



Bryn Offa C of E Primary School Newsletter - Friday 22nd March

Our School Value this half term is 'Compassion'.



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well and are looking forward to the Easter break as much as the children (and staff) are! This term seems to have flown by.

The pupils have worked incredibly hard this term and as I look in each class it always amazes me how much progress all the children have made since the start of the academic year. In particular, the

independence and growth that Class 1 pupils are displaying is fantastic and they continue to impress me each day with their confidence.

At Bryn Offa, there always seems to be something happening and this is down to the amazing staff that we have working at the school who are so eager to provide a rich and enjoyable experience for each pupil who walks through the door.

All of the staff and I are looking forward to a fun packed summer term where the children can continue to thrive but most importantly enjoy coming to school each day. Have a fabulous and safe two weeks and I look forward to seeing all the children's happy faces as they return on Monday 8th April.

Let your light shine.

Mr Jones

This week at Bryn Offa



Easter Service

We had a lovely Easter Service on Thursday this week led by Reverend Trimby. The children sang some hymns and each class read a poem or prayer to the rest of the children. Creation Club also did a reading and sang a song. It was lovely to see all the children taking part!



1 - Class 3 rehearsing their Easter Poem



2 - Class 5 performing their Easter Poem



3 - Creation Club's reading



4 - Creation Club singing



5 - Class2 performing their Easter Poem



Going Green Club and Creation Club Litter Picking Extravaganza!

On Monday after school this week, Creation Club and Going Green Club went on a litter picking adventure in the local area. The children accurately sorted the rubbish we found into recyclable and non-recyclable bags and enjoyed taking care of our local community. We were delighted that we didn't manage to find a huge amount as it shows the residents are doing the right thing and taking their rubbish home. Great Courageous Advocacy Bryn Offa!







Class 5 taking action on Climate Change!

This week, Class 5 have written and sent letters to our local MP asking them to raise the profile of Climate Change in the local area. They have been learning about the impact of Climate Change on the world in our English lessons and we felt compelled to try and do our bit to make a difference in the world. We are hoping for a positive response to the letters!

The letters can be found on the website if you would like to read them!

<https://brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk/class-5-homepage/>

Year 1/2 Gymnastics Competition at The Marches

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Taaffe took seven of our Rear 1 and 2 pupils and their Year 6 Coach, Ollie Taaffe, to the Marches school for the annual KS1 Gymnastic Competition.

Everyone performed so well and really did Bryn Offa proud with their attitude and behaviour during the whole competition. They also gave up their break times for a over a week before the competition to practice their routines. Each child was awarded either bronze, silver or gold. Overall they came a very respectable 6th out of 10 schools which is amazing!

They also did amazingly well individually with the following scores:

Rory: Vault - Gold Floor - Gold

Livia: Vault - Gold, Floor - Bronze

Anwen: Vault - Silver, Floor - Bronze

Tommy: Vault - Silver, Floor - Silver

Ophelia Rose: Vault - Bronze, Floor - Bronze

Nesta: Vault - Silver, Floor - Silver

Florence: Vault - Silver, Floor - Bronze

Well done everyone!

We would like to say a special thank you to Ollie who gave up his breaks to teach them the vault routine and for helping out on the day.

Unfortunately we weren't able to take photos during the competition itself but here is one of our Gymnastics Team just before the event!



Year 5 John Muir

The Year 5 pupils had their first John Muir session on Tuesday this week. They spent the morning in the ICT suite researching John Muir and then in the afternoon they had a lovely walk up to the view point on Llanymynech Rock where they did some sketching and talked about the history of the local area. We are very lucky to have such beautiful and historic countryside so close to school and to be able to utilise it for things like this.



Class 5 Forces Topic

As part of their science lessons on forces, Class 5 experimented with air resistance by creating their own paper aeroplane. They designed their planes to be as streamlined as possible and then had a competition to see whose plane flew the furthest. Well done Class 5!



Class 1 Easter Egg Hunt!

This week Class 1 had an amazing time in Forest School going on an egg hunt! The Easter Bunny even left some golden eggs to find too!

They also did a fantastic performance of Sleeping Little Bunnies in the Easter Service too!







Stars of the Week

This week's Star of the Week are:



6 - Lacey Owen-Youens and Connie Lewis (Class 1)



7 - Bessie Jones and Elodie Swannick (Class 2)

Ivy Lambourn and Edith Lewis (Class 3)

Sienna Hitch, Evan Smith and Dakota Jamison (Class 4)

Stanley Waters and Tyler Robinson-Scott (Class 5)

Reminders and General Class Information

- Going Green Club, Creation Club, Mindfulness Club and Craft Club have now finished. Because Girls Football Club and Boys Football Club was cancelled on Thursday 7th March due to the cross country, there will be another session for both of these on Thursday 11th April (a reminder will be sent out closer to the time).
- Class 1's PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday after the Easter Holidays instead of a Wednesday and Class 3 PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Class 1's library day will be changing their library day to Monday after the Easter Holidays.
- 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.

Week Beginning Monday 8th April

Monday 8th April

- Violin lessons (am)
- Class 2 Forest School session (pm)

Tuesday 9th April

- Guitar lessons with Mr Jandrell (pm)

Wednesday 10th April

- Woodwind lessons with Mr Turner (pm)

Thursday 11th April

- Class 1 Forest School (pm)
- Last session of Boys Football Club with Mr Jones
- Last session of Girls Football Club with Mrs Taaffe

Friday 12th April

- BOPTA Bingo Night

Week Beginning Monday 15th April

Monday 15th April

- Violin lessons (am)
- Year 5 STEM event at The Marches (am)

Tuesday 16th April

- Class 2 visit to the Heritage Area
- No guitar lessons this week

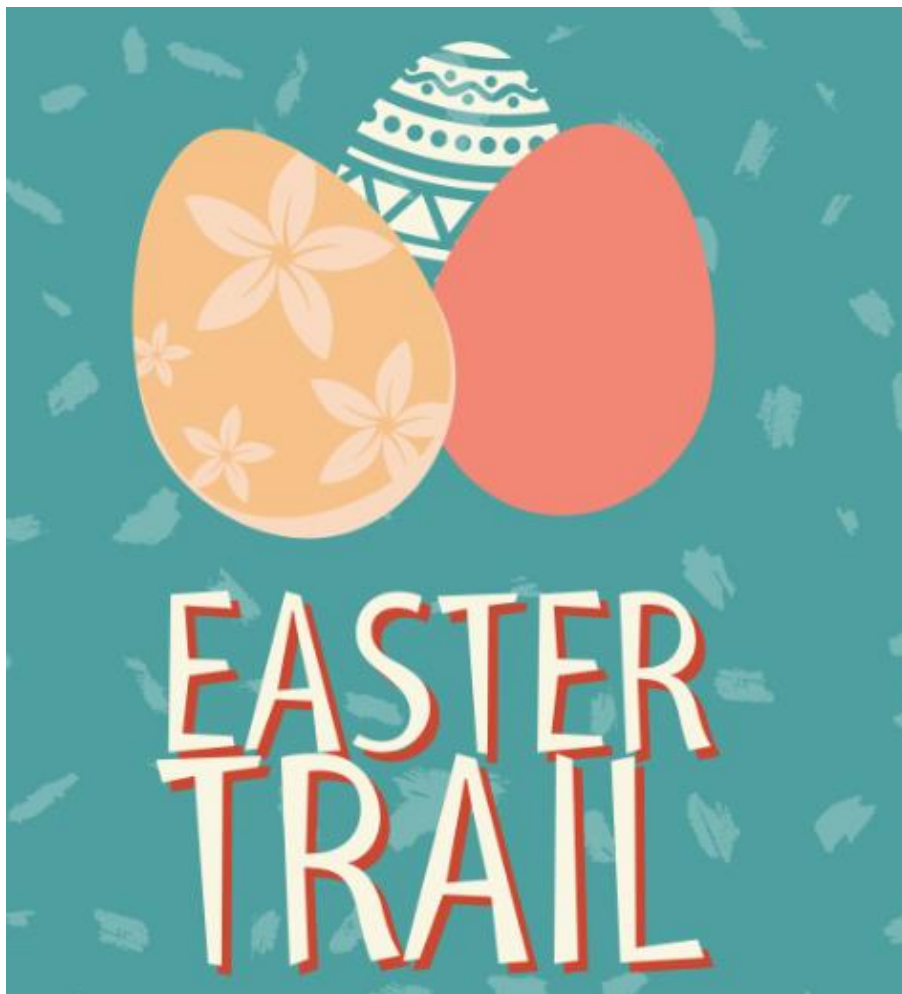
Wednesday 17th April

- Woodwind lessons with Mr Turner (pm)

Thursday 18th April

- Class 1 Forest School (pm)

BOPTA Easter Trail



BOPTA are going to be running their Easter Trail again during the Easter Holidays for all those children who would like to take part. Your child will be bringing a letter home regarding this today and there is also information on the school website.



BOPTA Family Bingo - Friday 12th April




BOPTA Family Bingo!
Friday 12th April in the School Hall
Everyone welcome!
Doors will open at 5.30pm for a prompt start at 6.00pm and it would be great if you could join us! Family and friends are also welcome! The bingo sheets will be on sale on the night at a price of £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book of 6. Refreshments will also be on sale.
We would also be very grateful for donations of any gifts/prizes for the raffle e.g. wine, chocolates, beauty items, biscuits/crackers, vouchers.
Thank you!

Important Dates

- Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 8th April - children return to school for first day of Summer Term
- BOPTA Bingo Night - Friday 12th April
- Tuesday 23rd April and Tuesday 7th May - Year 5 John Muir sessions
- Monday 20th May - Year 3 Arthog Outreach
- Tuesday 21st May - Year 4 Arthog Outreach
- Friday 24th May - BOPTA Break the Rules Day!

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 for all arrears to be paid as soon as possible please. Many thanks.

BOPTA



Upcoming events:

- Next meeting - Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm - everyone welcome
- Race Night - date to be confirmed
- Easter Trail over the Easter Holidays
- Bingo Night - Friday 12th April
- Friday 24th May - BOPTA Break the Rules Day!

Community Messages and Information



Morton Forest Church



'Sing, Sing, SHOUT! Wave your Palms about!'



Sunday 24 March 2024
MORTON CHURCH AT 2.30PM

Donkey Derby (of sorts)

DIY skills honed

Palm Prayers

Football chanting

Crafts

Music

Story Telling (with a difference)

Come and eat a Palm

Tree!

Contact Revd Kathy Trimby for more details
07944504330 / kathpant@aol.com



Free Easter Crafts Free

at
Oswestry Library Free

THURSDAY 28 MARCH

Drop-in anytime 10.30am to 11.30am

Suitable for ages 3 years and up
Parental supervision required

Free

Shropshire Libraries Learn imagine discover

Shropshire Council

Easter Holiday Club in Shrewsbury

Now in our 10th year!

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

Holiday clubs for 8 - 13 year-olds

skillclubs

TIMETABLE & INFO

- Mon 25th Mar - **Marvellous Marble Runs** - make marble runs and learn how they work
- Tue 26th Mar - **Crumble Robotics** - engineer your own robot then bring it to life with code!
- Wed 27th Mar - **Science of us** - science experiments to learn about the human body
- Thurs 28th March - **Drone Coding** - Learn to code and overcome challenges using a drone

£35 per day 9 - 4 pm (early drop and late pick up available).
OFSTED-registered & accepting childcare vouchers. All staff are experienced, DBS-checked, & first aid trained.

Meole Brace School, Longden Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9DW www.skillclubs.co.uk

Fordhall Organic Farm 2025 Calendar

* Photo Competition *

Have your photo featured!

Have you taken a photo while visiting the farm? Maybe a snap of a piglet, lamb or bumblebee? Well we want to see them! We are holding a competition to publish a visitor photo in the Fordhall calendar. We welcome photos from any season!

Prizes

The winning entry will be featured in the 2025 edition of our calendar, along with receiving a free copy and a £5 voucher to spend on site! **Closing date 31/08/24**

How to enter

We are only able to accept digital entries, and all entries must be emailed along with a completed entry form to project@fordhallfarm.com

The entry form and full Ts&Cs can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:

www.fordhallfarm.com/fordhall-calendar-photo-competition/



Easter Holidays at * Fordhall Organic Farm *

Wildlife Wednesdays Brilliant Bugs Edition

27th March & 3rd April, 10am-2pm, drop into the Community Garden.

- *Mini beast hunt & crafts:* join in for FREE!
- *Easter Egg Pitta Pizzas:* decorate your own £2.50pp*
- *Create a wormery:* bring a transparent 1l bottle to make a wormery. Even learn how to charm worms! £2.50pp*

*Cash only



Brilliant Bugs Story and Picnic**

28th March, 10am-12pm, £10 per child, ages 3-7 yrs.

Join in with a guided walk to the woodland Roundhouse, for bug stories & an easter themed minibeast hunt! Wander back to the pig arc and tuck into a tasty kids picnic.



Fun Farm Trails

Easter Egg trail: 27th March-1st April, 10am-4pm, £2.50 per pack.

We have lost our Easter Eggs in the fields! Help us to track them down & earn a chocolate treat!

Brilliant Bugs trail: Easter Holiday onwards, 10am-4pm, £2.50 per pack.

Bugs are great! Search for the different minibeasts & learn about why they're wonderful!



Will you spot a lamb?

**Must be pre-booked, please call: 01630 638 696

* fordhallfarm.com * Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton, TF9 3PS *



Easter Holidays Family Activity

Feathered Adventures

1pm - 2.30pm

Monday 25th to Friday 29th March
Monday 1st to Friday 5th April

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BIRD?
Join us to explore why different birds have different shaped beaks. Be a flock with your family and play the migration game, will you succeed? Become a bird and make a nest. Go on a bird scavenger hunt and more.

Booking essential

£4.50 per accompanied child.

Recommended age 4 to 11 years

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

A DISCOVERY SPRING CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

Explore the Onny Meadows as we learn about and enjoy nature. Create things using natural materials and make dens as well as starting plants on their growing journey. Head inside for some quiet time of creative activities, playing games and enjoying books. Some sessions will include cooking.

For ages 5 to 11 years (years 1-6)

Booking essential
call 01588 676 060

Part of the Shropshire Council HAF programme.

Free with a voucher code,
£14 per day without.
Includes a cooked lunch and a snack.

Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th March

Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th April

9am til 1pm

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn

Department for Education
Shropshire Council

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Funded by the Department for Education. To find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to the HAF newsletter go to: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).
Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays,
- Support for parents and families

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info, or [sign up for our brand new newsletter](#).



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- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS From Toddler to Teen

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 10th April 2024
From 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11th April 2024
from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 11th April 2024
From 1.15pm to 3.15pm in Bridgnorth at St Marys Bluecoat Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Friday 12th April 2024
From 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House

Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 12th April 2024
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.
All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities,
no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on telephone: 01743 250950

All our groups are free to Shropshire Council residents.



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access help and support to improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

**Starts on Monday 15th April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Whitchurch Infants School, Station Road, SY13 1RJ**

**Starts Wednesday 17th April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starts Monday 10th June 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Bridgnorth Youth Centre**

**Starts Wednesday 12th June 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire
Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Or call us on 01743 250950

All our Workshops are free to Shropshire Council residents.



If you would like to find out about further help and support the Parenting Team offer please email

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SOLIHULL APPROACH

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

**Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm
and**

Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm

You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling

01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

