

Friday 16th September 2016

Message from the head



It has been a sunny start to the new academic year and the children are already engrossed in learning, what a delight it is to see their enthusiasm and progress. Parents often tell me that they would like to see what a normal working day in school looks like. For this reason, and also so that people from outside the school can see how brilliant Brecknock is, I will be hosting monthly tours of the school on the last Wednesday of each month. The first of these tours will take place on Wednesday 29th September. Please sign up at the office if you would like to join the tour as we can only accommodate up to 10 people each time.

Finally a clarification about school uniform; as I mentioned last week ideally we would like children to wear dark shoes. These need not necessarily be black, just dark so navy would do, and there is **NO NEED** to buy new shoes!

Simply, when you are next buying shoes for your child to wear to school please make sure that these are dark in colour. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your calendar

There is one INSET day still to be arranged. As soon as it is set we will publish it in the newsletter and amend the list of term dates on the website.

21st September	Supporting decisions around secondary school preferences — for Year 6 parents at 3.45pm in Madagascar (Y6 classroom)
23rd September	Eid party after school
17th-21st Oct	Y6 School Journey
24th-28th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
31st October	Children return to school
3rd November	Family Supper
20th December	Last day of term—close at 2pm
21st December	INSET Day—School closed
22nd Dec-Jan 2nd	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
20th February	School opens—children back
31st March	Last day of term—close at 2pm
3rd Apr-17th Apr	Easter Holidays
18th April	School opens—children back
1st May	May Day Holiday—School closed
29th May-2nd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
5th June	School opens—children back
21st July	Last day of term—close at 2pm

Friday Teas



This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:
23rd September—Eid party
30th September—Charity Tea to raise money for McMillan Cancer

Perfect School Uniform

Well done Ibrahim!

Gold polo shirt ✓

Navy Brecknock fleece ✓

Dark trousers ✓

even better still dark shoes!



Eid Mubarak!

Happy Eid to all our families who were celebrating this week. We will be holding an Eid Party after school on Friday 23rd September. Do come along, EVERYONE is welcome to join in the celebrations. Please contact syedamiah@gmail.com if you would like to be involved.



Community Drop-ins

Thank you all for bearing with us during the building works. After Christmas when the building work is finished we will have a lovely new community room where drop-ins will be held. Meanwhile, we are investigating the possibility of holding some community drop-ins in school this term in a temporary space. As soon as we finalise this we will let you know where and when they will be. Watch this space!

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Our ESOL classes were very successful last year and there are spaces still available for this year's class. If you would like to join the ESOL class it takes place in the dining room every Thursday morning from 9.00-11.00. They are a great opportunity to develop English skills and are free if you meet the criteria. Classes are delivered by the Working Men's College. Ask Laura or in the school office if you would like to know more. Alternatively contact the Working Men's College Community Learning Manager on: 020 7255 4739



School Meals

We were very sorry to lose our wonderful chef Steve over the holidays and want to thank him for all his hard work and cheerfulness as well as fantastic saxophone playing at Community festival time. He has gone on to pastures new and we all wish him well. We now have Sophie in the kitchens cooking up a storm with some very tasty new dishes until our permanent replacement Roy, joins us after half term. Welcome to Brecknock Sophie!



Acland Burghley Open House

Acland Burghley school in Tufnell Park will be open to the public this Saturday from 10am to 6pm as part of the Open House event. The biggest celebration of architecture of its kind in London, Open House lets people look round architecturally important buildings. Acland Burghley was given a Grade 2 listing in March for its increasingly rare Brutalist look. The building, which is 50 years old this year, was built by Howell, Killick Patridge and Amis - a famous practice who also built the Young Vic theatre on London's South Bank. There will be tours on the hour by architectural experts and the school's students. Refreshments available. All welcome!



Year 2 at the Allotment

Last week, the year 2 classes had their first visit to the allotment. They searched for minibeast habitats in the wildflower meadows and found some amazing creatures. They also said it was fantastic to see all of the fruit and vegetables growing in the raised beds. They are looking forward to tasting them!



First week for Reception

This week Reception have been meeting friends, old and new and settling in. They have been busy making soup and sand cakes!



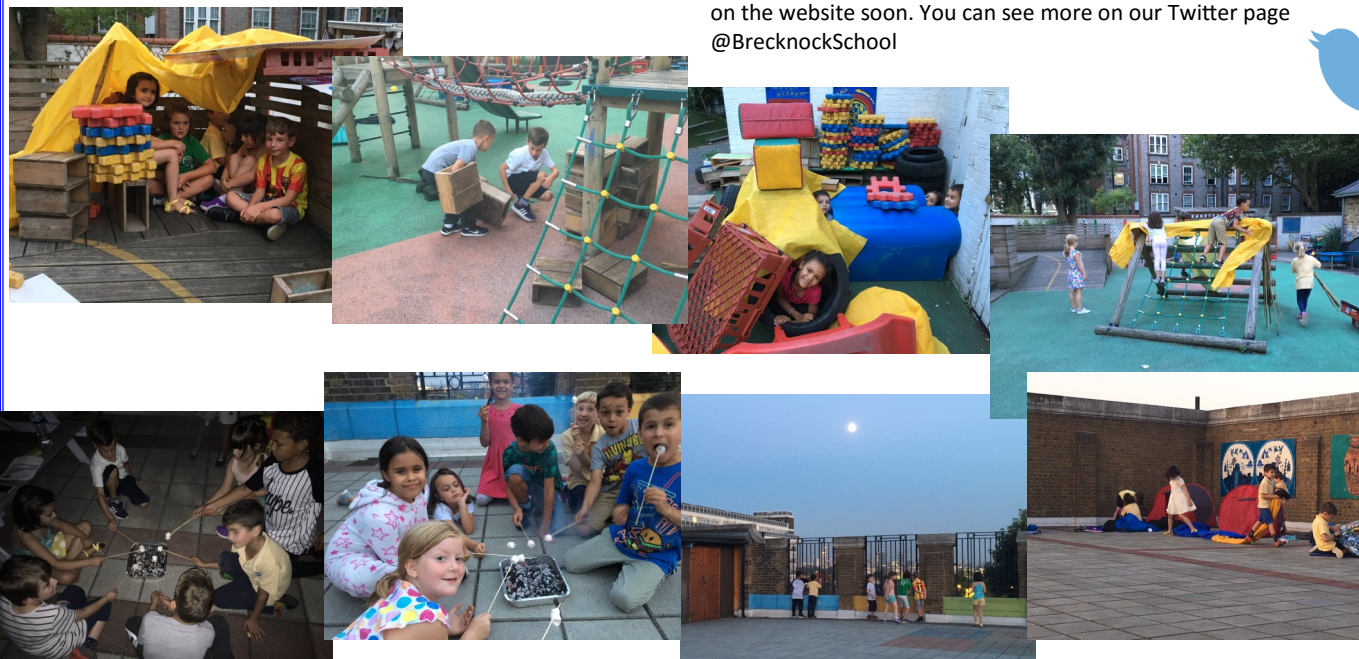
Turning the Page Project

This is 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. They will be at Brecknock School every Tuesday running different activities throughout the day. In the mornings (9-10.30am) they will run classes for parents, in the afternoon they will offer individual advice to parents and after school they will run workshops for the whole family (3.30-5pm). The sessions are supportive and fun to take part in, and they will give you lots of resources and free books to take home and keep. It takes place in the dining room every Tuesday at 9.00am and 3.30pm. You can also give them a call on 07884 265 518 if you've got any questions before then.



Year 3 Camping on the Roof

Carol, Kate, Aiofe and Daire had the pleasure of camping on the roof with year 3 as part of their Stone Age to Iron Age entry point. The children built caves, toasted marshmallows and lay out watching the stars and the moon. Even during the storm last night the children were amazing and their teachers are so proud of them. Pictures will be on the website soon. You can see more on our Twitter page @BrecknockSchool



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Finlay & Imaan—Mull, Lily & Shayan—Skye, Ezra & Joanne—Guernsey, Neumann & Saniya—Jersey, Charlie & Seb—Y3, Alfie & Mahir—Y4, Redwan & Rory—Y5, Rakeb & Wei Keat—Y6