

# **Brecknock Early Years News**

13 June 2014

### Reception

This week the children have begun 'Work Fortnight', learning about transport on the roads, rails, air and on water.

We learnt about the journey a fish makes from the sea to our plates, thinking about the job of a fisherman and acting out what they do.

We learnt about lifeboats, looked through portholes and painted what we could see through them.

When learning about planes, we made our own suitcases to take on board, then wrote a list of things to pack.

Our **Maths** focus has been on 3D shapes. We have counted the faces, edges and corners and played a What Am I? shape game:

"I have 1 curved face, 1 sharp point and 1 flat face - what am I?

A cone! "

Last Week the children took part in a debate.

The motion was: "This House believes that animals should not be kept in zoos."

The children met Gerald the Giraffe and considered how he might feel about being taken from the wild. They listened to arguments for and against the motion and placed our votes. Then we made a tally of the results, using a number line to find the difference.

We built an animal enclosure using 3D shapes and baked animal biscuits. We learnt about **animal classification**, having a class competition in teams to decide which animals are reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish.

The children celebrated the end of our Animals topic by having a picnic, sharing out food and drinks and dancing to animal music. Our **Maths focus** has been on halving numbers— the children have practised through songs and games e.g. halving fruit, halving a number of coins, halving towers.

#### **RECEPTION INDUCTION EVENING**

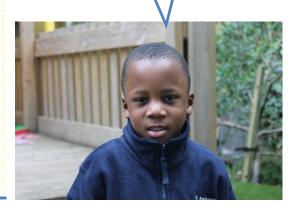
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For all Nursery parents and children who are joining Reception in September.

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Animals should not be in a zoo because they're going to be free to see other animals. The zoo has cages that stop the animals from scaring us. If they get out the cages they might scare us. Their family are in Africa. In the zoo they miss them so much.

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## Nursery

This week the seaside came to Nursery!

We have been exploring the sand and water and building sandcastles.

The ducklings have been growing and have enjoyed their first swim. It was a very special occasion and it was lovely have so many parent there to see.



The Ducklings take to the water...

## **Coming up in Nursery**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July Nursery seaside trip

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