at home and it really shows in her writing at school. She always has her hand up and has come back to school eager to learn. Miss Richards and Miss Owen are very proud of her. Well done Millie!

**Nêst Young** for really impressing Class 2 with her listening skills and her willingness to work hard! Nêst has already produced some super work and is trying really hard in all her lessons. Well done Nêst!

**Azalea Drake and Sophie Weekes** for both having a fantastic start at Bryn Offa! It is never easy starting a new school but Azalea and Sophie have both settled in brilliantly and are both working hard and making lots of new friends. Bryn Offa is lucky to have them! Well done girls!

**Henry Bowkett** for making a huge effort over the last few days to improve the presentation of his work. Yesterday Henry wrote a great piece of writing about the Pied Piper and his handwriting was incredible. Keep it up Henry, well done!

**Isla Gibbs** for starting Year 5 with a great enthusiasm for learning! Isla has been working hard to create some great written pieces and is always keen to share her ideas. Mrs Hartland is very proud of her. Keep up your positive attitude Isla, well done!

**Hector Owen** for blowing Miss Hyde away this week with his attitude to learning! Hector has completed each piece of work to the best of his ability and is always keen to challenge himself. He is a fantastic role model to the whole school. Well done Hector!

**Lacey Watkins** for working so hard and enthusiastically this week despite having a cold! Miss Hyde has been really impressed with her concentration and attention to detail. Well done Lacey!

**Year 6 Arthog pupils** for being exceptionally well behaved and well organised on the Year 6 Residential Visit last week! The instructors were impressed with how polite and enthusiastic they all were. They even said the children were the best group of the year! Well done!

### **Bryn Offa Value of the Month – Friendship**

**Friendship** is...

**F**inding things to do together

**R**elying on each other

**I**mpossible on your own

**E**njoying being together

**N**ever selfish

**D**epending on someone else

**S**haring hopes and dreams

**H**appiness and laughter

**I**ncluding others

**P**recious

