

Friday 15th November 2013

Message from the Head

Parent Consultations: Thanks to everyone who came to parents consultations this week. We have had very good attendance so far and I know one or two more people will come next week. If you have not seen your teacher – it is not too late. Please make sure you do not let this opportunity pass; your child's progress is so important and we all have our part to play.

Children in Need: It was lovely to see all the children in their "rainbow colours" this morning. I am sure we will have raised a good amount of money for Children in Need this year.

Raising Money for the Philippines: I will be speaking to the children on Monday about raising money for the crisis in the Philippines. I hope you will support this.

Foodbank contribution: I mentioned this in the newsletter last week but do not want to overload parents with requests – so we have decided, as a staff, that we will ask children to bring food items in between 2nd and 6th December. We will then be able to get them delivered in time for Christmas. Any dried/tinned food would be appreciated.

Our new website is live – it will be updated regularly so you can access up to date information, including your child's class activities – I hope you enjoy it and find it very useful.

New Website is live!

The new school website went live this week, so if you haven't seen it yet go to

www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk to see all the fabulous stuff going on in school.

This website will be updated regularly by class teachers to share what's going on in school as well as offer advice on learning the children can do at home and even have the ability to blog as well as important school documents and information. We are really pleased with how it looks and hope you will be too. It's your one-stop-shop for all things Brecknock! We'd like to say a huge thank you to Paul and Dan at Epilog Creative for delivery such a high quality site to fit with exactly what we wanted and needed.



Mathletics and Bug Club

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

www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

Dates for your calendar

27th November	Somerset House Ice Skating—Year 5 & 3M
3rd December	Y5 Science Workshop
3rd December	Y6 Anti-Bullying Drama
9th December	Y6 Thames Explorer Trip
11th December	Bench Ball Tournament for Y3 & Y4
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6pm
16th December	Year 2 Christmas Show—2pm
17th December	Year 1 Christmas Show—2pm
18th December	Reception Christmas Show 2pm
19th December	Nursery Christmas Show—2pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

Eid Tea Thank you...

We would like to say a huge thank you to Royal Café in Camden for their kind donations to this year's Eid Tea. The event was a huge success and as you can see from the picture below the children had a great time.



Support from businesses like the Royal Café is much appreciated and we hope if you are in Camden you will pop in and say thank you. If you would like to see more photos of this event check out the 'Whole School News' section of the website.

Halloween Thank you...

We would like to say a massive thank you to Sainsbury's for their donations to our Halloween Tea just before half term. The event was a huge success and their donations help make it so.

Thanks also to Steve for these and other fantastic photos from the event. If you would like to see more of Steve's



pictures and others from the Halloween celebration please see our new website.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the people who helped to raise funds for buying books for the school by purchasing items at the 'Book Fair' this week. We sold £570 worth of books, which meant the school was able to get £281 worth of books in return. There will be another fair later in the year. Keep reading the newsletter to find out when.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term—week ending 8th November

Attendance KS1: **2H—95%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—100%**

Early Bird: **5C — 0 lates**



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 22nd November — Year 2



Back Entrance

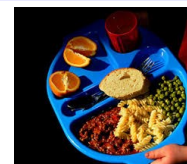
From next week the back entrance to the playground will be slightly narrower than usual due to the repairs taking place to the back wall adjoining York Way. There will be some temporary fencing up to screen the work but this will result in the passage being narrower. We apologise for the inconvenience but it is important that the wall is made safe.



Food Tasting Session—Thursday 21st 3-4pm

There will be a School dinner 'Food Tasting' taking place in the dining room next Thursday 21st November from 3-4pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and sample the food the children get in their school dinners.

Some children who are entitled to these delicious dinners are still bringing packed lunches. It is important that anybody that is eligible for free school meals takes up this entitlement. The school will work with you to make sure any allergies or food intolerances can be managed safely.



Brecknock Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) Newsletter

Activities and Fundraising Update



November 2013

Feedback on past 2

events Great turn out at Eid Party and Halloween Cake Sale, bigger space needed. Discussion ongoing with the school to use the Bottom Hall for next events.

Getting organised Money needs to be centralised, tokens to be used. Food and decorations, reduce shopping and get more donations from parents, good communication ahead of events is important. Class or Craft Club to prepare hall decorations. Use Food bank for left overs at parties. Spending budget to be voted before events. Provide a list of expenses with receipts attached to the back clearly labelled and ordered. Make a list of local shops to visit to get donations for events. Organisers to wear stickers with their name at events.

Chase school sponsors (currently Jon Snow), finding new ones

(Justin Fletcher, local estate agents,...)

PTA meeting in the morning after drop-in is quieter and easier. But still very important for parents to meet up at Cake sale on Friday afternoons for casual chats.

Cake sale reduce shop bought cakes, teachers to get their class more involved (recipes to be available on the website), we suggest competition, best seller class to win another cake sale turn and a Newsletter appearance.

Projects Raise Money for DEC Philippines, developing partnership with foreign school, Parents Skills Database.

Class Rep We need parents from Y4-5-6 to volunteer and help

relay information from PTA to parents in their children's class, contact Valerie (3M).

Fundraising Goal We would like to raise funds to finance more afterschool clubs from Y1 to Y6. Budget to be discussed and voted. Please suggest the clubs you would like to have (Science, Movie, Yoga, Photo, Dance, Lebanese cuisine,...). BPTA Suggestion Box in the office.

Up to April 2014 we will raise money towards that goal.

For more information contact: Valerie 07796 760 614

Special thanks to Helen for running a creche during the meeting.

Last Meeting 12-11-2013

Next Meeting

Preparation for Christmas Fair. Date to be confirmed.

Meeting Attendance on 12-11-2013

Anita	N
Shabna, Steve, Richard (Co -Treasurer)	R
Helen, Irene	1T
Damsyn, Mina	1B
Tamera (Treasurer), Emma, Valerie (Secretary)	3M
Aroun	1-3

Apologies

Syeda (Chair), Geethika, Ann, Azzi

Action List

Steve: Check with Jackie in the office for Halloween insert with thanks to business which donated pumpkins and food in this week school newsletter. Also, book a day at school and take professional pictures for PTA officers and Governors.

Richard and Tamera: open bank account with Nationwide.

Richard to liaise with Geethika for status of PTA

Tamera: Liaise with Richard about Pass Book

Valerie: Chase Sue L. for PTA email address and page on school website. Give money to Richard and keep a small float. Chase Curtis for PTA cupboard at school.

Emma: Getting teachers involved in the PTA

Irene: Mail Chimp to Valerie, find out about estate agents as sponsors for our events

Dates to remember

- ☺ Fri 13th December — Christmas Fair
- ☺ April 2014 — AGM to vote after school clubs and new BPTA Officers

The Brecknock PTA needs your participation to fund more activities for our children

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



Kerriann & Timur—Class 1B, Sonny & Ryan—Class 1T, Mischa & Casey—2B, Sam & Ikram—Class 2H

Due to a whole school event today, there was no KS2 Golden Assembly, therefore no Golden Book for KS2. We'll be back with more fantastic KS2 Golden Book winners next week.