

Friday 22nd November 2013

## Message from the Head

Thank you to everyone, parents, staff and children who played their part in making sure our Ofsted inspection went well this week. Inspectors commented on the excellent behaviour, attitude to learning and good manners of all our children. The inspection was rigorous and extremely thorough, and everyone rose to the challenge. We think it went well; the report should be out within 2 weeks, and will be shared with parents as soon as it is available.



## Philippines Crisis



I apologise for not getting the letter out about raising money for the Philippines until Wednesday. Ofsted got in the way! However, lots of the children have told me they did jobs at home and some contributed from their pocket money – so I think they really did listen in the assemblies. We will let you know next week how much we managed to raise altogether.

**Website** – I hope you are all now using the website as a way of accessing information about what is going on at Brecknock. We are hoping to go to a web based payment service after Christmas – so paying for uniform, lunches, and class trips should be much easier. You will be given more details once it has been approved by governors.



## Parents Association Meeting

There will be a parent's Association Meeting this Wednesday morning, at 9.15am in the dinner hall to discuss ideas and preparation for this year's Winter/Christmas Fair. We'd like to invite as many people along to help out as possible. Thanks.



## 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

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

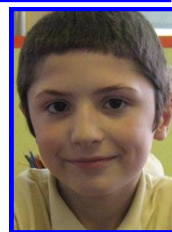
## Quote of the week!

In a week when OFSTED came to assess the job we do inspiring and teaching our children we had to bring you something that made us all smile. When leaving the building one day this week at 3.25pm one of the children in year 3 was heard to say, "Bye Kate, and thanks for the learning!" He is of course, very welcome!

## Wonderful writing

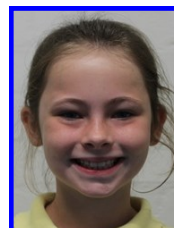
Here is an extract from a great piece of writing by Dion in year 6 on a flood in Pakistan, very relevant given what is happening in the Philippines just now. See the website for the full piece:

*'The devastation has no limits as the houses have been partly or fully eroded. In addition to losing their homes they have lost family friends and their rights to safety and water that is clean. Disease ridden and murky, the water is giving people diarrhoea and, to make it worse, the lack of privacy is disturbing and very embarrassing. The fear and panic is immense as the flood still owns the town, killing anything in its way.'*



## School Council

School Council have now voted in their new Chair and Vice chair who will be responsible for the writing of agendas and the running of future meetings. Congratulations to Terri- Lee and Charlotte in Year 3! As they are the first Year 3 Chairs we have ever had, they will be supported by Jasin and Dion in Year 6 who have more experience of the School Council (and came second in the election).



## Well done 5C—again!

A huge congratulations to 5C who last week had 100% attendance and not a single child was late! Not only is this a fabulous achievement but this is the second time this year they have done it! It is so important to the effectiveness of your child's education that they are here everyday and on time. We thank you all for your support in improving our attendance and punctuality this year and well done again 5C—an example to every class!



## Book Fair—6/12-11/12

There will be another book fair visiting from 6th December—11 December. This fair will be selling all it's books at half price so there will be plenty of bargains on offer.



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



**Spring Term—week ending 15th November**

Attendance KS1: **2H—92.31%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—100%**

Early Bird: **5C & Rec L — 0 lates**



## The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 29th November — Year 2





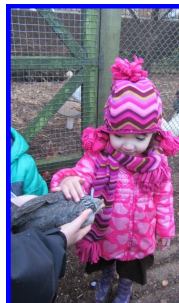
# Year 3

3M entered a competition organised by 'First News' and won! Four children got the chance to visit the Houses of Parliament, take part in a democracy workshop and a debate. Betty Boothroyd chaired the debate and Malorie Blackman the children's laureate was on the panel. We debated topics such as 'There should be more women in Parliament' to which our chair acknowledged that currently 'To be a women in parliament you either need a gem for a granny or enough money for a nanny'. Shalin and Hadi took the floor to debate on the topic of 'More sports in school'. They suggested that although it is important to be fit and healthy, jobs in the future will be much more reliant on technology than physical fitness. Ruwayda stood to tell the house that she believed 'Creativity in schools is just as important as academic work and that academic work should give us the skills to express our creativity'. Finally, Zaynab put forward our class question based on our rainforest topic 'Should Britain play a larger part in protecting the global environment?' They had a wonderful day. See the website, Year 3 News, for more photos from the day.



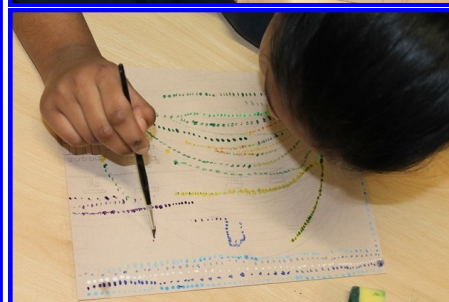
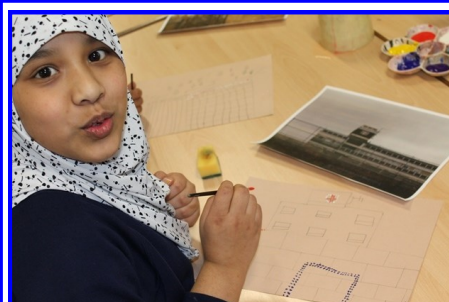
Last Friday half of nursery went to Freightliners farm as part of their 'animals' topic. They got to stroke the rabbits, Guinea pigs, chickens, goats and sheep and learned all about the difference between a cockerel and a hen. The children enjoyed feeding the chickens and watching the farmer try and catch the big hen.

# Nursery



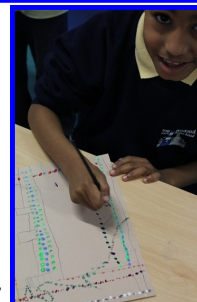
On Friday year 1 had their entry point for their new topic 'Let's Celebrate!' The children had a great time baking cakes, making party hats and then throwing a party and dancing away to get the topic rolling. They even had Leroy busting some moves!

# Year 1



In Year 5 they have been comparing, contrasting and forming opinions of images. They closely observed a variety of landscape paintings by famous artists and then a set of landscape photographs by well known photographers. By considering the use of colour, the main features in each image, and the mood created, they developed an opinion about their favourite images and whether they preferred paintings or photographs. The children then went to the roof and took a photograph of their preferred view. Next, they drew their chosen image and began creating a painting in the technique developed by Georges Seurat, 'pointillism'.

Look out for the finished work on the Year 5 webpage!



# Year 5

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



Alyssia & Maryama—Class 1B, Cece & Adam—Class 1T, Beth & Nima—2B, Tanima & Elionit—Class 2H, Ruwayda—3M, Sumaiya—3N, Mehtib—4A, Chidibere—4M, Haythem—5C, Ali—5M, Dion—6G, Aryen—6M