

Friday 24th October 2014

Message from the head

Parent Academy: We were delighted that so many parents showed an interest in participating in Parent Academy. You should receive letters soon about next steps and we have two more drop ins arranged for further information on 7th and 14th November. I think it will be a really interesting course and am glad we had such a good response.

Soft Start: There have been positive responses to our new Soft Start beginning after half term. Remember the gate opens at 8.50 and the children can come straight into school – KS1 in the side door by the dining room and KS2 by the main door in the playground. All doors and stairwells will be supervised.

Family Supper: Please remember to start planning your dish for Family Supper on Thursday 6th November from 6pm – 8pm in the middle hall. We ask each family to bring a dish – enough for the number of people they are bringing and then we all share and enjoy tasting food from around the world. We hope you will prepare dishes traditional to your culture. There is no charge – we just want to celebrate with everyone. Our new head teacher, Marianne will be coming along so it will be a chance to meet her.

Enjoy: Finally, we hope you enjoy the break—there is so much to see and do in London we hope you are able to make the most of it. We'll see you all again in November—Happy Halloween!

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: 13th—17th October

Attendance KS1: 1M—96.3%

Attendance KS2: 5M—97.92%

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



Friday Cake Sale

The next Friday Cake Sale is Friday 7th October—Year 2



Dates for your calendar

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
5th Jan	INSET days—school closed
6th Jan	Spring Term starts—children back

School Journey 2014

Year 6 have been having a fantastic time in Kent at this year's residential school journey. We will have some more information in the first newsletter after half term but if you can't wait until then check out the website where Henry and Monica have been updating each day's events with lots of photos.



Brecknock Parents Association

The Brecknock Parents Association exists to promote and enhance the Brecknock community.



We organise events and activities throughout the year to bring together the community and enrich our children's school experience. Wherever possible we raise money for extra-curricular programmes or to expand school resources. PTA funds will go towards enhancing playground equipment. Due to the fund-raising nature of our organisation, we are a charity and have a committee structure in place which exists solely to offer accountability and as a point of contact for the entire Brecknock community.

Every parent or carer with a child at Brecknock Primary School is automatically a part of the PTA. We regularly hold meetings to plan events and organise volunteers. Recently, the PTA coordinated the Eid Tea, and we will be planning upcoming events such as the Christmas Fair, Easter Disco and Summer Community Festival. All parents/carers are welcome to join in, share ideas, skills and get involved in any way they can. Even if you do not wish to become a committee member, we always need volunteers at events and would welcome any help offered.

Our meetings are informal, and we are always pleased to see new faces. Information about up-coming meetings will be displayed on the PTA notice board and on the Parents Association page on the website together with what was discussed in previous meetings. If you wish to participate, please speak to any member of the PTA whose details are on the notice board or your child's class Parent Representative who will be delighted to explain it all. You can also email at parentsassociation@brecknock.camden.sch.uk and let us know about you.

The PTA is a multicultural group that represents the diversity of people at Brecknock. We are proud of our diversity and are keen to share the richness of our cultures. All of our children benefit from the work of the PTA. Please help continue this work by attending and supporting its activities.

Extra! Extra! read all about it...

Year 3 have been studying the superb book, 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. This week they used the events of the story to link in with what they have been learning about newspapers and the features a journalistic writing. Here is Priam's report of what happened.

Introduction

Late last night, Jub aged 15, was ambushed on his way to work. The fifteen year old worked for SKS, The Story Keeping Society. Police came rushing to the scene in the New Forest. The perpetrator stole an emerald green sack. This is the tenth crime this week. A world record for the central area. It is still very unclear why the thief wanted these items. Today we just found what the sack contained. It was full of irreplaceable happy endings of stories.

Police called

At six thirty in the evening police were called to the scene where they found a young disturbed woman weeping and wailing. Officer Gingerbread Man stated, "We can confirm valuable items have been taken unlawfully." He later added, "This disruption will at least continue for a week or two. We apologise for any inconvenience this incident may have caused. We have blocked paths on the outskirts of the forest so we can catch the suspect."

Complaining Neighbour

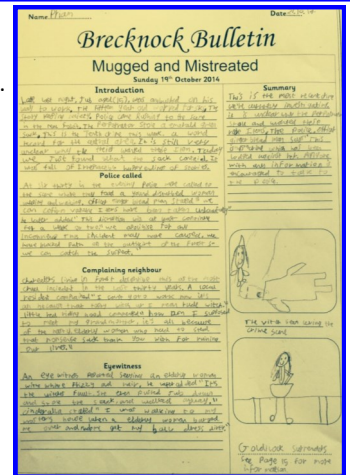
Characters living in the forest describe this as the most cruel incident in the last thirty years. A local resident complained, "I can't go to work now it's all because that tasty witch, ur..., I mean rude witch," said the Big Bad Wolf. Little Red Riding Hood commented, "How am I supposed to meet my grandmother? It's all because of that nasty, elderly woman who had to steal that nonsense sack. Thank you for ruining our lives."

Eyewitness

An eyewitness reported seeing an elderly woman with white, frizzy old hair. He later added, "It's the witches fault. She even pushed Jub down and stole the sack and walked away." Cinderella stated, "I was walking to my master's house when an elderly woman barged me over and made me get my ball dress dirty."

Summary

This is the most recent crime we're currently investigating. It is unclear why the perpetrator stole and wanted these rare items. The police officer, Gingerbread Man, says, "This is the 5th crime which has been lodged against her. Anyone with any information is encouraged to talk to the police."



By Priam

Games development with 2B! Science in Year 4...

Class 2B took on the role of games developers when we were visited by a team from Kuato Studios (a London based games studio that tries to capture the excitement of learning through video games). They asked for our help last year when they had for a game to support story writing and came in to work with the then year 3s. They have now come back in to use 2B as a focus group. The children played the game, which is almost at the point of release, and then gave their feedback. David, Adam and Bernard were very impressed by the level of critical evaluation the children gave them and had lots of things to think about back at their studio.



Year 4 have been investigating the properties of solids and liquids. They discovered that some solids are flexible and even pour as well as finding out that some liquids are extremely viscous, so much so that they could hold a cup of golden syrup above their heads and not get sticky!



Warhorse in Year 6...

Read Anisa's brilliant narrative piece based on the work they have been doing around the powerful drama by Michael Morpurgo, 'War Horse'. We're very proud of the work year 6 have produced during this unit and especially of Anisa who has already improved hugely since starting year 6. Keep it up guys and well done.

I was alone. Running with all my life past the village and ruined homes. My hooves clip clopping along the way. I stood there just in time beside all the other horses, stamping our hooves. Frightened eyes surrounded me as the key for the doorway of death was turned...

Breathlessly a man, (who had a ghostly pale face) blew into the bagpipes. A roar of thunder deafened my ears and a rainbow of darkness took hold of the sky. It shook the clouds with all it's might for a huge rain storm. Billowy black clouds formed in the sky. I squinted as the doorway of death was really open...Bang!!! A huge bomb was dropped and let a crater in the muddy land. My back was alight. I looked down. Captain Nichols was lying dripping blood everywhere. No hope. No light. No help. A cannon boom made me jump and scream as only horses do. The machine gun rattled loudly. It was as if there was a machine for shouts and screams too! Could this be the last sounds of life?

Galloping into no mans land, the sounds got quieter and quieter. An echoing gunshot was the last violent sound I heard. Suddenly silence. I had run through drumming rain and blinding smoke, from nightmare scenes to silent lands. Small shell holes and rifle fires were around but at least I was safe.

Would I ever find the farm I once lived and grew in? Would I ever find the people I once loved and lived with?... "I will never let you down Albert. I never will!" I said determinedly. Black figures appeared on the horizon. "Oh dear God," I whispered...



By Anisa

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Maha & Ajwad—Class 1M, Diego & Gabriela—Class 1T, Meriem & Marcello—2B, Isaac & Kerriann—Class 2H, Beth—3F, Hafsa—3N, Nakai—4M, Samuel—4W, Nell—5M, Kiarn—5W