

Friday 15th April 2016

Message from the head

Welcome back to the summer term. It will be a busy few months with lots to look forward to: Community Festival, Sports Day, Eid Tea and lots of exciting learning to name but a few!



Please make a note of the Curriculum Meetings next week. Teachers will be giving you an overview of the term ahead and you can ask any questions you might have.

On another matter our plans to develop the school to include education for two year olds are moving forward. We would like to ask for your thoughts on what this provision would look like. Please visit the web address below or use the QR code to complete an online survey and share your thoughts and help us plan the provision. If you would prefer, you can get a paper copy from the office. One lucky person who completes the questionnaire will receive a spot prize of £20! The project will support the government initiative of providing free childcare for 15 hours a week for some two year olds and may also include paid places. It is an exciting project which should provide first class support for the community. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

<http://goo.gl/forms/jZPbydQ7tT>

Dates for your calendar

24th April	Brecknock Table Top Sale (Sunday)
28th April	Reception to the Unicorn theatre
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
6th May	Class Photos
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
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

After School Clubs Sign-up

Letters went out this week to inform you of which clubs your children have been signed up to for this terms after school clubs. If you didn't receive a letter and had applied for some clubs please contact the office as soon as possible and speak to Sue Dunbar. Clubs start again from next week.



Mathletics and Reading Egg Logins

We invest a significant amount of money in online learning so that the children have access to high quality and safe learning resources when at home. Lots of research shows that using these programmes at home to supplement in school learning leads to improved attainment. We've managed to get the company who provide both to make the usernames and passwords match making it easier by not having to remember two different sets of details. The children's Mathletics login details now work for Reading Eggs as well. Please encourage and support your children to use both these resources (both are available on iPad as well as computer). If your child cannot remember their Mathletics username and password, please speak to their class teacher. Thank you.

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

Curriculum Meetings

Please come along and find out about the work your children will be doing this term:

Tuesday 19th April @ 3.45pm: Years 1,3 and 5

Wednesday 20th April @ 3.45pm: Nursery & Reception @ 3.35pm

Thursday 21st April @ 3.45pm: Years 2 & 4



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

21st-24th March

Attendance KS1: **Jersey—94.91%**

Attendance KS2: **Sicily—97.78%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra—1 late**



Thank you...from us and Janet!



Janet's leaving celebration before half term was a great event. We'd like to thank you all for helping us to show Janet how much she means to us at Brecknock and to thank her for her many years of hard work in the school and community. We had a card from her this week in which she asked us to pass on her own thanks to everyone for the 'wonderful send off'.

She went on to say 'Happy memories will stay with me of my time at Brecknock. Thank you to the staff , parents and especially the children.'

Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Well done to Goldie and Marcello who solved the holiday puzzles. The answer to puzzle 1 was 47 days and puzzle 2 was 1. See how you get on with this weeks. If you would like to brush up on your maths skills so you can support your children more there is a great website run by the National Numeracy Challenge. Go to www.nncchallenge.org.uk to learn more and sign up for their challenge.

PUZZLE 1: What is the answer to the sum below?

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \times 0 + 1 = ?$$

PUZZLE 2:

Don had a terrible headache. His doctor gave him five tablets to ease the pain, instructing him to take one tablet, every 15 minutes. How long did it take Don to take all the tablets?



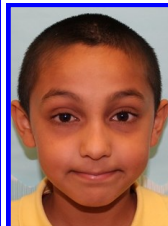
RUN A TABLE YOURSELF!

email brecknockpta@gmail.com
or speak to the office
cost: £5.00 for half a table (150x76cm)

or just come along to browse the bargains

Well done Tahmid!

As teachers, one of the most satisfying parts of our job is when we can tell the children are really enjoying what they are learning. One of the ways we can see that is when they take learning they've done in school and, without being asked to, go home and do independent work inspired by it. Before the holidays in year 6, the children were doing a piece of writing inspired by the trailer from the latest Batman vs Superman film. It was clear they were very enthusiastic about the subject and as a result the work they produced was suspenseful, evocative and full of atmosphere just as Henry and Phil had hoped it would be. Tahmid made us all happy this week by presenting us with a short piece of writing he had done independently at home over the holidays inspired by the Batman vs Superman theme. He has presented it to us as a 'serial' with a new piece to come each week! Well done Tahmid. With the self-motivation to do this for fun he will go far. Maybe the next Stan Lee in our midst (comic reference there in case you don't know!).



By Tahmid



It was a stormy and black sky. It was blacker than a black hole. Nothing could be seen but in the corner of Brecknock Primary School playground there was the one and only Batman. In the other corner was the man of steel...Superman. What's happening and why are they here is the question we need to ask ourselves, but what is it? Find out next week...

It was with fingers crossed Years 1-6 waited in assembly to find out who was going to be the lucky winners in the attendance prize draw. There were 80 children who had 100% attendance last term which was fantastic. The lucky 2 names were Goldie, winning the iPad mini and Ihsan winning an iPod touch. I wonder who will win this term's prize. There is another iPod touch up for grabs. To be in with a chance of winning the children need to have 100% attendance over the term and be in school on time. Lets see if we can have more than 80 names in the tombola next time!



Spring Term 100% Attendance Prize Winners



Year 4 Homework

First week back and already we have had some fantastic homework coming in from home. Some of you have been very busy over the holidays! Esther and Ahmed created their own model farms while Redwan made his own healthy banana and mango flavoured juice. Well done!



Year 3 Olympics Entry Point

Year 3 have had a wonderful dance workshop this week. Their new topic is The Olympics and so to celebrate the Olympics being held in Rio de Janeiro we invited a Brazilian dance specialist in to work with them. The children learnt some fantastic moves and had a wonderful time as you can see by all the smiling faces. If you would like to see more photos of the event use the QR code to take you to the news item on the website.

