

Friday 5th February 2016

Message from the head

Thank you to everyone who came to the 'Meet Marianne' session on Tuesday, it was the most popular one yet and we had some very interesting conversations about home learning amongst other things. Several parents mentioned to me that they would like more information about what children are expected to learn in each year group, please have a look at the year group pages on the website where you can open the Core Curriculum Frameworks for each year group which contain an overview of key end of year expectations in reading, writing and maths. These booklets will also be available at the parent consultation meetings later this term. We will also be creating an exhibition of some wonderful examples of home learning during this week (week of 29th February) so do please come along and have a look.



Punctuality

Brecknock will be having a drive on punctuality after half term. There will be a new clock visible from the school gate as parents and children come into school. Our Education Welfare Officer, Nigel Norie, will also be at the school gates for most of that week checking arrival times.

Please remember that:

9.05 am - 5 minutes late means 3 days lost a year
9.10 am - 10 minutes late means 6 days lost a year
9.15 am - 15 minutes late means 9 days lost a year

You will see the "Every minute counts" poster around school with this on.

Children find arriving at school late upsetting and they miss out on important opportunities.

Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

Thank you.



Maths Puzzle—Can you solve it?

Well done to Hannah (Guernsey) and Goldie (Tahiti) who solved both puzzles from last week. Also to Seif (Sicily) and Sahra (Hawaii) who managed to solve puzzle two. Many thought the answer to the calendar puzzle had something to do with a leap year but it was in fact about the new year! The answer was the man was born on the 31st January and was talking about it on January 1st. That way he was 25 the day before yesterday and next year would be 28! The second puzzle had a couple of solutions, the easiest was $888+88+8+8+8 = 1000$. Well done if you got them. Here are this week's teasers—remember there's a merit available for any child solving them.

PUZZLE 1: Two fathers took their sons fishing. Each man and son caught one fish, but when they returned to camp there were only three fish. How could this be? (none of the fish were eaten, lost or thrown back)



PUZZLE 2: Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied: "I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (Your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!" How old is Tom's Granny?



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

25th-29th January

Attendance KS1: Jersey—98.52%

Attendance KS2: Sicily—99.23%

Early Bird: Mull Class—1 late



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

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
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

Parent Gym

The Children's Centre will be hosting Parentgym (a parenting course) for the 3rd time starting next week—Friday 12 February. The course will run over 7 weeks, on Friday mornings 9:15-11:15am.

If any of you are interested in attending or learning more about it please see

Amanda or Elena in the Children's Centre or nursery setting. A crèche is provided.



parentgym
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

SIGN UP FOR A FREE 6-WEEK PROGRAMME
packed with the secrets of how to be a great parent.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
By using the techniques on this programme your children will:

- Get on better with their siblings and other kids.
- Learn faster and do better at school.
- Smile, laugh and be happier more of the time.
- Listen more and argue less.

ASK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

Safer Internet Day—9th February

'Safer Internet Day' takes place on 9th February with the theme 'Play your part for a better internet'. As well as the usual safety messages taught through our curriculum we will be recognising this day with themed lessons in all year groups. Please visit the school website for a comprehensive list of websites that can support you in any aspect of e-safety—under the 'School Info' tab then in Educational Links or using the QR code above. Or ask any of the school staff for help.



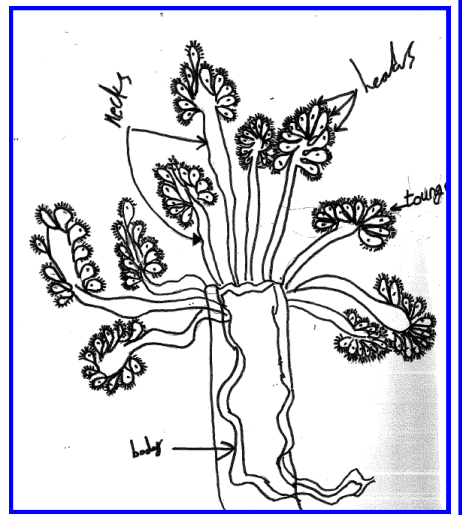
Friday Tea—Year 2—Friday 12th February



Mayors Maths Fund—Parental Engagement Project—Yrs1-4

We hope your enjoying the Scrapbook activities from Mayors Maths Fun Project in years 1-4 that are being sent home. We've had some fantastic work coming in and can see many of you are really enjoying the creative element involved and working with the children. We are in the process of ordering a 'maths kit' for each child to have at home—colouring pencils, rulers, etc.—which will be sent home soon.

This week we wanted to share one of Tesnim's (Sicily) activities with you. Year 3 were given a puzzle to solve on an ancient Greek Sea Monster—they were told it had 1 body and on the body there were 10 necks. Each neck had ten heads and each head had 10 tongues. They were given a scenario where a brave warrior fought the sea monster and cut off one neck from its body, then cut off one head from another neck and finally he pulled out one tongue from another head. The children were asked to work out how many tongues were left on the monster. Tesnim brought the puzzle to life by drawing the monster to help her understand the problem. She then used great maths skills to work out an answer. Can you figure it out?



Year 3 have been working with Maiden Lane Community Centre to create Chinese Lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year in February. The project runs for the entire half term and began with the children creating pictures of blossom and then moving on to look at Chinese script. They then covered boxes in red that they will later decorate. They will be parading their lanterns in a special ceremony at school at the end of the month to mark the end of the festivities. If you would like to see more

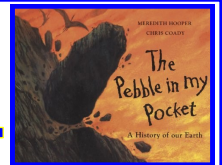


photos of the children working go to the News page of the website or use the QR code.

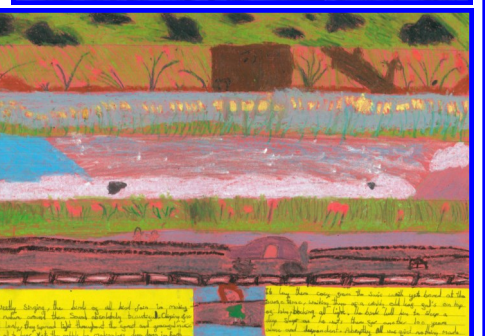
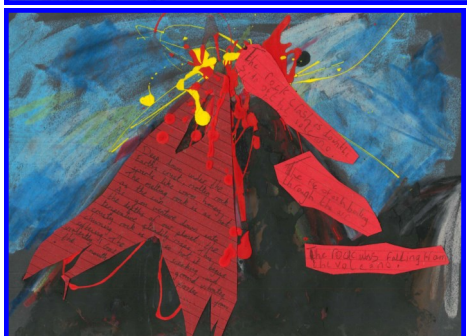
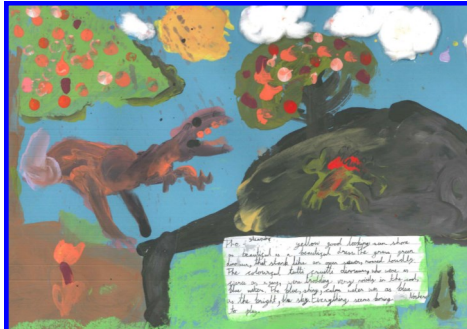
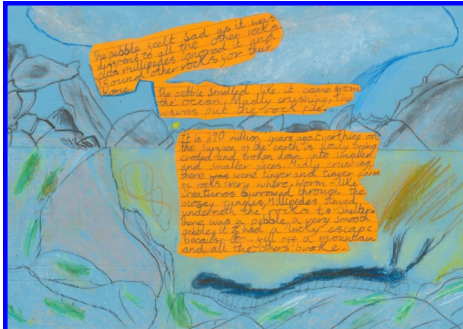
Chinese Lanterns in Year 3



Year 4 have been making there own version of the story 'The Pebble in my Pocket. Some of the artwork they have produced to illustrate the story is fantastic. All the work is going to go together to make a class book. We look forward to seeing it all when it's finished. Here's a little taster of some of the pages.



Book Making in Year 4



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Tobias & Kyle—Mull, Maya & Gaith—Skye, Tomor & Lok—Guernsey, Nilima & Torri-Lee—Jersey, Freddy & Masa—Y3, Hayley-Jade & Kabeer—Y4, Naji & Anfal—Y5, Zoe & Ruben—Y6

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