

Friday 4th July 2014

Message from the head

Strike: The school will definitely be closed next Thursday, 10th July as there is a full strike, which involves NUT, Unison and GMB. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause, but believe you will understand the importance of members trying to achieve a fair deal with regard to conditions, pay and pensions.

Short shorts: Please can parents make sure that children do not wear the very short jeans shorts to school. These are often referred to as "hot pants". They are unsuitable and are not part of our uniform.

New Bike/Scooter storage—Please see message below—and leave your bike or scooter at home on Monday!!!

Parent Questionnaire: We will be sending out our annual questionnaire out on Monday. We hope you will be able to complete it by Friday. It is important that we hear your views, both positive and less positive, so we can make improvements.

Austin Flowers: We would like to say a big thank you to them for Supporting everything we do—often giving us donations for our events as well as free flowers for our science lessons. We really appreciate your support!

Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks

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

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Summer Term—23rd—27th June

Attendance KS1: 2H—95.87%

Attendance KS2: 6G—95.73%

Early Bird: 5C — 0 lates



Friday Cake Sale

Last Friday's Cake Sale for year 1 raised £79! Well done and thank you to all the parents and friends who donated items for sale.

We have a plea from Janet - can you try to bring with you change for the cake sale? Lots of people are paying with large notes and they just don't have the change to give you - you could always leave the change as a donation! Thank you.



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 11th July—Nursery

Dates for your calendar

11th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay and Nursery to Chalkwell beach
16th July	Year 6 Show
17th July	Leavers Presentation @2pm
17th July	Year 6 Disco @ 5pm-7pm
18th July	Last Day of Term—school closes @ 2pm
1st September	INSET DAY (no children)
2nd September	INSET DAY (no children)
3rd September	Autumn Term starts—Children return to school

School Council go to Parliament!

School Council went to the Houses of Parliament where we had a tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We then followed this with a workshop called "Your Voice" where we learned about local, devolved, national and European government. The Yellow team won in the quiz, Sue Dunbar cheered a lot. The blue team was a close second. Some of the children then had to be members of the house of Lords, House of Commons or the public and be persuaded by (or not) some of the rest of School Council. Mia in Year 4 particularly liked the tour around Parliament and Idris loved the riches of The House of Lords.



World Cup Maths!

As part of Numeracy, Class 1B went World Cup mad. The children were split into five different teams (Costa Rica, Colombia, Germany, France, England) and took it turns to play each other. They recorded goals scored and then tallied these to decide who had won the tournament. The winners were England, with a total of 6 goals (thanks to Isaac scoring a hat trick). Shame The real England football team didn't follow their example.



New Bike & Scooter Storage

As we mentioned in the newsletter previously, we are revamping our bike and scooter storage area. The company fitting the equipment will be here on Monday (7th July) to install the new bike and scooter racks. These new racks will make it much easier to secure your scooters with a lock. Please don't bring in bikes and scooters on this day. Can we also remind you that if you leave your scooter or bike unsecured you do so as your own responsibility.

Brecknock Music News!

As you know at Brecknock we value music very highly. We are incredibly lucky to have Rod as our music teacher. This week, like most, has been very busy on that front.

Class 3M and the recorder ensemble from Y4/6 went to the Cluster Festival at Torriano Juniors on Monday morning. They sang and played a French song, demonstrated their large (treble, tenor, bass and great bass) recorders and performed two 16th century dance tunes. Their playing and behaviour was something to be proud of!

Also this week, the Year 6 girls band 'Attitude' performed at the Camden Bands Night at Rhyl school on Tuesday evening. Tight, confident and very professional, they were superb.

Well done to all the children. Involved in both events and to you for helping them with encouragement and tolerance of their practising!



Year 5 at the British Museum



As part of their 'Myths and Legends' topic, Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit one of London's most prestigious museums, 'The British Museum'. To start the day, they took part in a 'Greek Myths' workshop. This involved spotting characters on Greek pottery using visual clues (Hermes has boots with wings, a hat and a travellers staff), using story math to work out which story was depicted on the pottery and re-telling the well known Greek Myth, 'Odysseus and the Cyclops' from Homer's famous poem 'The Odyssey'. This will really help Year 5 with their next writing outcome, which is based on that very story! After a sunny lunch on the museum's lawn, the children visited the 'Greek Life' gallery and completed their activity booklets using the various artefacts in the room. They learned about the 12 Labours of Heracles (who is known as Hercules in Roman mythology). As they worked so hard, they then had time to go for a walk and appreciate the incredible architecture of the museum and visit some of the other galleries. They particularly liked the 'African Gallery', which was very vibrant and exciting. Year 5 highly recommends The British Museum, and entry is free all year!!



Circus Masks in Year 2

Take a look at these fabulous circus masks made using Mod Roc in Year 2 this week. We think they are great!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Isaac & Keriann—Class 1B, Maisie & Ryan—Class 1T, Dren & Rihaan —2B, Abdulrahman & Sharnelle—Class 2H, Nazo—3M, Abdi—3N, Keleigh—4A, Chloe—4M, Rammy—5C, Sumia—5M, Akram—6G, Aisha—6M