

Friday 24th January 2014

Message from the Head

Parent governor

Congratulations to Syeda Miah who has been re-elected as a parent governor. Her nomination was uncontested. I am really pleased that she is back on the governing body for another term, as she has made such a contribution to Brecknock over the years. I was surprised that there were no other nominations, as we had two vacancies. I will put the nomination papers out again shortly—in case anyone would like to re-consider.

Congratulations to Don who was commissioned by LGFL (London Grid for Learning) to write the content for the new computing curriculum. This includes the history of computing. This curriculum will be used for KS2—5 and it has won the BETT award, beating Encyclopaedia Britannica to the prize! We are so proud of Don's fantastic work.

Cold weather

It looks as if there may be a cold spell on the way. Please make sure the children are warmly dressed—gloves, hats, scarves etc.

Playground in the morning

It is only the children at breakfast club who are supervised in the playground before school. All other children should be supervised by parents. I am aware that some parents are waiting in the dining room, but we are not responsible for your child's safety till the bell rings. I am concerned about children on the climbing apparatus—particularly the younger ones, without a watchful eye.

Thankyou

Uniform

Please can all parents make sure that children are wearing full uniform. This has slipped a bit recently.... We are fully stocked at the moment so please place your order with the office.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 31st January — Year 5



Dates for your calendar

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

Year 2 Entry Point

To begin our new topic 'buildings' year 2 were set an architectural challenge: who can build the tallest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows? The children had a brilliant afternoon and showed really good team work. A great way to start a new topic!



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

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—13th-17th January

Attendance KS1: 2H—99.23%

Attendance KS2: 5C—100%

Early Bird: 5M — 0 lates



Fantastic learning in Year 3

Thorgil the Viking come to visit Year 3 last week. He taught the children about artefacts, trade, types of vikings and even threw in a story about Thor! It was very exciting and then the had a go at making their own shields!



Then they learned about viking runes and how each symbol corresponded to English. They were able to write their own letters using runes, with the English translation beneath. They topped it all off by smearing the paper with coffee and tea to give the paper an authentic feel - they really did look like they were from the past!



In literacy they have been reading 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. They role-played the story in their groups and freeze-framed key moments. They have just learned about homophones and how these can be used in contrast to an illustration to create humour. They are now writing letters to one of the characters using a polite, yet sarcastic tone, peppered with key writing features such as structure, adjectives and adverbs. Watch this space for what they come up with!



Writing in Year 4

Year 4 have been reading 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. Saba was really proud of a short piece of writing Hamid did as part of this unit and we wanted to celebrate it by sharing it with you. Well done Hamid, you worked hard on this. Keep it up!

As Jared stepped into the room the sun hit him like a thousand bullets. He could smell the damp, stale musk invading the room stinging his nostrils. The dim dirty room was surrounded with grime. The whole place sent a shiver down his spine. He spotted the moths flying overhead as the wind shattered the silence. He saw an old mannequin, tall standing out of the room guarding an old leather trunk. Quietly and cautiously, steadily and slowly, he opened the chest, his legs turned to jelly. Bravely, he took a breath as he thought of all the surprises that he would find. He bent down to take a look. His stomach churned with disgust.



By Hamid



Henna in Year 1



To end our topic 'Let's Celebrate', children in 1T studied various festivals and how people celebrate them. One of the ideas that came up, was Henna being used in celebrations. The children really enjoyed looking at the different designs and got to design their own onto hand prints. Using their designs, they then painted on their Henna patterns onto their partners. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they took their time to create beautiful designs.



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



Maryama & Fahim—Class 1B, Penelope & Mellia—Class 1T, Naila & Mischa—2B, Tanima & Abdulrahman—Class 2H, Marwan—3M, Akram—3N, Mary—4A, Chloe—4M, Kavan—6G, Levi—6M