

Friday 13th December 2013

## Message from the Head

### Important information

Last year, the academic year 2011-12, Brecknock was in the top 13% of schools across the country for the progress children make across all subjects in their SATs tests.

This year, academic year 2012-13 we have risen to being in the top 2% of schools nationally. We are so proud of this, as it shows that all our children do well no matter what their starting point. I hope parents will recognise and acknowledge the brilliant job that teachers at Brecknock are doing.



### Parent issues

We believe that children's progress is one of the most important aspects of our job, but we also strive to ensure all children are safe and happy at school. There have been occasions recently where children have been unkind to each other and even used inappropriate language in the playground. We know that this is unacceptable, and if it is brought straight to our attention it will be dealt with swiftly.

### Christmas shows

All our shows start at 2.00 next week; Year 2 on Monday, Yr1 on Tuesday, Reception on Wednesday and Nursery on Thursday. Children love their parents to be there. Please be on time as arriving late makes it quite disruptive for the children. Thank you.



## School Council

School Council have been posing for and taking photos for the brochure for new children. So far they have shown how to line up and collect lunch and what to do when you are finished, for both children who have packed lunches and school dinners.



## Parents' Association Cook Book

Stuck for ideas for what to make for the Friday Cake Sale when it's your child's class. The Parents' Association have compiled some recipes which are in a book and downloadable for free from their page on the school website. They include some tasty and simple ideas for cakes and treats. Have a look and give some a go. If you have some family favourite recipes you'd like to share they can be easily added.



## Last day of term—2pm close

Just a reminder that on the last day of term the school closes at 2pm. Please ensure that your children are picked up then. Thank you.



## 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

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—school closes 2pm
6th January	Spring Term Starts

## Code Club at the CLC

This week the children who attend the Brecknock Code Club were invited to visit the Camden Learning Centre based at Regents High School to take part in a Raspberry Pi workshop. They had a great time showing off the Scratch programming skills they have learned at Code Club. They then went on to use the Raspberry Pi to programme and create music using a programme called Sonic Pi before getting really advanced and using the raspberry Pi to write text based programming in a language called 'Python'. They're among the first Primary children in Camden to have the chance to use a Raspberry Pi! They worked really hard and were able to perform quite complex algorithms - the programmers of the future in our midst!



## School Calendar 2014

Stuck for a Christmas gift idea? Next year's School Calendar is on sale now in the school office for £2.50—perfect for the person who has everything!

## MP Surgery—Frank Dobson

Frank Dobson, Local MP will be holding a surgery here at the school on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014 from 9.00 – 10.00am. Please contact the Office for an appointment.



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term—week ending 6th December

Attendance KS1: 2H—94.97%

Attendance KS2: 3M—96.68%

Early Bird: 3M & 5C — 1 late

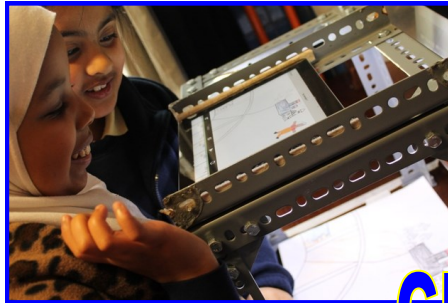
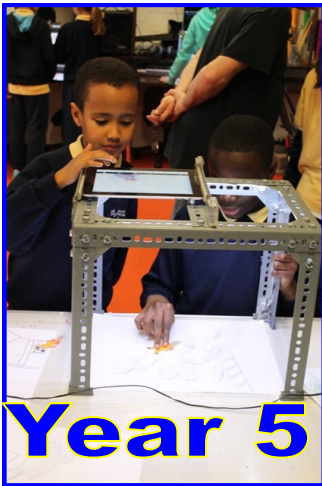




This week Year 5 were working with Rod on an animation project linking in to work they had been doing in their literacy topic. The finished

films will be up on the website soon. In the meantime here's some photos of them using the iPads and animation rigs—some budding film makers in the making!

**Year 5**



## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday Steve the cook and his team put on a fantastic Christmas Lunch for all the children and staff. Maria and the lunchtime staff did a fantastic job of making the dinner hall look fabulous with table decorations and tablecloths and lots of crackers were given out. Everyone had a great time and really got into the Christmas spirit. Below are some photos of the event but there are more on the school website in the 'News' section.



## Year 6 down by the river!

Year 6 went on a 'Thames River Explorer' trip this week as part of their IPC topic. They had a great day exploring the Thames and thinking about the creatures found in it. Check out the website for more pictures from the day.



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



Callum & John—Class 1B, Tesnim & Yuusuf—Class 1T, Kabeer & Sameer—2B, Khadija & Zoe—Class 2H, Mohammed—3M, Aimee—3N, Keleigh—4A, Lou Lou—4M, Denzil—5C, Alulua—5M, Jasim—6G, Aneeka—6M