

Friday 6th June 2014

Message from the Head

Two very important dates are rapidly approaching. On Monday 23rd June we are being assessed by UNICEF as to whether we are to be awarded the **Level 2 Rights Respecting Schools award**. Laura, the ambassadors, the school council and all of us have worked hard to try and help every member of our school community understand the importance of the rights of children both in school, in the community and in the wider world. On Friday 20th of June we are holding our **annual community festival**. We want every single family to be involved and hope that all our Bengali and Somali families will join with us as usual. We have made it much earlier this year so it does not clash with Ramadan. It is very easy, in a diverse community like ours for people to feel that they are not valued and stay in the background. I do not ever want this to happen at Brecknock. Every family is equally valued and can make a unique contribution to our lovely school. Let's work together to unite our school—**"United we stand!"**

Message from the Governors

As you may know yesterday and today we have been going through the selection process with 3 candidates to take over the head teacher role at Brecknock. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to the 'Parent Discussion Activity' yesterday. Your opinions are very valuable. We hope to be able to bring you more information next week as to whether any of the candidates have been successful and what the next steps will be.

Paul Smith—Chair of Governors



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Summer Term—19th-23rd May

Attendance KS1: **2H—96.01%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—96.21%**

Early Bird: **5M — 0 late**



Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks

www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 13th June—Year 2



Dates for your calendar

9th-13th June	Brecknock Programming Week
11th June	Nursery Induction Evening @ 4pm
16th-20th June	Work Week
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
4th July	Reception to the Adventure Playground
11th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay and Nursery to the beach
18th July	Last Day of Term—school closes @ 2pm

Elastic Band Bracelets in school

We have unfortunately had to take the decision to ban the new craze of elastic band bracelets in school. As you know the school policy discourages jewellery for both safety and distraction reasons.

Jewellery

"Ear-ring studs in pierced ears are allowed. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster."

Although the new elastic band bracelets do not make a noise on desks, they have been increasingly distracting children from their work in class so we have had to take the sad decision to ask that they be left at home from Monday. Should any child forget and accidentally wear them from Monday, they can be handed in to a class teacher who will send them (labelled) to the office for collection after school. Thank you all very much for your support in this.



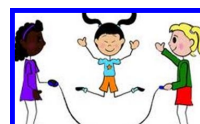
School Council Update

This week School Council have been finishing their survey of cyclists at Brecknock. The bike storage area is going to be revamped and Don needed to know how many bikes and scooters are currently being brought to school and, more importantly, how many children would like to be able to bring theirs to school if they could be stored and secured safely.

We have also, along with the Brecknock Ambassadors, been involved in the interview process for the new head teacher of Brecknock.

Children's Playground Charter

The Ambassadors have been working together with School Council to come up with a Brecknock playground charter. Every class has a class charter and they decided this was the next step to ensuring everyone is respecting each others rights in the playground. Ambassadors then went on to create some rights respecting playground necklaces for all staff and the ambassadors to wear. The charter and necklaces display the rights they feel are the most important at Brecknock in our playground.



Brecknock

Children's Playground Charter.

All children have these rights. We promise to respect all the articles in this charter.



Article 24

You have the right to safe water to drink, nutritious food and a clean and safe environment.

We will all keep the playground clean and safe.

Article 31

You have the right to play and rest at play-time.

We will all play good games and have fun.

Article 19

You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or feelings.

We will all keep everybody safe and happy.

Article 12

You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

We will all make sure everybody is listened to.

Article 16

You have the right to privacy, particularly in the toilets.

We will all use the toilets sensibly.



Year 5 Air Pollution Project



Kew Gardens

This week Year 1 went to Kew Gardens as part of their IPC unit. It was a long journey but well worth it. The children really enjoyed seeing all the different plants and the environments they needed to grow and were all brave enough to scale the treetop walkway! Thanks to the parents who were able to come along and help out.

with Year 1

Some Year 5 students are taking part in a Masters Project being run by a student from The Imperial College London. Just before half term, Vivek came in to speak with the children about air pollution - what causes it, how it is measured and the things we can do to try to reduce it. This week our super scientists (Mia, Zahara, Iffat, Sucdi, Riya and Freya) helped Vivek to choose points around school to place special tubes that will 'collect' or 'trap' the dangerous gas 'nitrogen dioxide' from the air. In 3 weeks time Vivek will collect the tubes and have them analysed and a laboratory. He will then put his data together and come back to let us know which parts of our school have the most air pollution and help us with ideas on how we can try and reduce it. We will give you an update when we get the results in a few weeks.



Glass Art in Year 3

Earlier this week year 3 became artistic scientists. As part of their IPC topic 'Shaping UP' they looked at images of different body cells under the microscope to create a piece of glass art. They have been taken away to be fired in a kiln and our final pieces will be returned to us to display around the school and then taken home.



Welcome to our new arrivals

After a long 28 days the 5 little fluffy ducklings finally arrived in Nursery.

