

Message from the head

Sadly, at the end of this term we have to say goodbye to several teachers. I would like to thank all of these members of staff for everything they have done to make Brecknock such a great place for your children and wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

Firstly I have to tell you that Don has been appointed as headteacher at Fleet Primary and will be leaving at the end of term. Don will be a first class headteacher but he will leave a huge gap at Brecknock. He has been at the school for twelve years, starting as a Newly Qualified Teacher and progressing through to being Deputy Head. He is an inspiration to work with and his strengths are many. I know that he is greatly admired by children, parents and colleagues alike and I am sure you will join with me in wishing him every success for the future.

Toni will also be leaving us to move to a new life in Spain. Toni has been with us for six years, again is much loved and will be hugely missed.

Callum Moore will be moving on at the end of term to other exciting projects in the field of educational strategy. We have been fortunate to have him working at Brecknock since he was an NQT, for the last three years, and will miss him when he leaves.

Finally Phil Semper, who stepped into the breach when Monica left at Christmas will be leaving to continue building his house in France – bon chance Phil!

We are in the fortunate position of having secured first class replacements for all of these teachers and I will be telling you about the new additions to the brilliant Brecknock team in next week's newsletter.



BON VOYAGE AZ!

Not a goodbye this time but a 'see you later', Az Naeem will be taking an eighteen month break in service, to travel around the world – what an adventure! Az will be setting off in September and returning the following Christmas. While he is away Az has promised to send us pictures, videos and blogs and we will be setting up a display to track him as he travels around the world. Somehow I am reminded of the Dr Seuss book 'Oh The Places You'll Go'. Have fun Az.

Turning the Page

'Turning the Page' is a workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 that will be running from September. Its an exciting new project for families that provides easy, practical ideas and fun creative activities to help children enjoy reading. It is run by Clio Whittaker and Marie-Ange King who are both experienced teachers. Come along to an information meeting to meet Clio and Marie-Ange on Tuesday 12th July at 3.30pm.

Congratulations

We are delighted to tell you that Jennie, our year 3 teacher, gave birth to a baby girl in the early hours of Thursday morning weighing a healthy 7lbs. No name as yet but we'll keep you posted. Well done Jennie, you'll be a fabulous mum.



Sports Day—Monday

Monday is our Sports Day for Years 2-6. We will be starting off on the grass behind the Lido at 11am before moving onto the running track after lunch. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for running around and being outside all day. Water bottles, hats and sun cream are recommended. We hope some of you will be able to join us on the day and cheer on the children.



School Closed—Tuesday 5th July

We will be closed on Tuesday due to the teachers' strike. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Dates for your calendar

4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
5th July	NUT Strike—School Closed
8th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay Beach
13th July	Meet the Teacher Evening
14th July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation @ 2pm
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—School Opens

Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Last week's puzzle stumped many of you—it was a trick question! As I was going to St. Ives I met the man with the wife and all the sacks and cats, the only person actually going to St. Ives was me! The answer was 1. Well done Ava—only person who never fell for the trick! Let's see if you can solve this weeks. If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge at www.nnchallenge.org.uk

PUZZLE 1: A man says - "My son is as many weeks old as my grandson is days. My grandson is as many months old as I am years and the combined age of all of us is 100. How old are we all?"

- A) Five, 35 and 60
- B) Nine, 38 and 74
- C) One, 22 and 56
- D) Ten, 30 and 60

PUZZLE 2: If I put my copy of Harry Potter on a bookshelf and it is the 26th book from the right and the 19th book from the left. How many books are on the shelf altogether?

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

encourage the children to use at home...
www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Summer Term 13th—18th June

Attendance KS1: **Skye—95%**

Attendance KS2: **Jamaica—98%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra & Lindisfarne—2 lates**



CALLING NURSERY PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Nursery—Friday 8th July

It's Nursery'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.



The lucky children doing the sleepover on the roof next week have now been notified. We're very excited about it. If you would like to donate to Daire's just giving page to support Barnardo's and the school's camping club go to this page:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DaireFitzharris>



What a fabulous Community Festival! Well done to the Parents' Association and Staff who helped to make it happen and thanks too to all the families who came along. We managed to raise over £500! We'd also like to thank the local businesses who supported the event with prizes for the raffle.:

- Bumblebee Natural Foods on Brecknock Road for the hamper of food goodies!
- Aura Pharmacy on Brecknock Road for bottles of perfume
- Pleasance Theatre on North Road for Theatre Tickets
- Shillibeers on North Road for a meal for two
- Austin Flowers Fruit and Veg on York Way for the lemons for the lemonade
- Islington Tennis Centre on Market Road for a tennis racquet
- Golden Valley Chinese Restaurant on York Way for food
- Jill, Aiden and Emily's grandma, for the amazing cake



Brecknock Allotment

The soil has arrived and the raised beds at the allotment are ready to go. We're looking forward to getting things planted up.



Community Festival



Guernsey class have been showing their green-fingered side by growing Basil and Tomatoes over the last few weeks. This week they harvested the fruit of their labours and had a very healthy feast. We're looking forward to seeing even more harvesting once the allotment is all planted up!

Greenfingers in Guernsey!

Well done Hamid!



This piece of writing was done by Hamid - entirely off his own back! He decided to write it, inspired by the book 'Heaven Eyes' by David Almond which he has recently been reading. We have been so impressed with Hamid's dedication to his work this year and it has really paid off. He is a voracious reader and its no coincidence that this has led to outstanding writing by the end of year 6. Well done Hamid and we hope his writing will inspire others to read and write for pleasure as he does. We hope you enjoy this snippet he wrote today:

A frantic woman on a stormy winter's night. She was very young and beautiful and very desperate. She carried a tiny baby wrapped in blankets in an orange box. She loved her baby dearly, but it broke her heart that the truth was (and she knew very much) she couldn't care for him. She kept in the shadows as she approached the hospital. She waited for the deepest night, trembling with cold, pain and love. Hurrying through the storm, she laid him on a wide doorstep and with tears running down her rose red cheek. She slipped off into the cold of the dark. The woman in white.

Well done Nourelhouda!

In year one they have been studying traditional tales. We really liked the start to Nourelhouda's.

Can't wait to read how it ends.

My name is Annessa I live in a brown dirty clocktower. There is some magnificent colourful balloons out side in my window. I spin around—TICK, TOCK! TICK, TOCK! Every single time I go outside every thing turns grey and stops and makes me feel blue. When will I get out of her?



Chicken and Chip in the Nursery!

The children are really enjoying looking after the chicks in the nursery, watching them hatch and grow.



These two have been named Chicken and Chip and have stirred up lots of excitement. The children can't wait for them to grow up! If you would like to visit them just speak to Janet or Ruth and they can arrange a time with you.

