

Friday 10th January 2014

Message from the Head

The children all seemed very happy to be back in school on Tuesday – and it has been a busy week. The weather has been much better than we feared and most playtimes the children have been able to play outside.

Important information: Last term I wrote in the newsletter that Brecknock was in the top 2% of schools across the country. This has been verified in a letter I have received this week from David Laws, the Minister of State for schools, congratulating us on being amongst the 250 top performing schools across the whole country for the progress our children make. He says, “Your school is exceptionally effective in educating its pupils.” 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. Please read the full letter on the website.

Curriculum meetings: Curriculum meetings take place next week after school. They are as follows:

Reception, Yr2, Yr4, and Yr6 on Monday at 3.45

Nursery, Yr1, Yr3, Yr5 on Wednesday at 3.45

I apologise to those parents who cannot make the meetings, but we are unable to hold curriculum meetings later than this. Please attend if you possibly can, as a lot of the expectations and general information for the term will be explained.

PE Uniform: I would like to remind parents that all our children do PE and games at least once a week, and we expect the children to wear appropriate clothing – dark blue shorts/ track suit bottoms, white T shirts and plimsolls or trainers.

Nursery and Reception are now doing “Movement Mondays” every Monday in the bottom hall and need to be dressed in white T shirts, shorts and plimsolls. They also do games on Fridays; I suggest that all parents bring PE clothes in every Monday and then take them home on Friday for washing. That way all our children will always have the clothes they need to be appropriately and safely dressed for any physical activities.

Parent governor vacancies : On the back of this newsletter is a nomination form. We have vacancies for two parent governors .

If you would like to stand for this position you need to be nominated by another parent. Being a parent governor is a big commitment, but a

very important role. You are required to attend training and read papers in advance of at least 8 evening meetings each term. If you would like to discuss this with me, I can explain the role in more detail.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 17th January — Nursery



Dates for your calendar

13th January	Curriculum Meetings for Rec. and Years 2,4 & 6
14th January	Thorgil the Viking visiting Year 3
15th January	Curriculum Meetings for Nur. and Years 1,3 & 5
16th January	Dodge ball Tournament @ Talacre—Year 4 & 5
22nd January	Family Maths in Reception—9am-10am
27th-31st Jan	Maths Week
29th January	4A to the CLC
3rd February	Reception to the Golden Hinde
3rd February	6G to the CLC
7th February	6M to the CLC
12th February	Year 2 to the London Eye
17th-21st Feb	Half Term Holiday Week
6th March	Year 3 to Viking Exhibition
14th March	World Poetry Day
14th March	5M to the CLC
14th March	Cross Country competition @ Parliament Hill
17th-21st March	Science Week
18th March	5C to the CLC
4th April	4M to the CLC
4th April	Last day of term—close at 2pm
22nd April	Summer Term Starts

Shine Academy

Shine Academy starts again for this term next Saturday, the 18th January at the usual time and place. If you have any questions just ask Monica or Ella.



End of term shows

There are still a few copies of the DVDs filmed of each of the EYFS and KS1 Christmas Shows for any parents who haven't had a chance to get one yet. See the office for more details.



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

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 31st of January 2014 from 9.00 – 10.00am. Please contact the Office for an appointment.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—4th Sept. - 19th Dec.

Attendance KS1: **2H—94.58%**

Attendance KS2: **6M—96.61%**

Early Bird: **5C — 5 lates**





Year 1

As part of their IPC topic on 'Let's Celebrate', Year 1 have been listening to music by the French Composer Camille Saint-Saens, called 'The Carnival of the Animals'. This week they made animal headdresses and later they will be creating a painted scene inspired by the music.

Autumn Term Attendance Awards

The cups were given out this week in assembly to the classes with the best punctuality and attendance in Key stage 1 and 2. Well done to all the winning classes and also to all the children recognised with perfect attendance and/or punctuality. It is so important children are in school on time and as often as possible so they make the best possible progress.



KS2
Best Punctuality
5C



KS2 - Children with 100% Attendance

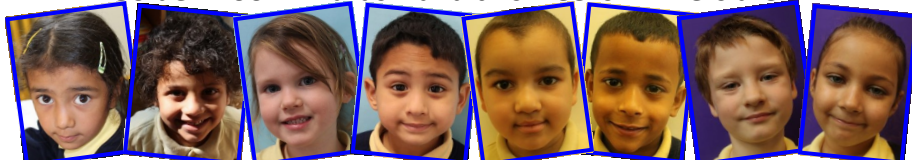


KS1 - Double Winners: Best Attendance & Punctuality
2H

Nursery



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



Zainab & Yoseph—Class 1B, Elsie & Aayaz—Class 1T, Ahmed & Redhwan—2B, Brandon & Sharnelle—Class 2H

This week a building site appeared in the Nursery playground fully equipped with real bricks and building materials. The children put on their hard hats and began building a wall for Humpty Dumpty. They enjoyed mixing up sand and water to make 'cement'.

BRECKNOCK SCHOOL

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There is a vacancy for Parent Governor. If you are interested yourself or would like to propose someone else, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the school office by [Monday 20th January 2014](#).

I would like to nominate myself/the following for parent governor:

Name:

Address:

Phone no.

Signature*:

Proposer:

Name:

Parent of:

Signature:

Seconder:

Name:

Parent of:

Signature:

* The person nominated should sign the form to show their willingness to stand for election.

PARENT GOVERNORS ELECTION

Parent governors have the same status, duties and responsibilities as the other members of the governing body. They are elected by the parents of children registered at the school and their term of office usually lasts for four years.

The governing body of the school meets twice every term and there are also committees which meet regularly to discuss specific aspects of the governors' responsibilities such as finance, staffing, and the curriculum. These meetings usually take place in the evenings.

Every parent of a child registered at the school is eligible to serve as a parent governor. The definition of "parent" includes natural parents of the child (whether or not they are living with them) and those who have legal or actual custody of the child.

The arrangements for the election will be as follows:

- ◆ Nomination forms are to be returned to the school before the end of day on [Monday 20th January](#)
- ◆ Candidates will be informed of the regulations on eligibility for parent governors and requested to supply a brief personal statement to accompany the ballot papers.
- ◆ If there is only one nomination, that nominee will be automatically declared elected.
- ◆ If there are two or more nominations, an election will be held.
- ◆ Ballot papers listing the names of the candidates and having the candidates' personal statements attached will be distributed to all parents by the school on WB [Monday 27th January 2014](#).
- ◆ Voting will take place during the week of [3rd February](#) and close at 4.00 pm on [Thursday 6th February](#). [Results will be announced in newsletter on Friday 7th February 2014](#)

The count will be supervised by the Headteacher. In the event of a tie the position shall fall to the parent with the youngest child in the school.

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