

Friday 7th November 2014

Please note the date change
Now only 1 INSET after Christmas break.
Children back to school on the 6th January

Message from the head:

Family Supper: Thank you to parents who brought delicious dishes to share at our annual family supper yesterday evening. It was a lovely occasion and may of you had a chance to meet with Marianne who will be taking over from me in January. She was very impressed!

Soft Start: There has been lots of really good feedback regarding our new soft start —particularly from children and their teachers. It is brilliant for the children to have time to chat and relax with each other and with their teachers and TAs before the formal leaning begins. Please can I remind EYFS parents that at the moment we can not open EYFS any earlier but we are actively investigating ways around this; please consider dropping your older children just before 9.00 rather than at 8.50 so you don't have to wait in the cold. We call it soft start so it can be flexible according to the needs of parents, siblings and the school.



Wellies: Please can reception and nursery parents provide wellies that can be left at school so that the children can access outdoor learning as part of their curriculum. If you have any spare wellies that your children have grown out of we would really appreciate them being donated to the school. Thank you.

Absence: Please note that if your child is away from school for more than 3 days you need to provide a medical certificate. However, please note that for all absences, whatever the reason, you should phone the school early in the morning to let us know.



Massive Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to the Friday Cake Sale and those who sponsored Henny for her marathon. From both events we managed to raise enough to reach our goal to buy the specialist wet suit for the little girl in our nursery. Brecknock, once again, shows what a fabulous community we have.

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: 20th—24th October

Attendance KS1: **2B—95.56%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—98.42%**

Early Bird: **6G—0 lates**



The Next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 15th November—Year 1



Dates for your calendar

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
19th Nov	Year 5 Parents Meeting after school re: France Trip
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

Brrrr.....it's cold!

Please remember to send in hats, scarves and gloves when needed. If you can label them as they often get dropped and it's easier to return them if they have a name on them.



Brecknock Parent Governors—who are we...



Geethika Jayatilaka
Chair of Governors
(Shalin—Y4 & Alice—Nursery)



Emma Stockton
(Charlotte—Y4 & Finlay—Nursery)



Syeda Miah
(Thyra—Y4 & Aayaz—Y2)



Tomris Tangaz
(Timur—Y2)



Polly Curtis
(Ivy—Y4)



Tanya Gibson
(Isaac—Y2 & Dylan—Y1)

The school governors are volunteers who help set the priorities for the school, approve the budget and support the head teacher to provide the best possible education for children at Brecknock. There are seven parents on the school governing body—six with children currently at the school. They are the representatives of Brecknock families and aim to reflect the school community's experiences of the school. It is not the role of governors to deal with individual problems parents and their children may be experiencing - parents should always talk to their class teacher about their own children. But by hearing the experiences of Brecknock families they can help plan for the school's future more effectively. Please feel free to approach any of them at any time and if you are interested in becoming a school governor they would be very happy to tell you more about what it involves. You can learn more about the governors on the Governor page in 'School Info' on the Brecknock Website.

Brecknock Parents Association

Minutes from the latest meeting are now available on the Parents' Association section of the school website.



Family Supper

Another fantastic Family Supper! Thanks to all the people who came along and to all the children who performed. The amount of food was amazing! Events like this are what make Brecknock such a special place. See the web-site for more photos.



Why? Festival with the Rights Respecting Ambassadors

Just before half term the ambassadors went on a trip to the Why? Festival at the Southbank Centre. It was a fantastic day that involved a special programme of talks, debates and workshops' asking big questions about what is happening for children in today's society.

One of the sessions we took part in was called 'Eating Weeds' where we tasted some edible weeds.

Later in the day we watched a performance piece developed by 60 children from Marion Richardson Primary School in Stepney. They spoke up and told us what they wanted to change about the world. We were really inspired by their poems, songs and raps.

The highlight of the day was taking part in the WHY? Big Protest. We joined 1000 other school children on the Southbank Centre's streets to make our views heard. Other schools marched with banners they had made and we joined in the protest songs. It culminated in us all singing the Why? Anthem together at the end of the day. We look forward to making our own banners for next years festival.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Christopher & Halima—Class 1M, Yahya & Ziad—Class 1T, Penelope & Ryan—2B, Sayed & Anas—Class 2H, Casey—3F, Sharnelle—3N, Ramla—4M, Shalin—4W, Hamid—5M, Umar—5W, 6C—Alula, 6G—Laura