



Bryony School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Message from Mrs Gee

Our Autumn Term is well underway. Thank you to all staff, parents and of course pupils for the huge support for adaptations to school life as we respond to the challenges posed by COVID-19. I couldn't be more proud of our school community.

We are trying to keep things as 'normal' as possible. We are continuing with our weekly virtual assemblies to the whole school and planning our participation in some virtual inter-school sporting events. We are also organising a series of individual virtual Parents' Evenings and virtual Year Group Curriculum meetings. Details will be sent by ParentMail.

We are trying to find a balance between keeping our classrooms ventilated - as per our COVID-19 risk assessment—and keeping us all warm as the heat escapes open windows/doors. Please help us by making sure your child is dressed warmly for this cold weather (e.g. vests and jumpers).

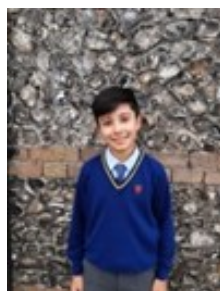
I have been very impressed by our strong attendance so far this term. Please remember to record your child's absence via ParentMail.

May I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gee
Head teacher

School Captains

School Captains were appointed during the first week of term. Well done **Gurjaan, Isla, Ashton** and **Elena**. Good luck in your new roles.



Classroom Highlights

Years 4, 5 and 6 have been continuing to learn 'coding' in their ICT lessons as **George** demonstrated.



Year 2 combined science and art to perform an experiment with 'rising' results using paint, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar!



Reception visited the local woods for their first 'Forest School' of the term.

Reception 2020-2021 Octopus Class



Reminders to Parents

After school club telephone number for collecting children after hours is **07564 906654**

Please order Christmas artwork by **Friday 16th October** :

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop>

Farewells & Good Luck

Mr Terry Wood has been a part of Bryony for many years. He was loved by the children on his bus for being funny and kind. Mr Wood took the decision (again) to retire during the lockdown and we wish him well. He has been spotted out and about locally and is thoroughly enjoying his well deserved rest.

Mrs Parker also retired and will be sorely missed. Mrs Parker specialised in French and Religious Education at the juniors, arranged the successful French trips for our year 5's and 6's for many years as well as running a popular lunchtime chess club.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Harrison** who briefly came out of retirement to cover **Mrs Platford's** maternity leave.

And finally we hope our previous Year 6 are enjoying life in Year 7 in their respective secondary schools. Keep in touch!



Head teacher's Awards

Each week I give out Head Teacher Awards at our 'virtual' assembly for those children or groups of children who we have been particularly impressed with for displaying Bryony School values. This week my award went to:

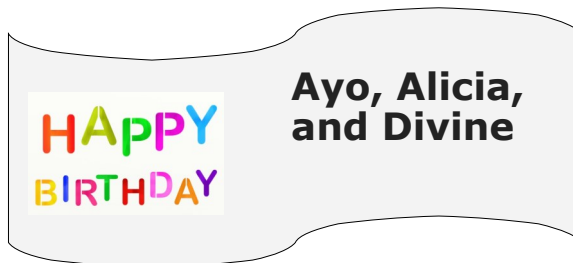


David (Yr1) Jeevat (Yr3), Brendan (Yr 3) Amrita (Yr2), Meera (Reception), Malachi (Yr 6) and all of Year 5 for a group award and all of Yr 6 for a group award.



Congratulations to **Danny (Yr3) and Freya (Yr3)** for obtaining their **Pen Licences!**

Well done everyone for your hard work.



Welcome Mr. D. Wood !

We would like to warmly welcome **Mr David Wood** as our new minibus driver. Mr. Wood starts and ends his route in Sittingbourne.

Spelling Shed

The top 3 children in each year group on Spelling Shed are:-

Reception : 1st - Evelyn 2nd - Jack 3rd - William

Year 1 : 1st - Inès 2nd - Hughie 3rd - Amira

Year 2 : 1st - Darcy 2nd - Isabella 3rd - Kesi

Year 3 : 1st - Jeevat 2nd - Tom 3rd - Mya

Year 4 : 1st - Jamie 2nd - Oscar 3rd - Robson

Year 5 : 1st - Bryn 2nd - Olivia 3rd - Kundai

Year 6 : 1st - Gurjaan 2nd - Faith 3rd - Harry

House Points

The top house point earners for their house this week are:-



Infants

Nancy Evelyn Mireya Magdalena
Emerald Zircon Ruby Sapphire



Juniors

Jeevat Freya Ava Inara
Emerald Zircon Ruby Sapphire



Infant House Table		Junior House Table	
Ruby	32	Ruby	113
Emerald	27	Emerald	87
Zircon	30	Zircon	87
Sapphire	35	Sapphire	62