

Friday 26th February 2016

Brecknock Book Week is coming!
Week beginning 7th March will be Brecknock's book week. As well as 2 author visits/book signings and dressing up there will be lots of activities throughout the week. The theme for dressing up on Friday 11th is 'Heroes and Villains'. See the website for more information.



Message from the head

As you all know the funding has been withdrawn from our Children's Centre and the service is sadly due to close on 1st April. Since we heard about the closure we have been investigating ways to provide some drop-in and signposting services going forward. I am delighted to tell you that we have been able to secure a small amount of transition funding and are intending to run three half day drop-ins hopefully featuring 'Cook and Eat' (our most popular session!) and a session for under-ones. We will also be able to run one ESOL class on a Thursday. We will be providing more details about these sessions as the term goes on but in the meantime please talk to Amanda, Elena or Laura if you have any questions or comments.

I would also like to tell you about another exciting initiative. We have been consulting with Camden about the possibility of providing places for two year old children at Brecknock. This is a really exciting opportunity which will not only support our local families but also bring some new building and facilities into the school. The discussions are at an early stage and the provision would not start before January 2017 but the proposal was discussed at the last governors meeting and approval in principle was given. If any of you have any objections to this do please come and talk to me before 15th March. In the meantime I will keep you updated about developments.

Football

Well done to the football team that represented Brecknock this week at the Premier League Schools tournament. The competition was for a mixed team of boys and girls.



They all equipped themselves well and we're proud our team had the most girls on the pitch in almost every game we played! Go team Brecknock!

Maths Puzzle—Can you solve it?

PUZZLE 1: Using the numerals 1,7,7,7 and 7 (a "1" and four "7"s) create the number 100. As well as the five digits you can use the usual mathematical operations +, -, ×, ÷ and brackets (). For example: $(7+1) \times (7+7) = 112$ would be a good attempt, but not right, because it is not 100.

Puzzle 2 from the last edition proved to be an easy one for many of you. The answer was of course 9816 as 19×519 was the sum. However, puzzle 1 proved to be a bit trickier. We only had one correct answer to this —well done again to Tesnim in Sicily class. She's proving that she has a real talent for problem solving! Where many of you went wrong with this one is that you cannot put digits together to make a new number so $177 - 77$ was not correct. Each digit must be separate and use the operations to get the target number—just like in the number game on 'Countdown'. Try it again this week—no cheating and asking Tesnim for the answer!

PUZZLE 2: Write the next line in the pattern:

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21
1211
111221
312211
13112221
1113213211
31131211131221
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Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

7th—12th February

Attendance KS1: **Mull—100%**

Attendance KS2: **Sicily—96.92%**

Early Bird: **Mull & Hawaii Classes— 2 lates**



Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Don't forget to encourage your children to us their 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' accounts.

www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Dates for your calendar

3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
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
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Home Learning Exhibition

To coincide with the week of Parent Consultations there will be a display of children's wonderful home learning projects in the middle hall. Please come along and have a look, the quality of the work will amaze you! There will also be information about how we will be moving forward with homework from the summer term so do pop in if you have any comments or questions.



Brecknock Allotment

We are very excited that we will soon have a 'Brecknock Allotment' in Caledonian Park (picture shows location where it will be). We have grand plans for all the things we can grow and the multitude of outdoor learning opportunities this will give us. We can't wait to get started and bring the children over from school to learn all about growing. Daire in Year 2, as our new science co-ordinator, will be leading on this project. If any of you out there would like to get involved we would love to have your ideas and support. We will be looking for volunteers to help out both during term time and especially for watering duty over the holidays. We will pay you in produce! Please speak to Daire for more information.



Friday Tea—Reception—Friday 4th March



Guernsey class have been learning all about healthy lifestyles and how to be fit and eat well. This week they made some fruit smoothies to try and did some running and exercising on the roof playground. It looks like they had a lot of fun!

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Healthy Living!



There has been some amazing homework coming in from year 5 to do with their 'Space Explorers' topic. You can see some at next weeks exhibition. In the meantime here's a piece by Sophie and a bit she wrote about what she did.

This is my model of the solar system. I worked on it for three weeks and I am really happy with the finished project. I never imagined it would be this big! I used spray paint to colour the inside of the box and papier mache to make the planets and then I researched some facts about the solar system. I got my whole family involved who helped me put it all together. Please come and see my work displayed in the middle hall next week.

Well done Sophie!

At the Theatre with Year 5

Title: Theseus and the Minotaur

Theatre: Unicorn

Running Times: 24th January till 2nd April

Synopsis: Need a fun play to watch with your family? Here's the place to go. The Unicorn Theatre. This is a great family experience as it will allow the children to get involved and participate. This is an amazing show, about two kings who get into a fight there will be some life threatening choices made and conquered.

Review: I thought that this show was amazing because it had a lot of drama and mystery. It was worth its money. I would recommend this play to children and adults above the ages of 4+. Overall it was great and incredible.

Star Rating: ★★★★★



By Alima

The hot blistering sun blazed over head. In the shadow of the Infinity Park I could feel the overwhelming heat rain down upon me. I could barely catch the gentle dry breeze that whistled in my face. The smell of burning toast wafted through the air as I thought about food and most importantly of all, water. My mouth was full of the last precious drops of saliva, just at the thought. From the north I could see a few clouds drifting towards us...



By Shalin

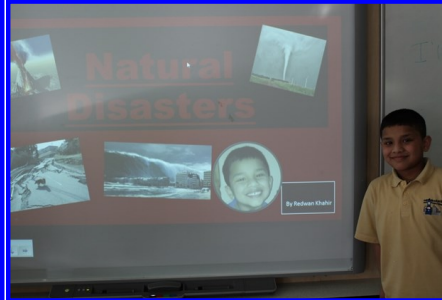
Cosmic!

Jamaica class shared some of the fabulous writing they have been doing in their assembly today. Here is a short piece by Shalin. To see more go to the website using the QR code. It is all inspired by the story 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.



Fantastic Tahiti!

Year 4 continue to impress with their homework. Here you can see a fantastic globe made by Soraya, some beautiful Chinese new year decorations by Goldie and Redwan's fabulous 'Powerpoint' presentation on Natural Disasters.



Yesterday, part of Brecknock's School Council went to the Town Hall and sat in the council chambers for the annual Camden Debates. There were 6 schools there in total, all presenting on a wide variety of topics.

Our topic was "Brecknock believes that road safety should take more notice of pedestrians." Please have a look at their presentation on the website. Using the QR code here. The children then met Councillors from other schools and found out what they were working on in their schools. The four children making the main presentation spoke confidently and well and the others supported by making comments on the work of other schools.



School Council Debates



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Anisa & Sophie—Mull, Faiza & Saniya—Skye, Che & Mehjabeen—Guernsey, Mohamed & Hadi—Jersey, Belle & Sienna—Y3, Jake & Casey—Y4, Mara & Ivy—Y5, Vanessa & Alisa—Y6

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