

Friday 20th November 2015

## Message from the head

School has been busy this week with lots going on as usual. Thank you to all of you who came along for a parent conference, I do hope you found it useful. Yesterday we played host to a group of students from the Institute of Education who came to see how we teach maths calculation. They were impressed with both the progress children make and their attitude to learning.

On Monday Don led a Key Stage 2 assembly about celebrating diversity and being tolerant about other people's opinions and beliefs, which may be different to yours. This is a theme which we will be returning to as I am sure you will agree that the only way forward from events such as those in Paris is to work together as a community. I am proud to say that this is our driving force at Brecknock.

## Magic Breakfast

Don't forget about our new FREE breakfast from 8.30am in the dining room for any child who wants it.



## Dates for your calendar

27th November	Brecknock Bargains Table Top Sale
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
8th December	Year 6 to Theatre (evening)
8th December	Nursery Christmas Show @ 2pm
10th December	Reception Christmas Show @ 2pm
10th December	Corsica Class to CLC
11th December	Christmas Fair @ 3.45pm
14th December	Sicily Class to CLC
15th December	Year 1 Christmas Show @ 2pm
16th December	Year 2 Christmas Show @ 2pm
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
12th January	Jersey Class to CLC
15th January	Guernsey Class to CLC
25th January	Hawaii Class to CLC
1st February	Year 5 to the Royal Observatory
10th February	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
10th February	Tahiti Class to CLC
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
7th-11th March	Brecknock Book Week
8th March	Year 1 to Unicorn Theatre
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

## Brecknock's Think Tank!

Brecknock's very own 'Think Tank' club have come up with an idea for raising some money for local charities. Ayesha has written the blurb below to persuade to help out!

*On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015, we are having the school's first table top sale in the bottom hall. This is your chance to sell all sorts of things! If you want to sell your things, then bring them to Brecknock Bargains! If there's something you want, then you'll find it at Brecknock Bargains! If you have an old pair of jeans, bring them here. If you have old toys, then bring them in. Maybe someone else wants to buy it! You can even make things for the table top sale. For £3, you can rent a table to sell your unwanted things. The money that we will be making will be sponsored to local charities.*



So if you want to sell some unwanted items come along. Even if you don't, remember to bring some money to school that day and you will be able to pick up some bargains. We hope you will support the children in this altruistic endeavour. Thank you.

## Home Learning Resources

Encourage your children to use their logins for Reading Eggs and Mathletics. We know that by practicing skills at home using these supports learning in school.

[www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk) & [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

Also, Phil the Storyteller's website where you can access videos of stories from home. Fill the registration form in on the website and enter the school top code: **Gsjm\_2049**

[www.thestoryemporium.co.uk](http://www.thestoryemporium.co.uk)



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



9th-13th November

Attendance KS1: **Jersey—97.86%**

Attendance KS2: **Hawaii—100%**

Early Bird: **Madagascar—2 lates**

Friday Tea—Reception  
Friday 27th November



## Christmas Dinner

17th December—if your child is not usually school dinners but you'd like them to have the Christmas meal please order at the office.

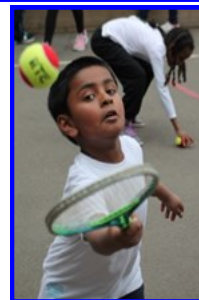
## School Council

School Council have been looking at the problem of children wearing the wrong T-shirts in PE. Please can children bring the right T-shirts as it causes a problem if children are in coloured T-shirts they get mixed up with that colour team. For example in



football somebody may pass the ball to a person in non-bibs thinking they were in their team when they were not. School Council are talking to the children about this in assembly next week.

Written by Vera (Y4) - Publicity Officer for School Council



## Christmas Fair

**Brecknock Needs You!** The Christmas Fair in on **Friday 11th December from 3.45pm—5.30pm**. We need all of you to help make this a wonderful event—bake a cake, do face-painting, help set up, run a stall—anything at all. There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the office.



## Reminder—coats

As the weather changes, could we please remind you to make sure that all children come to school with a warm, water-proof coat. This is particularly important if the children are going on a trip or to the swimming pool. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Thank you!

# Diwali in Nursery



Use this QR code to see some more pics.



We would like to celebrate the amazing work

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

LO: to retell the story of Beegu through role play  
I can use language from the text

No-one seemed to understand her

But Beegu wasn't wanted there. It seemed so

Well done Noor!

But Not Everyone thought so

Child As It was so

Wow! This is amazing!  
I love how you have used language from the text (10)

IMPRESSIVE! TRACERS AWARDS

- neat
- uses language from text

Noor did this week in Literacy. His effort and pride in his work lately has been brilliant. Well done!

As we mentioned in the newsletter recently, some classes are trialling a new homework 'matrix', with different ideas for homework activities themed around the class topic and the children choosing what to do. It is going really well and some children have really

impressed us with their work. For example, in year 4 this week, Megan created a beautiful map of Mesopotamia while Zoe invented and made her own chocolate bar, complete with wrapper and samples for the class to taste (it was yummy—we'd definitely buy it!). We wonder what other amazing pieces we will get from other classes over the term.



The children in Year 3 have been creating different animals from the rainforest using oil pastels and paint thinking about their features. They chose a variety of animals spanning all four layers of the rainforest from a poison dart frog on the 'forest floor' layer to the Toucan in the 'canopy' layer. Some have been put up on a fantastic display outside the two classes.



# Rainforest Art Homework

Cuba class were very lucky today to have a visit from Captain Allister Bridger, the Chief Pilot with British Airways. It all came about after Nabil, entirely his own idea, wrote a letter to British Airways this summer wanting to know more about being a pilot and planes. They were so impressed with his letter (and his questions) that it was passed all the way up to Captain Bridger, the chief pilot of more than

4000 British Airways pilots! He contacted the school and wrote a reply to Nabil. Following that, Nabil drafted a further letter in which he invited Captain Bridger to come to school. The children were very excited and Captain Bridger took them through a typical day in the life of a pilot—the photo of inside the cockpit with all the buttons and levers elicited a very loud WOW! - before he answered their questions - of which there were lots! The children asked some really insightful questions and learnt lots from the session. At the end, Captain Bridger made Nabil's day by presenting him with some British Airways Pilot Wings. He, and the other children, will remember this afternoon for a very long time. By the end we had a whole class of children who want to be pilots! Good luck to them all, as Captain Bridger said, they will have to work very hard, but if they want it bad enough and put in the effort there is no reason why they can't make it. We hope to fly with them soon!



# Captain Nabil!!

## Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Josh & Laila—Mull, Kamarri & Alia—Skye, Yaqub & Tanisha—Guernsey, Torri-Lee & Natasha—Jersey, Ismael & John—Y3, Kawthar & Megan—Y4, Nabil & Naji—Y5, Hamid—Y6