

Friday 22nd April 2016

Message from the head

Last Friday's debate day was a resounding success. A big thank you to Laura for organising it. We have put some of the videos of the debates on the website and hope to have the rest up soon. If you get a chance please have a look. Thank you to the parents who came along to this weeks curriculum meetings. Its very important that we communicate to you all exactly what your children will be learning in school so that together we can ensure that children make the best possible progress and these meetings are just one such way we can do that. I hope you all have a lovely weekend now that the sun seems to have finally appeared, perhaps spring is really here!

BRECKNOCK TABLETOP SALE
SUNDAY 24th APRIL 10am-4pm
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

2 Year Old Provision at Brecknock

If you haven't managed to do it yet, please take time to complete our survey concerning the proposed 2 year old provision planned for January 2017 at Brecknock Primary School.

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



Mathletics and Reading Egg Logins

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 username and password, please speak to their class teacher. Thank you.

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

Little Steps to Healthy Lives Award

Congratulations to Early Years staff and families on achieving the 'Little Steps to Healthy Lives' Award. This is recognition from Camden that the setting has been assessed as achieving high standards in healthy food provision and in providing a centre environment that encourages healthy lifestyles and access to health services.



Sleeping under the stars

As well as setting up the Brecknock Allotment, Daire, teacher in year 2, is on a mission to broaden the experiences of our children to include camping and a love of the outdoors. Next year he will be going on an adventure to Everest Base Camp, raising money for the Barnardos charity. We will be following his adventure thanks to an online blog. Among the other plans he has are to arrange camping trips for Brecknock children to gain first hand experience of camping and life under the stars. All of next week he will be camping here, on the school roof! He hopes to raise awareness and interest in his adventure and plans. If you would like to donate to his just giving page and support him and Barnardos it is <https://www.justgiving.com/DaireFitzharris>.



Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Well done to all the children who managed to solve last weeks challenges. Lots of you remembered your order of operations (BODMAS) so knew that puzzle one was 12 (not 1 like many thought!).

Puzzle 2 fooled a lot of you—you take a tablet straight away so it would only take 60 minutes to take all 5, not 75 minutes as many thought! See how you get on with this weeks—remember, for each puzzle solved your child gets a merit. 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.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more and sign up for their challenge.

PUZZLE 1: At the end of a football match the players left on the pitch all shake hands with each other. If each player shakes hands with every other player exactly once, how many total handshakes happen?

PUZZLE 2:

What comes next in the following sequence?

58, 26, 16, 14, ____

Dates for your calendar

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| 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 |

Tahmid's next instalment!

As promised last week, here's the next instalment of Tahmid's story. It's starting to get dramatic and some teachers seem to be cracking under the pressure! We finished last week with...

What's happening and why are they here is the question we need to ask ourselves, but what is it?...

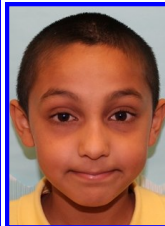
...We have found the reason! It is Batman vs Superman! "Oh No!" screamed a lady. "this can't be happening, it's a nightmare! Everyone panic!" yelled the police. The battle is commencing in Brecknock

Primary School. "Oh no, what will happen to all the pupils of Brecknock. They are going to miss their learning!" exclaimed Marianne.

While the teachers, staff and children of Brecknock evacuated the building, one deputy head stayed and his name was Don M'Gibbon.

"Nooooooo, I can't leave without all my precious technology—all those brand new Chromebooks and Mini iPads! I love you more than all those horrible little pests in this school especially the little ones!"

What will happen next...To be continued



By Tahmid



Programming @ the CLC

Both Year 1 classes visited the CLC recently and did a workshop programming floor robots called BeeBots. They had a fantastic time and

really impressed the tutors there. As you can see they were totally engrossed!

Year 1



In year 3 the children have been reading 'The Iron Man'. They went on the roof playground

and worked out how big they thought this head was based on the size of their bedrooms. Then they tried to imagine how big his whole body would be. Timur estimated that he was the length of the playground if he was lying down. To check, the children lay across the playground and Timur looked up to see what it would feel

Elsewhere in the last week at Brecknock...



like to be beside such a monstrosity. Year 5 walked around Camden taking pictures of various examples of street art. They were then visited by Jack, a street artist,

to answer questions and give an overview of street art. He then helped them to create a mural for Year 5. What do you think?

We had another successful debate day last week with each year group from Nursery to Year 6 researching and preparing for different debates. It is clear that from doing these debates a few times a year for the last few years the children's speaking skills as well as their debating skills are really improving. Below are the topics that were debated along with a few pictures. The QR codes will take you to the school website where you can watch some of the debates on film. We hope to have all year group debates up their soon. Year 1 and 6 will be doing there debates at a later date due to trips and other events.



Nursery: This house believes you should not pick flowers
Opposition carried the debate

Reception: This House believes you should go to bed whenever you want.
Teachers - proposition Children - opposition.
Opposition carried the debate

Year 2: This House believes that bottled water should be banned because of the waste it creates.

Proposition - Jersey Opposition - Guernsey
Opposition carried the debate



Year 3: This House believes that the Olympics is not a good investment.
Proposition - Corsica Opposition - Sicily
Proposition carried the debate

Year 4: This House believes that Britain should buy and sell from local places only.
Proposition - Tahiti Opposition - Hawaii
Opposition carried the debate

Year 5: This House believes that graffiti is vandalism, not art.

Proposition - Cuba Opposition - Jamaica
Opposition carried the debate



Brecknock's Day of Debate!



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Josh & Sulaikha—Mull, Hassan & Ijaz—Skye, David & Isaiah—Guernsey, Niniomo & Hadi—Jersey, Sam & Adam—Y3, Ryan & Ilyas—Y4, Ayesha & Terri Lee—Y5, Tito & Zione—Y6