

Friday 20th December 2013

## Message from the Head

I hope you all enjoyed the performances this week. The children loved doing them and so many proud parents came to watch. I would like to thank all the teachers and TAs who do such a brilliant job in ensuring every child is included and the standard is so high. It has been a long term, with significant achievements; we have received a very nice letter from Helen McMullen, director of Children Schools and Families, congratulating us on our Ofsted report. You can read it on the OFSTED section of the school website. I hope you will encourage children to read as widely as possible over the holiday and to learn and practise times tables at their level. Remember children are now required to know, by heart, their times tables to 12 by the time they are in Year 4 – in the new maths curriculum. I would like to wish children, parents, staff and governors a very happy Christmas holiday and a joyful and successful New Year. Children return on Tuesday 7th January, 2014.



## Christmas Shows

This week we were treated to a Christmas Extravaganza with shows by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The talents of the children (and adults) was plain to see. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and enjoy them with us. DVDs of each performance are available to buy from the school office for £1.



## INSET Day

Monday 6th January is an INSET and so school will be closed to the children. The office will be open for any parents who want to come in and buy uniform or pay for any dinners.

Children start back on **Tuesday 7th January at 9am.**

## Mathletics and Bug Club

Don't forget to encourage your children to use Mathletics and Bug Club over the holidays to keep practising their maths and reading.

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

## Dates for your calendar

6th January	Spring Term Starts—INSET day
7th January	Term Starts for Children—Back at school
15th January	Dodge Ball tournament—Y4&5
22nd January	Family Maths in Reception



# Brecknock's RE Day

Last week we held an RE Day across the school with every class doing activities and learning looking at different aspects of religion. The children and teachers really enjoyed learning all about different religions and in some case singing, dancing and performing different activities to help them understand more about the religion/s their class was learning about. As you can see from these pictures a lot of fun was had.

Later in the year we will have similar themed days and weeks for other subject areas such as Debate Day, Poetry Day, Book Week, Maths Week and a Programming Week. We'll keep you updated through the newsletter and website.

## Katack dancing



## Enticing Lakshmi with painted feet



## Making Diwali-Diva lamps

## Holi festival



# Brecknock Christmas Fair

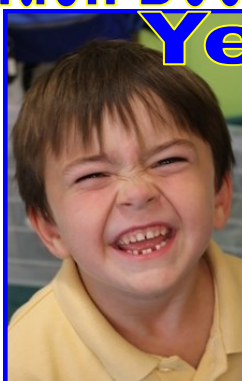
A fabulous time was had by all at the Brecknock Christmas Fair on tonight. A huge thank you to the Parent's Association for organising such a fantastic event and to all the parents and staff who helped out on the day running stalls and donating items for prizes. As you can see from the pictures below everyone had lots of fun. Over £400 was raised. If you had your picture taken with Santa and haven't received your copy yet please speak to the office as they have them all ready to give out. You can also download a digital copy of the picture from the 'New Section' of the website.



# Golden Book for the Term

One child from each class who has been outstanding in a particular area all term is chosen. We are very proud of these children and want to share their achievements with you.

## Year 1



**Class 1B—Riley**

Riley has been chosen as he has made fantastic progress with his reading and numeracy skills this term. He is also making sensible choices and is, in Toni's words, 'A little star!'

**Class 1T—Nicole**

Nicole has been chosen for being a perfect role model in all aspects. She has made excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum and she is a pleasure to have in the class.

## Year 2



**Class 2B—Dren**

Dren was chosen as he has made excellent progress in all subject areas this term, particularly in maths. Dren never gives up—what a great quality. Keep it up!

**Class 2H—Hayley Jade**

Hayley-Jade has made great improvements this term across all areas of learning but particularly in literacy. She always tries her best and her achievements are helping her confidence improve.

## Year 3



**Class 3M—Thyra**

Thyra has had a brilliant term and has made amazing progress in maths in particular. She is always quietly and determinedly working, thinking and questioning. On top of that she works well in a team and listens to her class mates. Well done Thyra.

**Class 3N—Rhys**

Rhys has been chosen for his fantastic attitude towards reading, writing, and maths. In addition, he has done some excellent work with Francine too. Well done, Rhys, you are a star learner and we are all very proud of you!

## Year 4



**Class 4A—Mohammed**

Mohamed thoroughly deserves this award for all his hard work and the effort he puts into each piece of work he does, both at school and at home. Dedication to his learning means that he is becoming an outstanding learner, and a brilliant role model.

**Class 4M—Mia**

All term Mia has been a great learner. She has given 100% at all times, challenged herself and ensured she has put a great attitude to good use as we've all seen an improvement in her reading, writing and maths. Additionally, she is always patient and polite, helpful and caring.

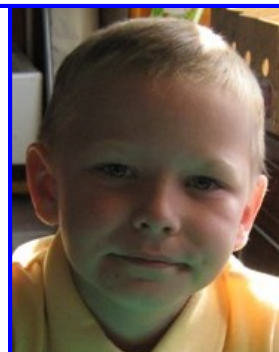


**Class 5C—Lamya**

Lamya is a pleasure to teach. All term she applied herself in all areas and has made excellent progress. She is always the first person ready to work, makes superb contributions and listens to others. Well done Lamya, you are a credit to 5C and Brecknock.

**Class 5M—Anisa**

Anisa is making great progress in all areas of her learning. Her behaviour and attitude is exemplary, which does not go unnoticed. Anisa can apply herself independently and is an asset to any group or partner work. She really is an all-round fantastic learner and great friend. Well done.



**Class 6G—Liam**

Liam been hardworking and determined this term! He has had an absolute amazing start to Year 6 and we're very proud of him. His positivity and perseverance is infectious! if he continues this amazing attitude next term we know he will do well. Well done!

**Class 6M—Adi**

The progress that Adi has already made this term has been amazing. He now has a mature and hard-working attitude towards all his work and his outcomes have been outstanding. He is more confident and gets more involved in whole class discussions. Keep it up Adi, well done.