

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 25th November

This week an incident was brought to my attention that can be categorised as a near miss but could have easily been a tragedy. It will not surprise many of you that once again there has been an incident on the car park involving a car and one of our children.

We do all we can in school to make sure the children are aware of the dangers of crossing roads and of traffic in general, but the stumbling block is once again the parents / adults. As all the drivers using the car park and the roads in the immediate vicinity are either parents or grandparents, it is unfathomable that they would either park or drive in such a way as to put children at risk. No matter what measures we put in place, if parents and grandparents show little consideration to the safety of the children, a serious accident is inevitable.

The most recent incident was caused by a car reversing rapidly into the car park exit in order to turn around. I can't possibly predict all the dangerous manoeuvres or dangerous parking that is likely as over the years there have been so many. These are not passing motorists, but the parents and grandparents of our own children.

I would have thought that just the possibility of a child being injured would be enough for everyone to drive incredibly slowly and carefully around children, but the law is also very clear on this matter. My understanding is that on the 28th June this year a new law came into force of 'Causing Serious Injury by Careless Driving', with a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment. The laws around causing death by careless driving carry higher penalties of five years imprisonment. These tariffs increase substantially if the driving is regarded as dangerous rather than careless.

Please do not let a tragedy happen here, or anywhere else where there may be children. Children are more difficult to see than adults, and far less predictable.



Christmas Book Fair and Rota Kids Christmas Bric-a-Brac Sale!



The Christmas Book Fair and Rota Kids Christmas Bric-a-Brac Sale will be taking place the week after next on the following days:

- × Monday 5th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
- × Tuesday 6th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
- × Wednesday 7th December 3.15pm-4.00pm

Donations of Bric-a-Brac would be appreciated (new, unused items in a good condition, thank you!).



Bryn Offa Christmas Lunch



The order form for the children's Christmas Lunch will be coming out to parents on Monday next week. It is important that the order form is returned to school by the deadline in order to allow the kitchen to pre-order the required amount of food. Your assistance with returning it to school promptly would be appreciated.



Festive Dates for your diary!



Christmas Book Fair

and Rota Kids Bric-a-Brac Christmas Sale:

Monday 5th December (3.15pm-4.00pm)

Tuesday 6th December (3.15pm-4.00pm)

Wednesday 7th December (3.15pm-4.00pm)

Christmas Lunch for the children:

Wednesday 14th December

Class 5 Christmas Production:

Tuesday 13th December (6.00pm)

Key Stage One Christmas Performance:
(Class 1 and Class 2)

Wednesday 14th December (1.45pm and 6.00pm)

Key Stage Two Christmas Performance:
(Class 3 and Class 4)

Thursday 15th December (1.45pm and 6.00pm)

Christmas Jumper Day:

Friday 16th December



Week commencing Monday 28th November

Monday after school:

Creation Club and Christmas Bakery Club (Group 2)

Tuesday during school:

Guitar Lessons

Tuesday after school:

Christmas Textiles Club and Indoor Athletics Club

Wednesday during school:

Class 5 Swimming (final lesson), Woodwind Lessons (am)

Thursday during school:

Class 1 Forest School (pm), Choir and Violin Lessons (pm)

Friday during school:

Year 3 Sports Comp, Class 4 Swimming (final lesson)



Stars of the Week!



Kyanna Davies for being able to think of some really good describing words to go with the stories 'That's not my ...'. Well done Kyanna!

Jacson Carter for working really hard this week in everything he has done, especially in phonics and his handwriting! Well done Jacson, keep it up!

Hannah Ahlberg for a fantastic effort in Maths this week! Hannah always tries her best in all lessons but this term she has shown great understanding in Maths and has flown through all her place value challenges this week. Well done Hannah.

Nêst Young for making a huge effort in school and at home with all of her work, especially with his reading and Maths! Well done Nêst!

Isabelle Collier for being a delightful member of Class 3! Isabelle always has a smile on her face and has a brilliant sense of humour. She really cares about her class mates and shows kindness and compassion to all. Keep up the great work Isabelle, well done!

Edith Lewis for a great week! Edith is always ready to learn and she listens really carefully. She has a great attitude to learning and always tries her best. She did a great job performing the 'Crick, Crack, Crocodile' Poem this week showing great confidence. Well done Edith!


Maisie Edwards for making a wonderful effort in learning her lines for the Class 3 and 4 Christmas Production! Mr Jones cannot wait to see her on stage as a ladybird. Well done Maisie!

Tyler Robinson-Scott for making great progress with his multiplication this week! Tyler has listened hard and now fully understands much more complex sums. Well done Tyler!


Drew Edwards for showing amazing perseverance this week! Drew managed to retrieve a brick from the bottom of the swimming pool at a depth of 1.5metres. He has also doubled his arithmetic score. Keep up the hard work Drew, well done!

Isobel Bowkett for challenging herself and for always trying her best! This week Isobel has worked hard to achieve an arithmetic score of 28 which is amazing for this time of year. She is also an extremely thoughtful child, who put other people's needs first. Well done Isobel!

Bryn Offa Value of the Month – Service



Can you think of a small act of service by someone else that made a big difference to you?



Think of a time when helping someone else made you feel joyful.