

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Friday 2nd December

Hopefully all parents and guardians will have seen the email that was sent out yesterday regarding some staffing issues that we were experiencing due to Covid infections in school. I would like to reassure parents that we are not in a situation of going back to children in bubbles and separate playtimes etc. Those days are long gone and very unlikely to return. The disruption we have had at the end of this week was due to staffing shortages that were caused by Covid on this occasion, but these shortages could just as easily have been caused by flu or any other winter respiratory virus. The only difference with Covid is that staff have to work from home for five days after a positive test result.

We are so close to the end of term I really want to make sure we do not have to cancel or postpone anything else as everyone is really looking forward to all the things planned for the end of term. Please make sure you do not send children into school when they are unwell, even if they happen to be missing something lovely that day.

Key Stage 2 SATs

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. The Key Stage 2 SATs will therefore take place on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week.

Dinner payments

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and has school dinners, please ensure that there is enough credit on your child's account to cover dinner charges. We are having to send out lots of reminders, so your help with this would be appreciated please.

School Notifications and Information

We send information and notifications out to parents by email with the Newsletter being emailed out every Friday so it is important that you check your emails regularly. If you are not receiving these and you should be, please let us know.

Christmas Post!

The children are welcome to bring Christmas cards into school for their friends from next week. Cards can be posted in the Christmas Pox Box which will be in reception by the doors to the School Hall and these will be handed out by some of the members of Class 5 during break.





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 next week 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!).

If there are any changes to normal end of day routines because your child will be attending the Book Fair, please phone school as soon as possible to let us know. Please do not email with changes to end of day arrangements.



Christmas Performances



The letter regarding tickets for the Christmas Performances will be coming out to parents on Monday by email and hard copy. Please keep an eye out for this!

As the School Hall can only accommodate a limited number of people, there will be a limit of **two** tickets **per family** (i.e. two tickets for the 1.45pm performance or two tickets for the 6.00pm performance). You may if you wish choose **one** ticket for each performance (i.e. one ticket for the 1.45pm performance and one ticket for the 6.00pm performance). If you have children in more than one performance, you will be able to have two tickets for each.

There may be the option to buy further tickets for some of the performances but you will receive a letter regarding this once all the request for tickets have been dealt with. Please only request two in the first instance.

The dates of the Performances are shown below:

- × Class 5 Christmas Production: Tuesday 13th December (6.00pm)
- × Key Stage One Christmas Performance: Wednesday 14th December (1.45pm and 6.00pm)
(Class 1 and Class 2)
- × Key Stage Two Christmas Performance: Thursday 15th December (1.45pm and 6.00pm)
(Class 3 and Class 4)

Week commencing Monday 5th December

****There is no Athletics Club this week and the last session will take place on Monday 12th December****

Monday after school:	Christmas Book Fair and Rota Kids Bric-a-Brac Sale (3.15pm-4.00pm), Creation Club (last session) and Christmas Bakery Club (Group 2)
Tuesday during school:	Guitar Lessons

Tuesday after school: Christmas Book Fair and Rota Kids Bric-a-Brac Sale (3.15pm-4.00pm), Christmas Textiles Club (last session)
Wednesday after school: Christmas Book Fair and Rota Kids Bric-a-Brac Sale (3.15pm-4.00pm),
Thursday during school: Class 1 Forest School (pm)



Stars of the Week!



Nesta Bladen for being an absolute super star! Nesta is kind, caring, beautifully behaved and so hard working. Her handwriting and phonics knowledge are also fantastic. Well done Nesta!

Riley Grove for being kind to his friends and for his lovely manners! Riley has also produced some super work in English where he made a fantastic start to his story. Well done Riley!

Edward Stott for his enjoyment of Class 3's lessons and for always sharing his answers and ideas! Edward is making great progress in all subjects but he has particularly impressed Miss Harvey with his hard work on his times tables. Well done Edward, Miss Harvey is very proud of you!

Luca Peter for his dedication to learning! Luca listens carefully and always produces neat, accurate and challenging work. He enjoys supporting his classmates and is an excellent guru. Keep up the great work Luca, well done!

Nathanial Roberts for making huge progress with his handwriting! Nathanial has worked incredibly hard in this area and it is improving every day. He is also working super hard in Maths and his mental arithmetic skills are really impressive. Well done Nathanial!

Dennis-Wynn Edwards for his great attitude and for always being ready to learn! Dennis-Wynn always has a smile on his face and his positive attitude is a delight to see. Well done Dennis-Wynn!

Mollie Harvey for her great attitude to learning and school! Mollie always arrives at school with a smile on her face, ready to learn. She is always very positive and makes Class 4 a great place to be. Well done Mollie!

George Lambert for his growing confidence throughout this term, which has been wonderful to see! George has been working really hard, especially in his English lessons and he always challenges himself. This makes him a fantastic role model. Well done George!

Perrie Evans for always trying her best, making her an absolute pleasure to teach! Perrie's perseverance was shown this week when she achieved her 400m certificate in swimming. Well done Perrie!

Bryn Offa Value of the Month – Generosity

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

“You can always give something, even if it's only kindness”

Anne Frank