



NEWSLETTER 9th February 2024

Our School Value this half term is 'Compassion'.

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' (Colossians 3:12)

Message from Mr Jones

Dear Parent/Carers,

I can hardly believe that the first half term of 2024 is over already. It is often said that 'Time flies when you're having fun,' and this is certainly the case at Bryn Offa. This half term has seen multiple sports teams visiting The Marches, specialist music lessons, a 'Love around the world' topic and even an 'Evil Pea' in Class 1 to name but a few. I am immensely grateful to all the staff here who organise these memorable moments for our children to experience on their learning journey.

After half term, Miss Hyde will only have three more weeks until she starts her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well, as she becomes a mother for the first time. I can now announce that her replacement is Miss Robinson. We had many strong applicants for the position, which was incredibly pleasing and a testament to the reputation of our school. The advert stated that we were looking for a great teacher and a lovely person. Miss Robinson ticks both these boxes - I look forward to welcoming her into the Bryn Offa family.

Unfortunately, it is not all good news as today is the last day for our long-serving lunchtime assistant Mrs Sandra Longhurst. Mrs Longhurst has been at the school for 14 years. She will be greatly missed by all those at the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Longhurst for all her years of dedication, hard work and for ensuring that lunchtime was an enjoyable time for our pupils.

Have a wonderful half term everyone!

Let your light shine.

Mr G.Jones

This week at Bryn Offa

Class 1 visit to The British Ironwork Centre

Class 1 had a wonderful first class trip to The British Ironwork Centre this week where they took part in the Superhero Sculpture trail. We have put some photos from the trip in the Class 1 homepage.

<https://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/class-1-homepage/>

Class 1 and Class 4 Reading Buddies!

Class 1 and Class 4 enjoyed reading together earlier this week sharing their love of reading. The older children read to the younger ones whilst the younger ones discussed their favourite characters and why they enjoyed the stories.

Class 2 Great British Pancakeoff!

Class 2 channelled their Mary Berrys this week when they had a go at making pancakes! They wrote and followed their own instructions to make them. They also had a go at tossing them before cooking and tasting them. There are some photos on the homepage if you would like to take a look.

<https://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/class-2-homepage/>

Class 3 Tie Dye Artwork!

Class 3 have completed their art project all about Tie Dye. They have thoroughly enjoyed the project with Mrs Hartland and photos can be seen on the Class 3

Homepage: <https://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/class-3-homepage/>

We are hoping that their final products have fully dried by this afternoon so the children can bring them home then.

Class 4 Felting Extravaganza!

Class 4 have been putting their final touches to their felting creations this week (pictures to follow). They have worked so hard and have really enjoyed this project. Mrs Hartland has been so impressed with the artwork they have produced.



Class Messages, Information and Reminders

Class 1

Class 1 have Forest School every Thursday.

Thank you so much to all the parents who gave donations of hot chocolate and biscuits, we are very grateful!

Class 3

Class 3 will need their homework books in school every Friday. There is no new homework over half term and new homework will be handed out on Friday 23rd February.

Class 4

We would be grateful for any egg boxes that parents can collect over half term - Class 4 will be looking at 'moving monsters' when they come back after half term so these would be really handy. Thank you!

Class 4 and 5 PE

Could all children in Class 4 and Class 5 please remember their full PE kit, including footwear - they are using the field for PE at the moment so trainers are essential. PE takes place every Monday and Friday.

Could they also bring football boots and shin pads into school please if they have some (please do not buy any especially) as well as their trainers. A carrier bag will also be needed please for any muddy boots/clothing.

General

Cold weather clothing

The weather is very changeable at the moment and it is important that your child brings a warm weather appropriate coat to school every day.

PE kit

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit. Further information as to what items of PE kit are needed can be found on our website <https://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Celebrating birthdays in school

We will be happy to celebrate your child's birthday if it falls on a day when they are attending school. However, because we promote healthy eating in school and we have children with allergies, we ask that parents do not send food or gifts in for the rest of the class please.

Clubs

Clubs must be paid for before the first session of the club please. If you are having trouble logging on to the payment system or wish to discuss payment, please get in touch.

Week Beginning Monday 19th February

Monday 19th February

- First session of Creation Club with Miss Harvey
- First session of Going Green Club with Mrs Hartland

Tuesday 20th February

- Planetarium visit to school and Class 2 Astronaut Training Day!
- Guitar lessons with Mr Jandrell (pm)

Wednesday 21st February

- Class 3 visit to Xplore Science Discovering Centre in Wrexham
- Orienteering at The Marches
- Woodwind lessons with Mr Turner (pm)

Thursday 22nd February

- Class 1 Forest School (pm)
- First session of Boys Football Club with Mr Jones
- First session of Girls Football Club with Mrs Taaffe
- First session of Mindfulness Club with Mrs Maxfield
- First session of Craft Club with Mrs Woodfine

Friday 23rd February

- BOPTA Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm (donations of both would be appreciated!)

Week Beginning Monday 26th February

Monday 26th February

- Second session of Creation Club with Miss Harvey
- Second session of Going Green Club with Mrs Hartland

Tuesday 27th February

- Guitar lessons with Mr Jandrell (pm)

Wednesday 28th February

- Yr 5/6 Boys Football Competition at The Marches
- BOPTA Meeting at The Cross Guns Pub 7.30pm - all welcome!
- Woodwind lessons with Mr Turner (pm)

Thursday 22nd February

- Class 1 Forest School (pm)
- Second session of Boys Football Club with Mr Jones
- Second session of Girls Football Club with Mrs Taaffe
- Second session of Mindfulness Club with Mrs Maxfield
- Second session of Craft Club with Mrs Woodfine

Important Dates

- Guitar lessons will take place on the following dates after half Term: Tuesday 20th February, Tuesday 27th February, Tuesday 5th March, Tuesday 12th March and Tuesday 19th March
- Woodwind lessons will take place on the following dates after half Term: Wednesday 21st February, Wednesday 28th February, Wednesday 6th March, Wednesday 13th March and Wednesday 20th March
- Friday 23rd February - BOPTA Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day and Yr 3/4/5/6 Cross Country at The Marches
- Friday 8th March - class photos and ROTA Kids Second Hand Book Sale
- Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 22nd March - last day of Spring Term
- Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 8th April - children return to school for first day of Summer Term

School Meals

School dinners are charged at £2.65 per day.

Please ensure your child has enough credit on their dinner account to cover dinner charges and to avoid arrears. If you fall into arrears, you will receive a text/email notification. Please can we ask that all arrears to paid as soon as possible please. Many thanks.

BOPTA

Upcoming events:

- Friday 23rd February - BOPTA Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Race Night - date to be confirmed

Community Messages and Information

Love Oswestry Arts & Culture Festival February 2024

A celebration of arts, culture and heritage
Info & booking <http://tinyurl.com/LoveOswestry24>

Lantern Making Workshops, Designs in Mind. SY11 2NF
Jan 20th, 27th. Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th. 10am & 1pm. 8+ (with adult)

Youth Drama Workshops, Stage Five Theatre. SY11 1JN
Feb 10th to 16th. Open Space Studios

'Oswestry Performs', Hermon Arts. SY11 1IF
Feb 16th. 3pm. Stage Five Theatre Youth Workshops

Story Shop 'Share Your Memories', Llwyd Mansion. SY11 2NF
Feb 14th, 16th & 17th. 10am-3pm.

Block Printed Tote Bag Workshop, Designs in Mind. SY11 2NF
Feb 17th. 1-3pm. Adults & Children 13+ (with adult)

'Paint The Town' Joseph Schneider Art Workshops.
Feb 13th & 16th. 11am to 1pm, Memorial Hall. SY11 2EG
Feb 17th. 2-4pm, Designs in Mind. SY11 2NF

'A Tender Thing' Play, Hermon Arts. SY11 1IF
Feb 17th. 7.30pm & 18th Feb, 2pm. Stage Five Theatre

Oswestry Guided Tours, Tourist Info Centre. SY11 1JR
Feb 17th. 11am & 2pm.

DJ Workshops, Hermon Arts. SY11 1IF
Feb 17th. Under 12s at 10am. Teens 11.15am, 1.30pm & 3.15pm

Drumming Workshops, Open Space Studios. SY11 1JN
Feb 17th. 1pm, 1.45pm, 3pm & 3.45pm

Story Telling, Booka Bookshop SY11 2SP & Library SY11 1JN
Various times through the week



Lantern Parade, Festival Square. SY11 2PA
Feb 17th. 6pm

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The Enable Ignite programme is available across Shropshire to support people to gain skills, engage with community activities, increase wellbeing and access employment and training opportunities.

Ignite is available for anyone who is over 16 years old and currently Economically Inactive, which could include:

- Parents considering a return to work
- People with disabilities
- People with long term health conditions
- College and University students seeking employment around their studies
- People who have care responsibilities and care leavers
- Unemployed people who have no live benefit claims
- Unemployed people claiming benefits such as ESA, PIP and Universal Credit with Limited Work Capability or a Fit Note

Our programme offers one to one support which is designed around you and your aims for the future which could include:

- Exploring activities in your community
- Gaining motivation and direction
- Accessing training and education courses
- Tailored job matching and in work support
- Identifying your strengths and skills
- Interpersonal skills development
- Health and Wellbeing support
- Resilience and confidence building
- Digital skills assistance
- Careers guidance and employability support

Support is tailored around you and offered face to face, over the phone or via teams.

Get in touch for an informal chat about how we can support you.

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Your future is yours to shape, and we're here to make it happen together!

About Shaw Trust

Shaw Trust is commissioned by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to provide the Work and Health Programme in Central England and the Home Counties.

WHP Pioneer is part of the Work and Health Programme and is the latest phase of Universal Support. Eligibility criteria applies.

Keen to see how far your skills will take you?

Let's get started! Scan the QR code to complete the form and one of our team will get in touch with you within one working day.

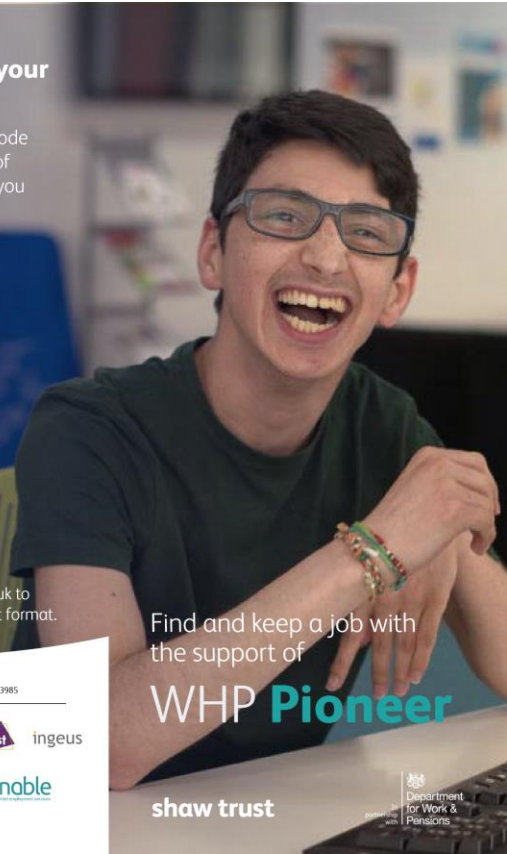


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