

Friday 21st October 2016

Message from the head



It is hard to believe that the half term is nearly over! Leaves are beginning to fall and we are all looking forward to a week off next week. Please do take some time to read with your child over the holiday, we will be really focusing on reading over the coming months and asking children to talk about books they like to read or listen to at home. It is very important that you continue to read aloud to your child even after they are able to read for themselves, research has proven time and time again that this is one of the key factors in improving children's progress—and don't forget to chat about the book afterwards! School opens again at 8:50 on **MONDAY** 31st October and we will look forward to seeing you all and hearing about the books you have enjoyed.



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.

24th-28th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
31st October	Children return to school
3rd November	Family Supper
4th November	Whole school Debate Day
9th November	Family Literacy morning for Reception families: 9-10
Wk beg 28th November	Parent Conferences will be scheduled this week
7th December	Nursery show to families in the afternoon
8th December	Reception show to families in the afternoon
9th December	Christmas Fair
13th December	Year 1 show
15th December	Year 2 show
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 three Friday teas:

4th November—Yr 2

11th November—Year 1

18th November—Reception



Building news



Thank you all for bearing with us during the building work. The project is now nearly half way through and the end is in sight. There will be a huge amount of activity over half term and when you come back you will notice that we will have a new doorway into the school and a temporary office space. The new doorway will be just around the corner from the existing one, opposite the dining room. All of this is so that we can build a brand new reception area and community room. This will be a great addition to the school, a place for parent workshops and coffee mornings, drop-ins for families and other exciting activities. We can't wait to see it!

Perfect school uniform again!

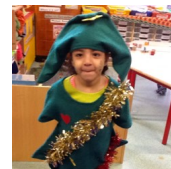
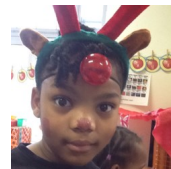


Well done to Selina and Maha for their perfect school uniform. Selina is modelling a Brecknock fleece and gold Brecknock polo shirt and Maha is wearing the yellow checked gingham dress. You can't see their shoes here but we can assure you that they were dark! Please try and get dark shoes for school the next time you need to buy a pair. It really does make a difference. Thank you.

Christmas Shows

It may seem like a long way off but we wanted to give you plenty of notice in case any of you need to book time off to come and see your children perform in their Christmas Show. These are always very popular events and the children and staff work really hard to get ready to perform for you. The children light up when they see their family and friends in the audience. This year's shows will be on the following dates at 2pm in the middle hall. Please try to arrive in plenty of time so everyone is seated ready for the children starting at 2pm. As usual, DVDs of each performance will be available to have as a keepsake.

Nursery—Wednesday 7th December & Reception—Thursday 8th December
Year 1—Tuesday 13th December & Year 2—Wednesday 15th December



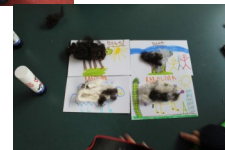
Family Supper—3rd November

The first Thursday back after half term is our annual 'Family Supper'. This event is one of the highlights of the Brecknock calendar and one looked forward to by many. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community and share in some delicious food and entertainment. It is free to attend, we simply ask that each family bring along a dish to share on the night. The event will take place as usual in our middle hall and start at 6pm and finish at 8pm. We hope this year is as successful as previous years and that we see you all there.



Year 1 at the Farm

In Science Year 1 have been discussing how trees change over the seasons and the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Last week they took a walk to Kentish Town City Farm. During the walk they looked at the different colours on the trees and how the leaves are beginning to fall off. Once at the farm they touched and played with wool, planted friendship plants and stroked fluffy goats. What adjectives can you use to describe some of these pictures?



Brecknock Ambassadors

With the departure of our year 6 children in July, and some ambassador's two year term of office coming to an end, there were a number of vacancies on the Brecknock Rights Respecting Ambassador Committee. There was a huge response from the children, who had to write a letter of application to be considered for the role, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all who applied. The standard was very high and the decision of who should be given the job was incredibly hard. We hope any who didn't make it this year will reapply next year.

Continuing from last year

Some Ambassadors still have another year to go and they are...

Drew—Y3

Jago—Y3

Yaqub—Y3

Anas—Y4

Masa—Y4

Serena—Y5

Aleyna—Y6

Shalin—Y6

Mattis—Y6 Lead Ambassador



Congratulations to the new Brecknock Ambassadors! Well done also to Albie & Kah Yee who are also part of the team but were not present for the photo. More ambassador pictures to follow soon!

Our New Ambassadors

Here are some extracts from their applications:

Albie: "I am brave and confident and mindful." **Y2**

Saniya: "I will help everyone in the different classes." **Y2**

Eijaz: "I am kind and caring. I am a good role model. I am a good listener. I include others. I am determined. I want Brecknock to be a great school." **Y3**

Diego: "I am a good listener and I listen to the rights of the child. I love learning. I love helping children and grown ups. I will make the school better." **Y3**

Kyleene: "I would love to be an ambassador. I will work hard and respect everyone's rights." **Y4**

Plator: "I bring brilliant ideas, good behaviour and excellent manners. My friends can rely on me to help them. I respect everybody's rights." **Y5**

Sharnelle: "I work hard. I value the world. Once a month I give away my toys to charity. I'm involved in a green growth club where I help plants grow around the world. Me and my mum also create art and sell it to give the money to charity." **Y5**

Sahra C: "I am enthusiastic and well behaved. I am equal to everyone. I want to make a difference." **Y5**

Maysa: "I would love to help the community. I like listening to people and sharing ideas. I really want to help people achieve their goal and let everyone be happy." **Y6**

Kah Yee: "I can be the best that I can be. I know what's best for the school." **Y2**

Kamarri: "I respect all rights. I respect all children." **Y2**

Year 2- The Great Fire of London

This week, we have been working hard on making our own London Town from 1666. After doing some research, we discovered that the buildings were made from wood and that they were built closely together. Today, we recreated the fire that started in Pudding lane on September 2nd



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Aiden & Mia—Mull, Riym & Ayuub—Skye, Kyle & Anisa—Guernsey, Alia& Devrim —Jersey, Amy & Tomor—Y3, Shun & Tesnim—Y4, Sahra A & Ahmed—Y5,