

Friday 3rd October 2014

Message from the head

WORLD POETRY DAY: Yesterday we celebrated World Poetry Day—with every class in the school learning, reciting and performing a poem together. The theme was “Identity” - and we heard so many interesting and thought provoking poems about our right to an identity and the importance of our identity being valued and respected. The children were brilliant and I would like to thank all the staff for the hard work and preparation they put into it. Thanks to Laura for organising such a brilliant experience for us all. More on website about it soon!

Unison Strike: You may be aware, there is a Unison strike on Tuesday 14th October. This means that many of our support staff will not be working. The teachers have agreed with Unison members that they will not cover any of their duties, so it is possible that we will have to close, or partly close the school that day, as we will not be able to cover playground or lunchtime duties. I will let you know definitely next week when I have more details about who will be joining and supporting the strike. The strike is about pay and conditions; I think we all recognise the brilliant work of our TAs—we could not function without them.

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: 22nd—26th September

Attendance KS1: **2B—98.53%**

Attendance KS2: **3F—99.2%**

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



Friday Cake Sale

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 17th October—Year 3



Dates for your calendar

9th Oct	Year 6 to Theatre for War Horse—6.30-11pm
10th Oct	School Photographer—Individual and Family Photos
10th Oct	EID Celebration Tea in the Bottom Hall @ 3.45-5.45pm
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
8th Dec	Christmas Shows for EYFS
9th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 1
10th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 2
12th Dec	Christmas Fair
17th Dec	End of Year 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

School Photographer—10th October

Next Friday the school photographer is in for all individual and family photos. These will be taken in the morning.



Computing in Year 1

Year 1 have been practising their computer skills with Kate. They've been learning about mouse control, typing skills and how to navigate menus on the computer. They are really improving. If you have the opportunity to let them practice at home, please encourage it—it is such an important skill in today's technological world!



Eid Celebration Tea

10th October

Next Friday after school is our Eid Tea Celebration. We hope as many of you as possible will come along to help our school community celebrate this special occasion. Any parent who wishes to help out with a food donation can drop it off with Sue Dunbar in the school office on Friday afternoon. If you'd like any more information speak to Sue. At Brecknock we really value the diversity of our school community and it's events like these that help us to celebrate this. Thanks to all the parents who have helped out so far to make this event happen.



School Lunches

With the recent change to free lunches for children we have discovered that a number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who were previously recorded as having packed lunches have decided to take up the free lunch offer. We would encourage you all to do this. However, please let the office know if you have decided to switch as if we do not have an accurate number for the children requiring a cooked lunch the kitchen do not know how many children they are catering for and this could lead to not enough food being prepared. Thank you for your help in this.





This week year 2 went to visit Freightliners Farm. They had a great time seeing the different vegetable that were being grown and had a go at harvesting some themselves! Then they got the opportunity to say hello to some of the more active residents at the farm! More pictures will be on the website soon.

Year 2 at the Farm

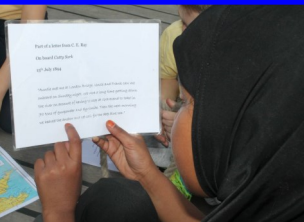


Year 3 explorers...

As part of their IPC topic on Explorers, Year 4 visited the famous tea clipper, 'The Cutty Sark' this week. They learned about its history and even got to role play life on board as an apprentice sailors. There are lots more photos on the website but here's a few tasters!

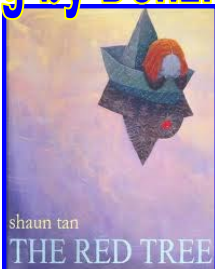


...at the Cutty Sark!



Fantastic Writing by Denzil!

Following on from the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, here is another example of fantastic interpretation of an image by DENzil in year 6 based on the cover of the fabulous Shaun Tan's 'The Red Tree'.



To me, I interpret this picture as a negative image showing a little girl in a dangerous, scary atmosphere. The black in this image represents evil enclosing her whilst the light is trying to break through. The white symbolises her feelings drifting away. Her facial expressions show that she is distraught due to the fact she is surrounded by darkness and danger which is taking over her life and she can see no light to guide her through. The ginger is a representation of hope and that eventually, light can overcome darkness and deep inside her heart there's hope.

Year 2 have been studying 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. As part of their work they wrote their own versions. We had snakes, bears and all sorts of interesting animals. We particularly liked this version by Timur—"The Cheetah who came to Tea!"



Once there was a little boy called Isaac. Isaac had spiky hair and eyes as blue as the sky. He lived in a silver smooth building. One morning the doorbell rang. DING DONG! I wonder who that could be? It can't be the bakery because their bread is not ready yet. It can't be my friend Benjamin because he is coming here in the afternoon. It can't be the pizza man because their oven is broken. Isaac opened the door. He carefully opened the door. Behind the door was a snarly, smelly cheetah. The cheetah snarled, "Can I have dinner?" "Yes. Of course. Come in, come in!" The cheetah had some chocolate doughnuts, but he didn't just eat one of them on the plate. Then dad gave him some crunchy biscuit, but he didn't just eat one of them he ate all the biscuits on the plate. Dad gave him some alcohol to drink, but he ate all of the alcohol then he drank all the fizzy, bubbly fizzy drinks in the cupboard. Thank you for the spectacular time at the tea party, but I'd better go now. Goodbye. A few minutes later granny Hiculd Piculdy came. "Hug me son! What happened to the food." He explained what had happened. Then suddenly granny had an idea. "Let's go to a restaurant." At the restaurant they had roast dinner and ice cream. The next day they went shopping and bought a tin of Cheetah food just in case the cheetah came to tea again.

Fantastic Writing by Timur!

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Inah & Jago—Class 1M, Daisy & Sean—Class 1T, Masa & Elsie—2B, Ben & Callum—Class 2H, Rihan—3F, Rory—3N, Anfal—4M, Maya—4W, Jennifer—5M, Tito—5W, Ali—6C, Mia—6G