

Friday 23rd September 2016

Message from the head



Parents are their children's first and most enduring educators and all children make better progress when their parents support their learning. This is why we value our relationship with you so highly and I am delighted to see that people are signing up for the first school tour next Wednesday. Some of you might also want to attend a workshop for parents run by renowned expert Charles DesForges on Tuesday 4th October at Camden Irish Centre. Charles will talk about how YOU can raise expectations and maximise your child's progress. Do pick up a leaflet about this from the office if you are interested.



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.

23rd September	Eid party after school—today!
26th September	Lab in a Lorry (Year 5)
26th September	Girl's Football Club starts with Arsenal Football coaches. Spaces left!
28th September	Parents Tour of the school (9.10)
28th September	Y4 trip to the British Museum Y5 trip to the CLC—Music Tech Day
30th September	Cross Country
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

Friday Teas

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



Coffee Morning

The PTA coffee morning will start again on Wednesday. Meet at 9.10 in the dining room. All welcome!

Perfect School Uniform

Well done Mara!

Gold polo shirt ✓

Navy Brecknock jumper ✓

Dark trousers ✓

...And a bonus point for dark shoes!



Reading Eggs & Mathletics



Please encourage the children to use these websites at home! www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk



Class teachers have usernames and passwords so please get the children to ask if they have forgotten them.

Mathlete of the week!

Abdel Kerim Kheir

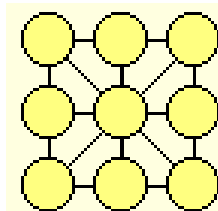
Points: 5865

Parents Tour—next week!

Keen to see what a normal working day in school looks like? Then come and see how brilliant Brecknock is. Marianne 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 28th 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.

Number Puzzles—Can you solve it?

The digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be put in the square so that the sums of the numbers in each row, column, and diagonal are **equal**. Think you've found the solution? Go and see Henry and he will check!



Ambassador nominations!

Ambassador nominations are fast approaching. Laura will be giving out a form to fill in if you would like to represent the school in this fantastic role.

Is it something you would like to do this year?



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Attendance KS1: **Mull**
Attendance KS2: **Cuba**
Early Bird: **Jersey**

Well done!



We Need You!

We need more volunteers for the school **allotment**. Please see Daire or Anna if you can help in ANY way. Many thanks to those who are already doing their bit!





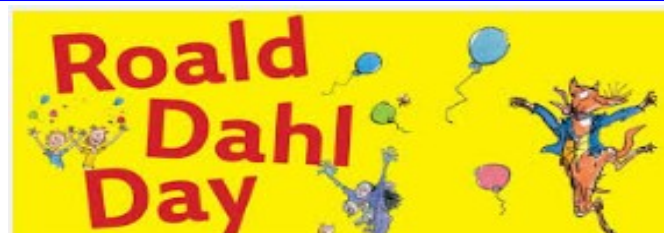
Amazing Island Displays!

As you know, at Brecknock each class is named after an island. To begin the year, the children have produced a display to go up outside their class and there have been some truly magnificent creations! Please take time to admire them when you are next walking around the school; they look even better close up!



When life gives you lemons...

Sicily class had great fun this week inventing their own signature Lemonade recipe using organic Sicilian lemons. After much trial and error, they decided on a recipe that was just to their taste- not too sweet and not too bitter! Go to the school website for the recipe and have a go at home!



Last week marked 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl. We celebrated by focusing on his brilliant stories and legendary characters. Year 6 re-visited Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, a book the class knew well. Here is a snippet from Terri-Lee's fantastic re-write of the famous Chocolate Room.

Slowly, a large steel door opened. The scent of something sweet hit them as they all pushed their way in.

"Over here!" the young girl cried, pointing at the rich, brown water, "it's chocolate! Hot, melted chocolate!"

Slowly, she pulled a giant, golden spoon from her pocket and scooped some up, handing it around before taking a large sip. Her eyes lit up.

"Magnificent!" she shouted joyfully, dancing off into the room.

Entry Points

It's that time of year: new topics! Each class have started off with a brilliant introductory activity to enthuse and excite. This week Year 3 have started 'Scavengers and Settlers', learning how to flint knapping and build structures, whilst Year 6 began 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave' by making Roman jewellery and mosaics. Looks great!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Orgen and Lia —Mull, Aishah and Alex—Skye, Saabir & Helin—Y3, Mily & Kerriann —Y4, Changming & Abdulrahman—Y5, Aleyna & Sophie—Y6