

Friday 10th June 2016

Message from the head

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year – how time has flown! There are a number of exciting events to look forward to, not least Community Festival on Friday 24th June. It is really unfortunate that once again this falls with Ramadan, hopefully next year this can be avoided. Please do keep the date free though and come along to celebrate our wonderful Brecknock community. If you have any ideas for stalls or can offer some time to help please make contact with a member of the Parents Association committee – you can see who they are on the noticeboard by the Dining Room. Watch this space for more details.

Finally please do try and bring in some tinned food for our CalAid collection on Tuesday. The items will be collected on Wednesday morning so they **must** be in by Tuesday 14th, also please just bring in the five specified products as anything else will hinder the distribution. Thank you in

advance for this, it really will make a difference to people in a very vulnerable situation.

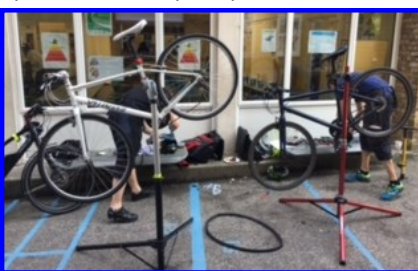
Parent's Association

The PTA would like to invite all Brecknock parents to the PTA AGM, being held at Azzi's house (mum of Daniel in Y2), next Wednesday, 15 June, at 8pm. So put the kids to bed and join us for an evening of refreshments and a chat about spending and raising funds for the school. For address and details, contact us on brecknockpta@gmail.com or 07919484047.

Bike Doctor



Well done to all of you who brought your bikes in to be looked at by the bike doctors. We smashed last years total with over 80 bikes! The bike doctors up stayed for longer than planned to get through them and still didn't manage it. They did manage to service nearly 50 bikes which is incredible! They used lots of lubricant and changed over 20 cables and adjusted countless gears, sets and handlebars as well as pumping up almost 100 tyres! We're really sorry not all bikes were able to be serviced but the



Bike Drs have agreed to fit us in for a second visit in a couple of weeks. As soon as we have the date confirmed we will let you know. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Richard and Sam for the amazing work they did. The children are now able to

enjoy themselves riding their bikes this summer.

Community Festival

The summer fair is fast approaching—24th June—and it's that time of year when we make a plea for help with this. The PTA are looking for any donations for the raffle and tombola. They'd also like to ask for any snacks or cakes that you could donate to be sold as refreshments on the day. If you would like to get involved and help with the planning, organisation and on the day itself please speak to the PTA or see Sue Dunbar in the office. Thanks in advance for your support with this event.



Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Well done Goldie for solving the holiday challenge—36 secs. Lets see how you get on with these two puzzles. Good luck! If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge at www.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more.

PUZZLE 1: How many quadrilaterals are there in this diagram, which is constructed using 6 straight lines?



PUZZLE 2: A machine cracks open 1180,000 eggs per hour. How many eggs is that per second?



Dates for your calendar

15th June	PTA AGM (@Azzi's House—see above)
21st June	Year 3 to Unicorn Theatre
21st June	School Council to Parliament
24th June	Community Festival
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
8th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay Beach
13th July	Meet the Teacher Evening
14th July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation
15th July	End of year reports sent home
15th July	Year 6 End of Year Show @ 2pm
19th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
5th & 6th Sept	INSET Days—School Closed
7th Sept	Autumn Term Begin—School Opens

CalAid

CalAid are a group of volunteers collecting urgently needed donations for those living in the Calais refugee camps. We will have a collection box on next Tuesday. The box will be collected the next day, Wednesday 15th. CalAid are looking for 5 items of food:

1. Tinned fish
2. Tinned tomatoes
3. Tinned kidney beans
4. Tinned chickpeas
5. Small bottles of oil

It is really important that we collect just these items as anything else will hinder the distribution. At Brecknock we have always come together as a community to support those in need and we know this time too you will help us to make a difference.

If you would like to know more visit www.calaid.co.uk

CALLING YEAR 1 PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Year 1—Friday 17th June

It's year 1's turn to host the Friday Tea Sale. If you are able to donate any items for sale it is most appreciated, even more so if you are able to help with selling on the day.





Year 1 on Hampstead Heath

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic day outdoors as the entry point for their new topic, 'Flowers and Insects'. They visited Hampstead Heath Education Centre, where they took part in lots of different activities. They collected natural materials to create 'eco-art' and then used those materials to decorate their own butterflies. The rain held off as they searched for mini-beasts using magnifying glasses. Then they went pond dipping, using nets to swirl the water and collect more

mini-beasts. After trudging back in the rain, they arrived back at school, tired and happy, with lots of great memories. It was a lovely day. A big thank you to all of the adults who accompanied us! To see more photos visit the website—you can use the QR code here to go straight to the page otherwise simply look at the Year 1 news page.



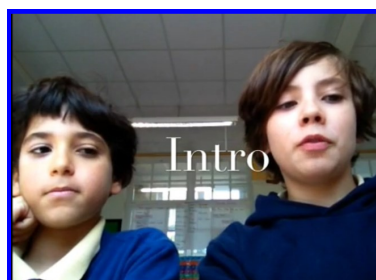
Living the story in Year 2

You may remember some of the amazing writing by year 2 in the newsletter before the holiday based on 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. Aside from the incredible hard work and determination which goes in to writing such brilliant pieces, children need to embed the story and the language by 'living' it. Recently, they were lucky enough to catch some rain, and it was a perfect opportunity to act the entire story out as rain is the key element of the story! "Without water, there can be no life."



Local Area Video Reports

Year 5 have been studying the local area and created their own video reports. Visit the Brecknock website (you can use the QR code here) to see them. Enjoy!



George's Writing

George used his passion for the Harry Potter books and films this week to right a short narrative piece inspired by a scene from the last book when Hogwarts is under attack. We were impressed by the scene he created in the readers head. Well done George!

As Profesor McGonagle was standing on the steps you could see the fear in her eyes. You could see Death Eaters, Dementors and trolls crossing the ancient bridge. Before they could get to the middle Professor McGonagle shouted, "Pertotum Locomotor!" as she violently waved her wand in the direction of Hogwarts. "I've always wanted to do that spell," she stated with a smile creeping across her face.

Flitwick replied, "You can't keep You-know-who out of Hogwarts forever you know."

McGonagle retorted, "His name is Voldemort. You might as well use it. He's going to try and kill you either way but we can delay him."

As they were talking, giant warrior statues jumped from the heights of Hogwarts walls and began marching in two straight line to the battlefield. The ground was thumping as the stone warriors were marching to kill Voldemart's followers.

"Hogwarts is threatened. Man the boundaries. Protect us. Do your duty to our school," called McGonagle as the stone army advanced towards the bridge, grim determination written all over her face.



Great drawing Hamid!

We love this drawing by Hamid in Year 6. For those not up on their Manga characters it is of Monkey D. "Straw Hat" Luffy, who is a fictional character and the protagonist of the 'One Piece' manga franchise created by Eiichiro Oda...Obviously!

