

Friday 25th September 2015

Message from the head



Presentation in books: This week I have been looking at presentation in children's books and I was delighted to see what an improvement there has been across the school. Teachers have been focussing on this since the beginning of term and children have certainly risen to the challenge. I would like to give a special mention to Ivy and Zaynab in Jamaica Class, their books are exemplary—well done!

Thank you: would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make last Friday's Eid Tea such a huge success. It was a wonderfully Brecknock event which, as well as raising a great deal of money to help refugees, was also an opportunity for us to come together as a community in celebration. Finally, please take a moment to look at the calendar dates below, our final INSET day has now been set and you will also find other key dates listed.

Dates for your calendar

1st October	1/2 Reception to Unicorn Theatre
9th October	School Photographer
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	Year 5 to V & A Museum
4th November	Family Supper @ 5.30pm
12th November	1/2 Year 6 to Regent Street Cinema
19th November	1/2 Year 6 to Regent Street Cinema
3rd December	1/2 Year 2 to Unicorn Theatre
3rd December	Year 4 to Unicorn Theatre
4th December	1/2 Year 2 to Unicorn Theatre
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	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



14th-18th September

Attendance KS1: **Jersey—96.3%**

Attendance KS2: **Cuba—96.89%**

Early Bird: **Lundy, Lindisfarne & Jersey—0 lates**
Well done to our early bird and attendance rabbit winners. There were still 9 classes out of the 12 KS1 and KS2 classes who failed to make it above 95% attendance. Lates were also very high for some classes—1 having more than 10, whilst another 3 had 8 in one week. We would ask for your help in improving this as we know that the best outcomes for children are achieved by those in on time and here as often as possible. If for any reason you are struggling please come and speak to us so we can help. Thank you.

Friday Tea —Year 6 on Friday 2nd October

Tasty—and healthy— birthday treat!

This week these amazing fruit kebabs were brought in for a child's birthday in nursery. Just goes to show you don't have to have cake to have a tasty treat!



School Photographer

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

Please wrap up...

At the start of this week the weather was particularly wet and cold. Despite this, a number of children were coming in without coats. Please make sure that your children come in with coats and suitable footwear for the weather. Thank you.



Absence Guidance from Education Welfare

If your child is ill and you leave a message on the answer phone to inform us please leave detail to explain what the illness is. We are required to record this. Please also note if they are absent for more than 5 days that you are required to provide us with a medical certificate, otherwise the absence has to be recorded as unauthorised and you risk a fine from the education welfare officer. Thank you.

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. 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>

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.



Brecknock in Bloom!

Excited about the beautiful new planting in the school playground? Pitch in with Growing Together, Brecknock's drop-in gardening club, to contribute to a new growing area.



'Feed and Weed Fridays', held during the cake sale today and next week, are dedicated to preparing the beds around the chalkboard in the playground. On Saturday, 3rd October, we'll plant them up with beautiful herbs, grasses, and flowers. No gardening experience is necessary. All Brecknock families are welcome, and there will be cake!

Year 2 @ London Eye and St Paul's

Year 2 braved the miserable weather to visit two iconic London structures: The London Eye and St. Paul's Cathedral. The children were extremely excited to see the London Eye, and were able to point out many other iconic buildings from the views aboard! They then walked over the Millennium Bridge to St. Paul's Cathedral and learned about the history and art inside, as well as the 'Great Fire of London'. Finally, they climbed up the Dome to the Whispering Gallery. Thank you to the parents who came along with them!



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, staff and businesses who have helped us raise a fantastic £1200 for the current refugee crisis through our Eid Tea, Friday Tea and the non-uniform day. We will be donating half of the money to UNHCR—the UN refugee agency and the other half to MOAS—the Migrant Offshore Aid Station who are doing such amazing and important work in the Mediterranean.

In year 5, they have been learning how to separate mixtures of solids. There was a catastrophe in the stock room when a shelf fell and all of the science and cooking materials mixed together! So, they have been separating flour, sand, rice, pasta, sawdust, raisins, paperclips and much, much more, to try and get all of our resources back in the right jars! The children had some interesting ideas as to how to do it with the maximum efficiency. Definitely a few scientists of the future!

Marvellous Mixtures!



Brilliant Brecknock Community



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The children have been really inspired by the plight of refugees and for many it is a very real tragedy, having come from refugee families themselves. It was amazing to see our community come together and help. This year's Eid Tea was possibly the best ever. Thank you to you all for your generosity and hard work.

As well as the amazing support you the parents gave us in our efforts to support those affected by the current refugee crisis many local businesses also stepped up with generous donations. We'd like to say a big thank you to them. With an extra special thanks to Arhag Housing Association, our biggest single donor, for a very, very generous donation. Thanks Also to:

Tesco - Camden Road

Clear View UK Estate Agents—Brecknock Road

Sainsbury's - Camden

E-Mono Kebabish—Kentish Town Road

KFC—Camden Town

Arhag Housing Association

Aspendos Grill - York Way

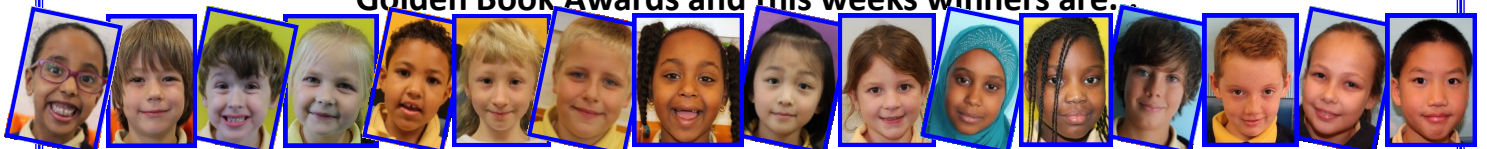


Thank You... Chocolate in Year 4!

This week Year 4 assaulted their taste buds as part of their IPC topic on Chocolate! They were experimenting with combining chocolate with a variety of unusual and wild flavours! They chose their own strange and unique combinations, and bravely swallowed the results. They will now learn how chocolate is made and what makes it so fantastic that it has been a treat for thousands of years!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are.



Joanne & Albie—Mull, Noah & May—Skye, Kaiziar & Chloe—Guernsey, Oscar & Saida—Jersey, Milly & Emma—Y3, Hafsa & Cheyanne—Y4, Rhys & Naji—Y5, Nell & Phuk—Y6