

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the ways in which we find ways in which we can improve as a school are some of the questionnaires we used to get parents views and opinions. I appreciate these can take time to complete so we have tried to make this as quick and easy as possible by using electronic versions of the questionnaires. The next online questionnaire I would like parents to complete is the Safer Schools Questionnaire.

The results of the Safer Schools Questionnaire are used in a formal meeting with the schools linked Crime Prevention Officer, who also represents the Health and Safety Team in this meeting. Information from completed questionnaires have been really useful in the past during these meetings, so please do take the time to complete if you are able to. If you can't access the electronic version for any reason please contact us and a hard copy will be provided.

Rather than send out an additional letter explaining the survey, I have copied the letter from the Safer Schools Team below and also the link you will need to click on to access the survey. Please note that this survey will automatically close at 10am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 so please complete before this time.

Link to Survey

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JMO\\_BhMiGUKvUlyGjI71KA2lhzzfa5VEIPsQ7DZu5cdUNTJGMVNZQVo5V1ZHMEdMQ04wMzBXUVRMRC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JMO_BhMiGUKvUlyGjI71KA2lhzzfa5VEIPsQ7DZu5cdUNTJGMVNZQVo5V1ZHMEdMQ04wMzBXUVRMRC4u)

## **Safer Schools Letter**

### ***Safer School initiative***

The *Safer School* initiative is a school security initiative that encompasses personal safety. It was created by West Mercia Police and with the support of Shropshire Council, virtually all Shropshire schools are following the process.

The initiative is a practical and realistic risk management approach to the security/safety of school staff, pupils, property and the premises. Following the satisfactory completion of the process, schools receive the *Safer School* accreditation, and this accreditation is reviewed every two years. No two schools are the same and therefore, it is site specific to individual schools. The process involves a *Safer School* meeting, with representatives of the school following a comprehensive package. *Safer School* meetings are held annually, and parents/carers are informed of progress through newsletters.

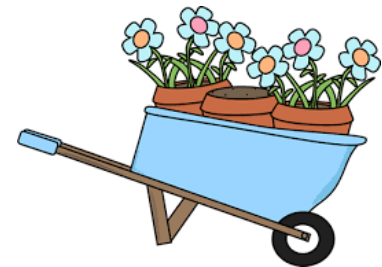
The essential elements of the package are as follows: -

1. Implement basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking, and visitor passes etc.
2. Consider pro-active security/safety measures for the site/building and protecting assets.
3. Establish a procedure for recording incidents i.e. antisocial behaviour, vandalism etc. Any recorded information can then be analysed. In addition, the same recording procedure can be used for surveying a problem i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare.
4. If there are any projects to be undertaken, they are prioritised. Following the implementation of a project, the success of it is reviewed.
5. PSHE or education of pupils as per the *Safer School* pack.

As part of the process, the school would appreciate your views. Please could you complete the attached survey and forward any particular views/concerns, including any positive observations. These will be reviewed at a forthcoming *Safer School* meeting. ***The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site.*** If any parents/carers are interested to view the *Safer School* package, they are welcome to visit the school.

### School Wheelbarrow

We would like to say a big thank you this week to Mr and Mrs Waddington-Gries! Not only did they very kindly donate a wheelbarrow to school last year, they have now fixed the wheel on it as well! We are really grateful to them for their help and continued support!



### Head Lice



Please note that a couple of cases of head lice have recently been reported in school.

Please do your part to prevent head lice spreading by checking your child's hair. **We would recommend that your child's hair is checked regularly (at least once a week), and on a regular basis thereafter.** If head lice or eggs are detected, treatment should be given. We would ask that any cases of head lice are reported to the school office to allow us to monitor cases and prevent head lice spreading.

### Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday during school:	Year 5 John Muir Session, Chess Club and Guitar Lessons
Wednesday during school:	<b>School closed due to strike action</b>
Thursday during school:	Choir and Violin Lessons, Class 1 Forest School
Thursday after school:	Yr 5 Condover Residential Parent Meeting 3.20pm



### Stars of the Week!



**Oliver Mullineux and Harry Duffy** for both being brilliant dam builders at Forest School this week! They managed to stop the water enough to create a small pond-like puddle. Perhaps they will be civil engineers in the future. Well done Alex and Harry!

**Ivy Lambourn** for coming in every day with a smile on her face! Her work is always beautifully presented and she works hard and always tries her best. She is a pleasure to teach! Well done Ivy

**Sophie-Leigh Thompson** for working really hard this week. She has had her super listening ears on and has produced some fantastic work! Well done Sophie, keep up the good work.

**Eva Swannick** for being such a kind, caring and polite member of Class 3! Eva never fails to say 'please' and 'thank you' and ask how people are. She promotes this month's value 'respect' beautifully all year round. Well done Eva!

**Summer Berridge** for a great week! Summer has really thrown herself into all of Class 3's learning and has produced some fantastic work. She also has the most impressive general knowledge and loves sharing her interesting facts with the class. Keep up the great work Summer, well done!

**Declan Jamison** for working really hard during Class 4's DT lessons this week! Declan worked hard with his group and then supported another who were struggling. In addition to this, he has really discovered the importance of talking – a skill that few of us have. He has shown great maturity this week. Well done Declan!

**Fenn Williams** for her positive attitude! Fenn has discovered a new found confidence in everything she does. This has had a huge impact on her work. It has been great to see her laughing and giggling and enjoying school. Keep being awesome Fenn, well done!

**Jasmine Lees** for being a real team player! Jasmine always thinks of others and spent a good chunk of yesterday's DT lesson supporting another group with their nightlight. She is a very important cog in the Class 4 machine. Well done Jasmine, keep being brilliant!

**Bonnie Creaser** for creating a wonderful piece of writing in English this week! As another child in Class 5 said, it could have been a book- it was that descriptive and engaging! Well done Bonnie!

**Jack Law** for always being ready to help myself and others! Jack comes to school each day with a smile on his face and is ready to challenge himself. Keep up the hard work Jack, well done!

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

Be devoted to one another in  
love. Honour one another  
above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

