

Friday 18th September 2015

Message from the head



This week we conducted learning walks around the school to evaluate the climate for learning at Brecknock. It was a real pleasure to see how well organised and engaging the classrooms are. We pride ourselves on being a 'reading school' and the wonderful book corners and high quality texts are certainly testament to this. All classes have created their own class charter to demonstrate how they will make sure that the rights of all members of our school community are respected and these displays are at the heart of classrooms. Support for mathematics, such as times tables displays and questions to promote problem solving, are also key features around the school as are the wonderful interactive displays to draw children in to their IPC topic. What a great start to the year!

Of course there is always room for improvement and we recognise homework as an area that needs attention. This term we are gathering information about what is currently happening and we will be talking to children and families about what they think are the most helpful ways to support learning at home. In the Spring Term we will be introducing some changes with a view to making all home learning more meaningful and consistent across the school. The next 'Meet Marianne' session at 9:15 on Tuesday 6th October will have homework as an item for discussion. Do try and come along if you would like to talk.

Dates for your calendar

21st September	Year 2 to the London Eye
21st September	Year 3 to Kew Gardens
23rd September	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6
24th September	Year 5 to British Museum
25th September	1/2 Reception to Unicorn Theatre
1st October	1/2 Reception to Unicorn Theatre
19th October	Year 2 to Tower Bridge
19th-23rd October	Year 6 School Journey
26th-30th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
2nd November	INSET Day—school closed
3rd November	School Opens—Children Back
4th November	Family Supper @ 5.30pm
18th December	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
21st Dec-1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
4th January	INSET Day—school Closed
5th January	School Opens—children back
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	School Opens—children back
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Parent Academy is back!

Parent Academy Will start on Friday October 1st It is for ANY parents of children in years 1,2,3. There will be a crèche available. It will run in the dining hall from 9am to 11am and will last for 20 weeks and will cover a wide range of maths and literacy areas. Please do come and find out more. Our tutor this year is Mary O'Neil. We would love for as many parents as can to join these free sessions to discover even more about how work is done in schools, as well as how you can support your children with their learning at home. Just turn up on Friday 1st October. If you would like to know more please look at this video on you tube that was made by those who were involved last year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gun08RhS3bM&feature=youtu.be>



School Photographer

The photographer will be in on Friday 9th October for individual and family photos.

Lost Property

Lost property is now kept in the dinner hall next to the packed lunch trolleys. Please, if you haven't done so already, make sure all uniform and coats have your child's name in them. Thank you.

Parent Governor Coffee Morning

A reminder that we will be holding an informal coffee morning next **Friday, 25th September at 9.15am** in the dining hall for anyone interested in standing for the position of a Parent Governor. Please come along and find out more if you are interested. A letter will be sent out soon with information about nominations. Being a parent governor is a great way to be involved in the life of the school and we would urge everyone to think about it.



Anyone for Pool?

We have a pool table which we no longer need. If anyone is interested please see John Clark for the dimensions. It is free to a good home but you will need to pick it up.



Be Cyber Safe...

It's been brought to our attention that a number of children in school are using social media sites designed for use by adults such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and many others (all of which you are supposed to be a minimum of 13 years old to register). We have spoken with the children about staying safe online and what is acceptable online behaviour in assembly and will cover e-safety repeatedly over the school year in our computing lessons. We would recommend no children in primary school are using adult social media apps but understand many of you allow this with your supervision. We would ask you though to please speak with your children and support them to ensure any privacy settings are set to the highest level to avoid their details, photos and comments being publicly available to anyone if you are going to allow them on these sites and apps. If you are concerned or want more information there are a number of e-safety links on the website or come in to school and speak to Don who will be happy to support you.



Tubs4Tablets!

We are currently collecting promotional tub lids from Flora Margarine. They are currently running a promotion where schools can get Samsung Galaxy Tablets in exchange for the promotional lids available from Tesco. If you have any at home please drop them in at the office. Thank you.

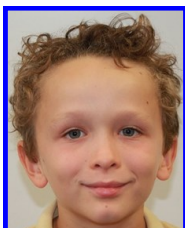


Perfect Attendance!

Congratulations to the following children for their perfect attendance last year! Let's hope this year we can have even more children!



Alex—Reception



Oliver—Year 3



Cara—Reception



Esther—Year 4



Albie—Year 1



Zoe—Year 4



Alfie—Year 1



Shalin—Year 5



Diego—Year 2



Senay—Year 5



Amy—Year 2



Phuk—Year 6

Buildings!



Year 2 have begun learning about their new topic, 'Buildings!' They looked at famous buildings from around the world, and then made their own versions using their junk modelling skill! They had a great time! One of the children even made their own version of the Eiffel Tower - The Eiffel Banana! Thank you to all parents who helped supply us with the junk resources!



Important Notice

Now that summer seems to be behind us please ensure children come in to school with their coats and suitable footwear for the weather. Thank you.



Welcome to Brecknock!

Here are a few first day pictures of the new children enjoying their first morning in our newly moved and refurbished nursery. We are all looking forward to getting to know them and watching them flourish in our wonderful early years setting.



Nabil, in year 5, was the recipient this week of a letter from the 'Chief Pilot' of British Airways. It was in response to a letter he had written the airline over the summer asking to find out more about being a pilot after he flew with them. BA were so impressed by his letter they passed it to the chief pilot to respond personally. In with the letter were stickers and info about planes. The

pilot has even offered to come to school! Well done Nabil.



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Scicilian Lemonade in Scicily Class!

To launch their new island class name, Sicily class had a go at making their very own Sicilian lemonade. They all enjoyed juicing the lemons and measuring out the sugar. They also thought about the forces required to juice the lemons properly. It was a great success and the children had a great time! Later this month the children are going to be selling their lemonade to raise money for refugees, so come along and try some for yourself.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Alfie & Ruby—Mull, Kiran & Lily—Skye, Tanisha & Malachi—Guernsey, Jago, Memati & Christopher—Jersey, Kerri-Ann & Tazmine—Y3, Zoe & Naila—Y4, Akram & Charlotte—Y5, Raia & Kenza—Y6