

Friday 2nd October 2015

Message from the head



Do look out for the letter which went home this week about nominations for parent governors. This can be a very rewarding role and no special qualifications are required – just the best interests of the school at heart, and I know you all share that! If you are interested, or would like to nominate somebody else please complete the form on the back of the letter and return it to the office by **Tuesday 13th October**. The form can also be found on the school website if you have mislaid your paper copy.

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging and I would like to ask for your help in ensuring that children come to school in uniform every day. We have an agreed school uniform of gold polo shirts, preferably with a school logo, and navy blue sweat shirts and fleeces. These are all on sale, or can be ordered, from the school office. Boys can wear navy blue trousers or shorts and girls wear navy blue trousers, navy blue skirts, pinafore dresses or shorts. In the summer girls can wear any yellow dresses. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your calendar

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

21st-25th September

Attendance KS1: **Jersey—87.68%**

Attendance KS2: **Hawaii—91.33%**

Early Bird: **Lundy, Lindisfarne & Jersey—0 lates**

Well done to our early bird and attendance rabbit winners last week. Unfortunately it was another disappointing week in terms of lateness and attendance. Eid undoubtedly affected attendance but there were far more absences than can be explained by this alone. Lates continue to be an issue with one class have 18 in one week—that is almost 4 children late every day! We once again ask for your help in improving this. If for any reason you are struggling please come and speak to us so we can help.



Emergency Contacts

We have recently found that some of the phone numbers we have for parents/carers are out of date or no longer in service. If you have changed your home phone number or mobile number please can you make sure the office has it in case of emergencies. We need to be able to contact you quickly. If you are not sure, please check with the office to ensure its current.



Friday Tea—Year 5

Friday 9th October



School Photographer

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

Parents' Association email address change

The PTA email account has changed to brecknockpta@gmail.com

Parents' Association

Just a reminder that the PTA are gearing up for the planting of the area around the chalkboard in the playground. They'll be having another 'Feed and Weed' Friday today during the tea sale to prepare the area, followed by planting up on Saturday from 1-3pm. These are meant to be family gardening sessions, so please come along with the kids for as long or little as you can. No experience necessary; everyone is welcome. Thanks to the PTA gardening allocation, they have tools and some lovely grasses and flowers that will enhance that corner, attract pollinators, and provide a living outdoor learning for the children. Come lend a hand, and please help spread the word. There will be cake!



Camden Square Playcentre

Camden Square are our most local playcentre and pick children up from Brecknock after school every day. If you have child care needs please do ring them as they are able to be very flexible in terms of days etc.

Address: Camden Square Playcentre, Murray Street, London. NW1 9RE

Phone: 020 7485 6827

After school club and holiday play schemes for children aged 4-12.

Term time Mon-Fri 3.30-6pm; Holidays Mon-Fri 8am-9am (breakfast club) 8am-6pm.

Quadkids—Into Athletics—Sunday 11th October

QuadKids is the England Athletics endorsed format for children of all abilities, it is quick, fun and a great way to measure progress over time. QuadKids is perfect for children aged up to 12. Cost is £2 per child, no need to pre-register. At Parliament Hill Track on Sunday 11th October 12-2pm (registration at 11.30am).



Jersey—Mohamed & Ninilomo

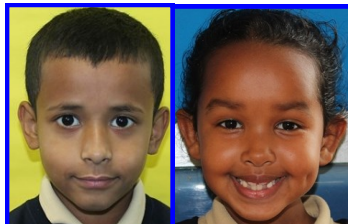
Guernsey—Daniel & t.b.c.

Corsica—Erin & Belle

Sicily—Teo & Penelope



Hawaii—Vera & Megan



Tahiti—Redhwan & Naila



Cuba—Priam & Remy



Jamaica— Marwan & Charlotte

This week our new school council for 2015-16 had their first full meeting. They were all presented to the school in assembly on Monday morning and we look forward to working with them this year to help give the students a voice and improve our school. Good luck and well done to them all.

Our New School Councillors!



Sumatra—Zoe & Tito



Madagascar—Patrick & Mia

Our New Ambassadors!

With the departure of our year 6 children in July, and some ambassador's 2 year term of office coming to an end, there were a number of vacancies on the Brecknock Rights Respecting Ambassadors. There was a huge response from the children, who had to write a letter of application to be considered for the role, and we would like to say a huge thankyou to all who applied. The standard was very high and the decision of who should be given the job was incredibly hard. We hope any who didn't make it this year will reapply next year.



Jago (Y2) – "I will help you. I will keep you safe. I will listen and not ignore you. I will be the best ambassador I can be."



Drew (Y2) – "I would be a really cool school ambassador. I'd listen to classmates and I would tell teachers of any changes they would like to make."



Yaqub (Y2) – "I am good at listening to other people and I make good decisions."



Anas (Y3) – "I'm helpful. I will listen to everyone and I will always support you. I will make Brecknock better."



Masa (Y3) – "I am kind, generous and caring. I help people if they are hurt, and I have been doing it all these years. I would help anyone when they need me."



Serena (Y4) – "I could make the school a better place and I could listen to other people's ideas. It would be a great opportunity for me to be an ambassador. I am mature, kind, confident to talk to other people."



Aleya (Y5) – "I respect everyone in this school. I have a great sense of humour, and if there's a problem, call me in the playground and tell me what happened. I will stop whatever is going on."



Shalin (Y5) – "I respect everyone's rights. I believe strongly in charity. I will help with projects like the manifesto – and NOT just sit around listening."



Mattis (Y5) – "I will make sure that this school achieves higher levels in Ofsted and know more about the UNCRC. I will help any country, or anybody in need. If there is anybody that is not safe, I will be there to help."



Keleigh (Y6) – "I am good at presentation and behaviour. I respect all people. All kids have the right to be respected. I will do it all!"



Billy (Y6) – "I am responsible, hardworking, and a good role-model. I will be a great example for the little ones because I follow the Brecknock Way. I am a good listener and a good leader."



Raia (Y6) – "I am mature and respectful, which means I listen to other people's opinions and celebrate their work. An ambassador should be friendly, but willing to stand up to other people, even if they're your friends. I can do this. I'm a Rights Respecting student."

Some Ambassadors still have another year to go and they are...

Valery—Y3, CeCe—Y3, Ava—Y4, Sahra—Y4

Ivy—Y5, Wei Keat—Y5, Sam—Y5 & Zakhi—Y6

Lead Ambassador: Sam



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Ilyas & Maisy—Mull, Amira & Alfie—Skye, Mustafa & Dylan—Guernsey, Ninilomo & Amy—Jersey, Yusuf & Dina—Y3, Rory & Cleo—Y4, Rhyanna & Ruwayda—Y5, Mary—Y6