

Friday 4th October 2013

## Message from the Head

**Brecknock Parents Association:** Thank you to everyone who came or who intended to come to our first meeting last Friday. It is wonderful to see new parents happy and keen to get involved. We now have some volunteer class reps:



Nursery—Anita Khalil  
Reception L—Richard  
Reception S—Azzi  
1T—Dawsyn  
1B—Mina Vogel

2H—Ann Matchette  
2B - **Vacancy**  
3M—Valerie Baudry  
3N—Flo Prince  
4S -**vacancy**

4A -**vacancy**  
5C - **vacancy**  
5M -**vacancy**  
6G -**vacancy**  
6M – Syedah Miah

Please let Valerie [khaval@gmail.com](mailto:khaval@gmail.com) 07796760614 know if you would like to be a class parent rep (relaying information between Parents Association and the parents in your child's class and attending some or all meetings) and make the morning/evening playground an even more friendly place.

**The next meeting will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – please come along to the dining room after school.**

Our new website will be going live shortly and the Parents Association will have its own page. The website will provide a very busy up to date picture of the school and I am confident you will all enjoy your child's class section which will be uploaded with pictures of trips and class activities etc.

## Events planned so Far:

**Eid Tea – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Halloween Tea Party on Oct 25 - Parents to organise**

**Family Supper – November 7<sup>th</sup> – all families bring a dish to share from 6pm – 8pm**

## Access

We are now opening the Early Years gate at 8.55 to try and reduce the congestion in Cliff Villas

## School Photographer in 8th October

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday to take individual and family group photos.



## Mathletics and Bug Club

Mathletics and Bug Club are now updated. Please encourage your children to use them. Thank you.

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) & [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)

## Dates for your calendar

8th October	Family and Individual Photos
11th October	2B to Surrey Docks Farm
21st-25th October	Year 6 School Journey
25th October	Year 5 to Museum of London
28th Oct– 1st Nov	Half Term Holiday Week
7th-13th November	Book Fair in Entrance Hall
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

## Strike Action

### School Closed on Thursday 17th October



You may be aware there is industrial action planned to take place on the 17th October called jointly by the NUT and NASUWT teaching unions. As the majority of our teachers are NUT affiliated and intend to strike we have no option but to close the school for the day. We apologise for the inconvenience.

## Mathletics Lunchtime Club

Monica will be running a Mathletics Club every Thursday during lunchtime. This is an opportunity for the children to make the most of the Mathletics online maths resource the school has bought for all KS1 and 2 children. If your child doesn't have internet and computer access outside of school to be able to use this then we would definitely recommend your child go to this club. Even if they do have access at home they are still welcome to come along. There are 30 places. If you are interested speak to the class teacher to reserve your child a place.



## Safe Internet Usage Agreement and Image Consent Letter



Thank you to all the parents who have signed and returned the consent and safe internet use agreements. Anyone who has not yet returned them can you do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy please let the school office know. We love being able to show off the fantastic work of the children and celebrating their achievements in the newsletter and soon on our brand new website. We know they love seeing their pictures on these things. We hope you will all be happy for this to happen. If you are worried about this please speak to us and hopefully we can allay any fears you may have. Thank you.

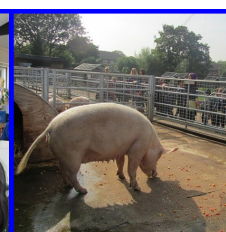
## The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 11th October — Year 3





## Down on the farm with Year 2



Last week class 2H went to Surrey Docks Farm. They had a great time and while they were there they had a go at making and tasting some apple juice. It was very tasty. The pigs enjoyed the scraps after too!

Year 3 travelled all the way to Kew Gardens this week to discover more about the rainforest. This week we were looking at the enormous array of plant species in the rainforest. We discovered that we use these plants from the for medicine, food colouring, musical instruments and even rubber gloves! We got to taste mango, papaya and pineapple. We also learned about the indigenous tribes that live deep in the rainforest and how their way of life is threatened by deforestation.



Year 3

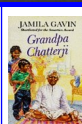
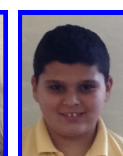
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In Year 6 their IPC unit is called 'Go with the flow' and they are learning all about rivers. To link in with this in literacy they are reading an adventure story set mainly in and around the Amazon river called 'Journey to the River Sea'. This week they have been doing some writing and art inspired by the story as well as some science and DT in designing and testing model boats. They presented their work to the rest of the school this week in assembly. Here are a couple of fantastic pictures by that Adi and Albertine produced.



## Journey to the River Sea in Year 6



## Year 5 Literacy

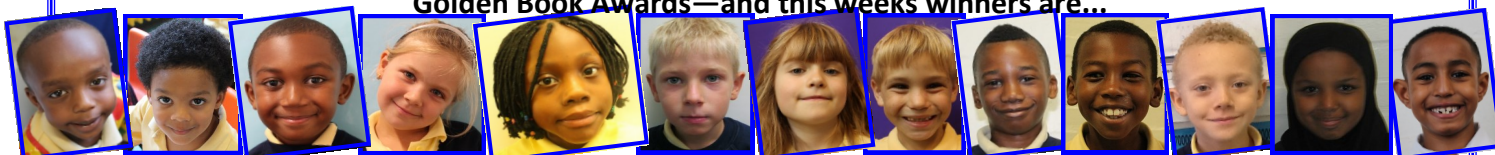
Following on from the extracts written by Ali and Anisa, this week Reece in the other Year 5 class has produced a wonderful piece of writing from the work they are doing on 'Grandpa Chatterji'.

As they approached the fair, swarms of excited yet apprehensive families rushed towards the enormous, shiny metal gates, which led into the magical arena. Thundering rhythms pulsed through the black as night sky. Mum, Dad, Grandpa and Neetu joined the dancing to the beating crowd, which surprised Grandpa, but resulted in a broad smile and a little tap of the foot. A surge of excitement ran through Sanjay as soon as he caught a glimpse of the orbiting Rocket Ride, which spun round menacingly in the cool, breezy air. He cried. "Look! Look!" glancing at his family. "No way, you can't go on!" exclaimed Mum and Dad, staring into Sanjay's eyes. Mischievously, Grandpa gave Sanjay a sly wink and whispered, "I'll take you."



By Reece

## Golden Book Awards—and this weeks winners are...



Ahmed & Lewis—1B, Kingsley & Masa —1T, Esther & Alex—2B, Ava & Jake—2H, Will—3M, Gideon—3N, Morgan—4A, Sara—4M, Anisa—5C, Mohammed—5M