

Friday 9th January 2015

Message from the head:

Happy New Year to you all. I am enormously proud to be head teacher at Brecknock and what an exciting first week it has been! Thank you to everyone who has spoken to me in the playground and around the school to make me feel so welcome. The term got off to a wonderful start with yesterday's Debate Day. The children spoke clearly and passionately for and against their arguments all of which were linked to this term's IPC themes. They were amazing! Do keep an eye on the website to see a video of some of the brilliant debates.



Pavement Widening : I am delighted to tell you that we have had a positive response from Camden Council about our campaign to widen the pavement in Cliff Villas. We have been informed that the council is proposing an extension of the pavement outside the Early Years entrance to deal with the congestion problem. Due to the loss of some parking spaces a public consultation will need to take place and we are hoping that this will happen after Easter. Well done School Council and everyone else who got involved for an excellent campaign!

Curriculum Meetings: Curriculum meetings will take place next week after school. Come along if you possibly can. A lot of information about the coming term will be shared.

Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6 on Monday 12th at 3.45pm

Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5 at 3.45pm and Reception at 3.40pm on Thursday 15th

Nursery on Monday 19th at 3.30pm

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: Overall

Attendance KS1: 2H —96.38%

Attendance KS2: 4M—96.58%

Early Bird: 6C—7 lates



Dates for your calendar

12th Jan	Year3 to Kew Gardens
16th Jan	2H to the Emirates Stadium
19th Jan	1T to the CLC
20th Jan	Year 2 to the London Eye
22nd Jan	1M to the CLC
30th Jan	Year 3 to Oliver Jeffers Exhibition @ Discovery Centre
5th Feb	Camden Primary Maths Challenge—team of 4 from Y6
13th Feb	2B to the CLC
16th-20th Feb	Half-Term Holidays
25th Feb	2H to CLC
2nd-6th Mar	Brecknock Book Week
3rd Mar	3N to the CLC
4th Mar	3F to the CLC
5th Mar	World Book Day
11th Mar	Year 4 to the theatre
13th Mar	Comic Relief Day
16th-20th Mar	Brecknock Science Week
23rd Mar	Year 2 to London Monument and St Pauls
3rd-17th Apr	Easter Holidays
20th Apr	INSET Day
21st Apr	Summer Term Starts—Children Back

Parent Academy



Don't forget about Parent Academy this week...

- **Red Group** —Tuesday 13th January—9am-11.30am
- **Orange Group** — Friday 16th January—9am-11.30am
- **Green Group and Blue Group**—Tuesday 20th January—9am-11.30am

Should any parents be unable to attend you are welcome at any other school running the academy but must attend the matching colour at those schools. Check the posters up for other schools also taking part.

After School Clubs



As you know we changed how we allocated after school club places this term. Last term the "first come first served" method meant some children got many places in clubs and others none. This term we have made sure that everybody got some. The children that did not get a place on one of the oversubscribed clubs will have had a place last term and will be in the front of the queue next term. There were also some particular individual needs that were considered amongst this. Thank you for being so understanding as we try and make the system the fairest it can possibly be. Where children have been disappointed and not got a place in a particular club please help them to understand the reasons behind the decisions and that it will be their turn next. There are some clubs that are not yet full. Please check with the office if you would like a place on one of these instead.

INSET Days

The INSET days have been set for the remainder of the year. School will be closed on these days (although the office will be open should you wish to come in and purchase any uniform or settle any bills). The INSET dates are:



**Monday 20th April
&
Monday 1st June**



Thank
You!!!

Friday Cake Sale

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Fair before the holidays and also to the charity cake sale today.



The next cake sale will be for Year 6 on Friday 17th January.

Brecknock Debate Day!

This Thursday we held the latest 'Brecknock Debate Day'. We had a range of topics all linking in when possible to the children's IPC topics. The children spoke beautifully and it was clear they had done lots of careful planning and deep thinking on their subjects. Children weren't told until close to the day which side of the argument they would be taking which meant they had to think about both sides in their planning. We hope to have some video highlights of the debates up on the website soon.



Who argued what and who won?

Nursery: This house believes you should eat what you like—**Proposition Defeated**

Reception: This house believes that you should always play with the same person—**Proposition Defeated**

Year 1: This house believes that toys are a better present than friendship—**Proposition Defeated (1M)**

Year 2: This house believes that all empty buildings should be used to house the homeless—**Proposition Carried (2H)**

Year 3: This house believes that anyone who chops down the rainforest should be imprisoned—**Proposition Defeated (3F)**

Year 4: This house believes that chocolate should be displayed at child height in newsagents—**Proposition Carried (4M)**

Year 5: This house believes that rubbish should be sent into space—**Proposition Defeated (5W)**

Year 6: This house believes that the treaty of Versailles was too harsh—**Proposition Defeated (6C)**

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Amy & Dylan—Class 1M, Hallie & Zaki—Class 1T, Oliver & Ryan—2B, Shakhan & Saki—Class 2H, Jaycee—3F, Sharnelle—3N, Rhys—4M, Charlotte—4W, Zakariye—5M, Hamid—5W, Ahmed—6C, Demi—6G