

Friday 16th May 2014

Message from the Head

Brecknock Book Day: Next Friday is Brecknock Book day and we are asking children to dress up as either a hero or a villain **from a book or a story**. We want to encourage the children to love reading and be creative. We do not want children to come dressed as super heroes from comics, with parents feeling pressured to buy expensive costumes from shops. This is not necessary and does not encourage the children to think of ways to use what they have at home. Please support your child to think of good ideas, not spend your money. We would like the children to bring money that day to support an ex-Brecknock pupil who has two very young children and has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. She is a close friend of both Monica and Kelly. We are trying to raise as much money as possible for her to enjoy the short time she has left with her children. The cake sale next Friday will also be for her. Please give generously.

Brecknock Pond: Oliver Plumb, from 1T has given us two toads and a newt for our pond. He and his family placed them carefully into the water on Tuesday. Please let us know if you see them. They are very small and very cute!

SATs: SATs are now over for this year. We are confident that all the children tried their best. We will get the results in July.

Sports Day: This Monday is Sports Day. We will be taking all the children from Reception up to Year 6 to Parliament Hill to the running track there. Reception and Year 1 will be taking a coach, with the rest of the school walking there and back. We are aiming for a 10.30am start to the races. If you would like to come along and cheer on your child we'd love to have you join us. You can take your child directly home when sports day ends if you'd rather not come back to school, just let your child's class teacher know before you leave. We hope to see some of you there on Monday.



School Council

School Council have been working with the Brecknock Ambassadors to look again at our playground rules using the UN Rights of the Child. Look out for them, they will be coming soon!

Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks
www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

Charity Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who came along to last weeks cake sale. Year 5 raised £37. Well done.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 16th May—Charity (see Head's section above)



Dates for your calendar

19th May	Sports Day
20th-23rd May	Brecknock Book Week
20th May	School Council to Parliament
22nd-23rd May	Nursery to Hampstead Heath - half each day
4th June	Year 6 Citizenship Day @ Coram's Fields
5th June	1B to the CLC
6th June	Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament @ Coram's Fields
9th-13th June	Brecknock Programming Week
11th June	Nursery Induction Evening @ 4pm
18th June	Reception Induction Evening @ 5pm
20th June	Community Festival
26th June	School Council to Parliament
2nd July	Year 3 to Open Air Theatre in Regents Park
11th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay
18th July	Last Day of Term—school closes @ 2pm

Birthdays

If you would like to bring in treats for your child's class when it is their birthday, something we wholeheartedly agree with, could you please think about the health and logistical aspects of what you bring. We would like to request that the treats be restricted to a single slice of cake (or a single cupcake) for each child. If you bring in a large cake, please slice it into individual pieces before giving to the teacher. This cuts down on the number of sugary items the children are eating, in line with our status as a healthy school, and it also makes the giving out of the treat far easier, avoiding classes being late down at the end of the day. Thank you.



The Triple Crown of Punctuality and Attendance!

As you can see below, this week we achieved a Brecknock first—the winners in KS1 and KS2 Attendance Awards both had 100% along with the winners of the Earlybird having absolutely no lates!

We're very proud of these classes and would say a huge thank you to them and their families for endeavouring to get to school on time and as often as possible. Attendance and punctuality are so important to the progress a child can make.

So lets see if we can achieve another first and have more than 2 classes in a single week with 100% and everyone in school on time. You can do it!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Summer Term—5th-9th May

Attendance KS1: 2B—100%

Attendance KS2: 6G—100%

Early Bird: 5M — 0 lates



Fantastic Writing in Year 4!

Nell in Year 4 recently did a fantastic piece of writing when they were reading 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. It was supposed to go in the newsletter a few weeks ago—apologies for the delay! We think you'll agree it was worth waiting for. Well done Nell.



The cold, bleak sky had turned a gloomy grey and a deep, murky fog enveloped the area. Within the fog stood a hill on which the house perched threateningly. The house loomed. It stood tall at the top and looked down on them like an eagle waiting for its prey. Lights were on in every room disturbing the silence of night while the bitterly. Frosty wind pierced like a hooting owl, wiping leaves from the tree that guarded their home as the Grace family huddled for dinner.

"I wish I had my friends, I miss New York," Jared remarked with a furrowed brow. It had been a while since they had visited their friends in New York and he was bored of listening to Simon mumble about all the creatures he had found since they had been there.

"Fancy a game of football in the garden?" Jared asked eagerly.

"Shut it, the last thing I wanna play is football, one more minute next to you and I'm gonna be sick," Mallory complained.

Several minutes later, Jared went to get the ball amongst the prickly, thick hedge where it was before. He froze. A smallish creature with a pointy nose and razor sharp nails walked up to him.

"Simon come and see what mysterious creature I've found," Jared called.

"What is it?" Simon cried.

"Whatever it is you're gonna like it."

The creature ran down a hold as Jared and Simon followed to take a closer look.

A few minutes after fumbling through the dark, murky tunnel they reached a large, muddy forest. Tall, shivering trees swayed upon the muddy lands. Wet, damp leaves covered the area while the gushing water from the stream led them to their destination.

"Where are we?" Jared asked with a panicked face. "Look there's the creature from the garden!" yelled Simon pointing over at the mysterious animal. "Let's see if he can tell us what's going on."

Bravely, Simon and Jared approached the scaly creature. Steadily and slowly, calmly and cautiously the creature allowed Simon to stroke him on the head.

"What's wrong with you?" Simon asked. The creature sobbed as he turned to his home and said "It must have been blown down by a storm."

"Hmmm...it is very windy here," Jared replied.

After hours of building, Simon and Jared nearly finished repairing the poor creature's home. They had plastered the roof, sowed the curtains and swept the shattered glass caused by the powerful, angry wind.

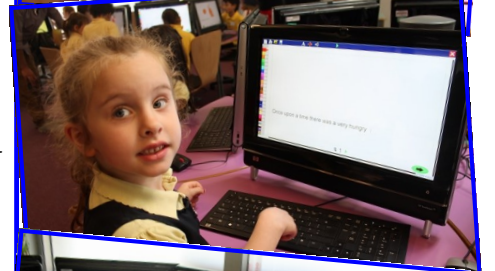
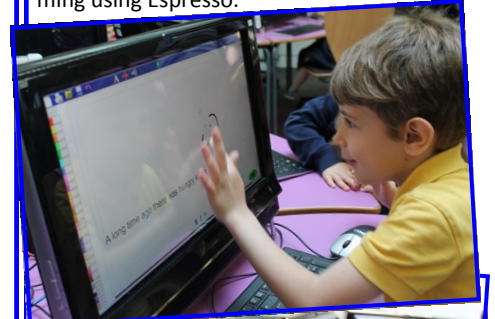
A smile walked up on the creatures face. He beamed with joy. Exhausted, yet proud, they made the final touches to the last of the new home and headed back to the damp tunnel.

Late that evening, as the Grace children huddled in bed, Mallory saw something glistening in the darkness. Enthusiastically, she rushed towards it. "It's a silver cup," she squealed. Just as she looked at the cup she noticed, from the corner of her eye, a note stuck to it. It read, "Thank you for building me new, little house. Come for tea sometime."

At that moment Simon appeared behind her. "It's for us," he remarked. A wave of pride surged through him. "He said we can go and visit him," Jared exclaimed. For they knew it was the start of another adventure.



This week 1T went to the CLC and had a great time writing their own version of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using 2Create A Story. They also had a go at some programming using Espresso.



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



We couldn't choose just one child in year 6 this week so we have decided to select them all to be in the Golden Book. They have worked extremely hard all week and tried their best in every SATS test that they had. We are very, very proud of them and hope that their results reflect how hard they have all worked this year. Well done to all of them.



Timur & Zainab—Class 1B, Ayman & Meriem—Class 1T, Redhwan & Abdel Kerim—2B, Berat & Anna—Class 2H, Samuel—3M, Nabil—3N, Erona—4A, Mia—4M, Anisa—Y5