

Friday 17th October 2014

Message from the head:

Parent Academy: "Supporting parents in helping their children to succeed"

I hope as many parents as possible will come to the drop in at 9.00 on Tuesday morning in the dining room; to find out more about Parent Academy. Jenni Lavis will be around to answer questions and you will get a chance to meet the person running our programme.

Soft start in the morning—after half term

I will be sending a letter home on Monday explaining a new initiative at Brecknock to begin after half term. I have been worried for some time about the congestion in the playground in the morning and I believe we have found a way to resolve it.....please read my letter on Monday!!

School Journey: Our year 6 classes are off to Kent on Monday with Monica, Henry, Medi and John. I know they will, as always, have a fantastic time and learn many new skills. Thank you to all the parents who support us in trying to find ways to enrich the lives of our young people. Those who are not allowed to go really do miss out so much.

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



Autumn Term: 6th—10th October

Attendance KS1: **1M—98.26%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—100%**

Early Bird: **Rec B, Rec R, 1M & 6C— 0 lates**



Friday Cake Sale

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 24th October—Charity Cake Sale—please give generously!



Dates for your calendar

20-24th Oct	Year 6 school journey to Kent
27-31st Oct	Half Term
3rd Nov	2nd Half Term starts—children back to school
6th Nov	Family Supper in the middle hall—6-8pm
7-12th Nov	Book Fair
10-14th Nov	Parent Conference Week
12th Nov	Family Literacy Session in Reception @ 9am
14th Nov	Religious Education Day
17th Nov	Parent Reading Day in Reception @ 9am
8th Dec	Christmas Shows for Nursery
8th Dec	Year 1 to Arts Depot to see 'Beegu'
9th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 1
10th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 2
11th Dec	Christmas Shows for Reception
12th Dec	Christmas Fair
17th Dec	End of Year Music Concert (Goodbye to Sue!)
19th Dec	Last day of term—school closes @2pm
5-6th Jan	INSET days—school closed
7th Jan	Spring Term starts—children back

Beth's African Adventure - Part 2!

We've just received an email from Beth with the latest instalment of her amazing Ugandan Adventure. Go to the whole school news page on the website to find out how her trip is going and what she has been up to since her update last month. She's working hard but managing to enjoy herself at the same time. We miss you Beth!



Fundraising—please help!

Many of us can take the health of our children for granted. For some in our community, living daily with a life threatening illness or disorder is a way of life. In the Brecknock community we have a little girl who has just such a life threatening illness that requires her to be fed from a pack she must carry with her at all times. She cannot eat or drink and gets all of her food through a tube into her heart. She has spent a large proportion of her life in hospital and often has to return to hospital for invasive treatments. This year, she started nursery—something at one point the family thought she'd never be able to do. This has allowed her to have a semblance of a 'normal' child's experience which she has loved. One activity this family has never been able to do with her because of the feeding pack she has to carry is go swimming. We would like the Brecknock community to come together to raise some money to be able to buy the family a special 'dry suit' that will allow them to take their daughter swimming for the very first time. Next Friday we are holding the Friday cake sale for this end and on top of that, Henny our fantastic nursery teacher, is going to be running the Beachy Head Marathon over half term and is collecting sponsorship money for this cause. If you would like to sponsor Henny, make a donation or provide any cakes etc. for the cake sale please do so via the school office. The dry suit costs £300 and we know the generous Brecknock Community can come together and make this happen for the family.



Rights Respecting School Ambassador Applications...



"I will help others if they need help. I will be kind. I will be everybody's friend."

Vivian—Year 6



"I think I am a reasonable, responsible student that always looks out for others. I think on my feet and learn the Brecknock Way. I would like to help the school grow and be the best it can be."

Hamid—Year 5



"I have been one before so I have had good experience. I would work hard and value the title deeply."

Ivy—Year 4



"I will be good to other kinds of people. I will be rights respecting."

Wei-Keat—Year 4



"I think that I would be perfect as an ambassador because I am helpful and creative. Additionally if you picked me I would be a good listener and would listen to all the problems."

Zakhi—Year 5



"I am helpful and friendly. For example, if somebody is hurt I could care for them and make sure they are alright. I would make sure everyone is happy"

Valery—Year 2



"I think children from any country deserve to learn and to go to school. I think we should have Unicef day and donate the money to charity. Every child has the rights of the child"

Priam—Year 4



"I have new and fresh ideas. In all aspects of my life I have great perseverance and would like to bring this to the ambassador role. I always like to take my work seriously but always have fun. I am very proud to be a Brecknock student and would like to help the school continue to improve."

Sam—Year 4



"I'm cheerful and I am the right girl for the job and if anybody needs me I'll be there for them."

Sahra—Year 3



"I love to help people. I am very friendly. I would be good because I am a good talker and a good listener. I also come up with good ideas."

CeCe—Year 2

We wanted to share some quotes with you from the right's respecting school Ambassadors' applications. We know our crop of Ambassadors this year will do a fantastic job. They have a lot to live up to after last years amazing group!



"I would teach everyone from Juniors to Seniors about rights. I would give all the ideas in my head from top to bottom. I would love to be an ambassador."

Ava—Year 3

Eid Tea

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and those who came along to last weeks Eid Tea. It was a great celebration. See the website for more photos!

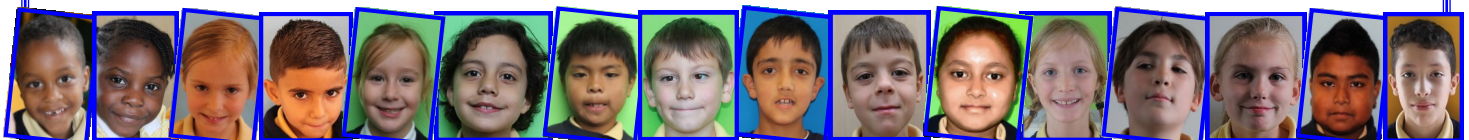


Year 6

On Monday, as part of their topic, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic 'Enterprise Day'. First, they made magazine adverts for the amazing board games they have been making in class. Then, they played a special 'Business' board game, which required a lot of thinking! Finally, in the afternoon, they were lucky enough to have guest speakers talk to them about the process of running their own businesses. Mo was brilliant explaining his t-shirt company. Many of them have been inspired by his success!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Saabir & Niniomo—Class 1M, Cosima & Sean—Class 1T, CeCe & Seif—2B, John & Freddy—Class 2H, Kabere—3F, Elionit—3N, Elara—4M, Ivy—4W, Ruben—5M, Zoe—5W, Kamran—6C, Rammy—6G