

6th October 2016

Message from the head



Yesterday was National Poetry Day and as usual all of the classes learned and recited a poem for our annual Brecknock Poetry Day assembly to coincide with the national event. The performances were amazing – every single one! I was very proud to see how well our children can learn to recite poetry by heart and also to see how the poems themselves either linked to the rights of the child or to the class topic, or both. Do have a look on the website to see them for yourselves, I am sure you will feel as proud of your children as I do.

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.

10th October	School photographer - individual and family photos.
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 three Friday teas:

14th October—Year 3
21st October—Year 2



Parents' Coffee Morning

Come along for tea/coffee and a chat with other parents. Join in with craft making (no experience necessary!) to share and learn new skills.

When: Every Wednesday at 9am

Where: Dining Hall

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Attendance KS1: Guernsey
Attendance KS2: Corsica



Your Opinion Matters!

Parent Questionnaire Comparison (2014-15 to 2015-16)

2014-15 Total 117 responses	14/15 Agree or neutral	15/16 Agree or neutral	Up / Down
2015-16 Total 119 responses			
My child likes school	96%	97%	1%
My child is safe at school	96%	99%	3%
My child is making good progress in school	97%	96%	1%
The teaching is good	95%	96%	1%
Behaviour in the school is good	96%	95%	1%
I know what I can do at home to support my child's learning	93%	95%	2%
My child gets the right amount of homework	91%	86%	5%
I am kept well informed about my child's progress	93%	91%	2%
I am kept well informed about events in the school	94%	98%	4%
I would feel comfortable to approach the school with questions or a problem	95%	98%	3%
The school takes account of pupil views	93%	96%	3%
The school is well led/managed	95%	98%	3%
The office is helpful and welcoming	94%	97%	3%

A big thank you to all of the parents who filled in the questionnaire about 'Brilliant Brecknock'. The results show just how highly you value the school and the hard work that goes into helping the children make so much progress— it means a lot! It's not only important for us to get your views to know what are doing well, we also need to know how to improve. Interestingly, comments regarding homework were equally split along the too much/ not enough division—we have changed the homework policy over the past year in response to feedback but we are still trying to get it just right! The school will also be working hard this year to keep you better informed of your child's progress. If you are concerned at any point about this matter, please ask to speak to your child's teacher or to a member of the leadership team. We will be doing another questionnaire again during the year. Thank you once again parents, carers and older siblings—Brecknock wouldn't be the place it is without you!

National Poetry Day!

National Poetry Day, the annual mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical, took place on Thursday and boy did Brecknock celebrate in style! In a truly fabulous assembly year groups throughout the school recited a poem about the theme 'Messages', with many linked to the rights of the child. Alongside the poetry, the audience enjoyed seeing some brilliant costumes, fantastic dancing and musical accompaniments! Pictures and videos will be up on the website soon!



Perfect School Uniform

Well done Alima and Elara!

Navy Brecknock jumper ✓

Dark trousers ✓

Dark coloured hijab ✓

...And a bonus point for dark shoes!



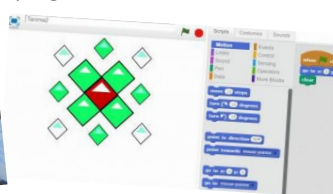
The next Mo Farah?

Well done to all the Brecknock Cross Country stars who ran their hearts out at the Camden Cross Country Championships. Children in each year group were running against up to 180 other children and everyone did themselves and the school proud. An extra special mention goes to Greta, who managed to finish in the top 10 in the year 4 girl's race. Amazing!



Year 5 Programmers!

Through exploratory activities on the online service 'Scratch - Educators', a free programming website, the children of Cuba discovered how to code a SPRITE to STAMP, MOVE and TURN by creating SIMPLE SCRIPTS from BLOCKS. After much play, several aesthetically pleasing patterns were created. It is very apparent that we have future programmers in our midst!



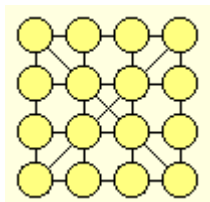
Number Puzzles— Shaqee can solve it!

WELL DONE Shaqee in Year 2 Jersey class, who was the **FIRST** person to hand Henry a correct answer for the number puzzle two weeks ago! Merits will be coming your way! **Who will solve this week's problem first?**



CHALLENGE:

This week's problem is harder! The numbers 1 to 16 must be placed in the circles of the square so that the sum of the numbers in **EVERY** row, column, and diagonal equals **34**.



How should the numbers be arranged? See Henry as soon as you think you have a correct answer (remember to check first!).

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Please encourage the children to use these websites at home!

www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk. Class teachers

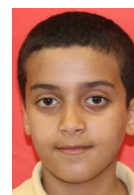
have usernames and passwords so please get the children to ask if they have forgotten them.

Mathlete of the week!

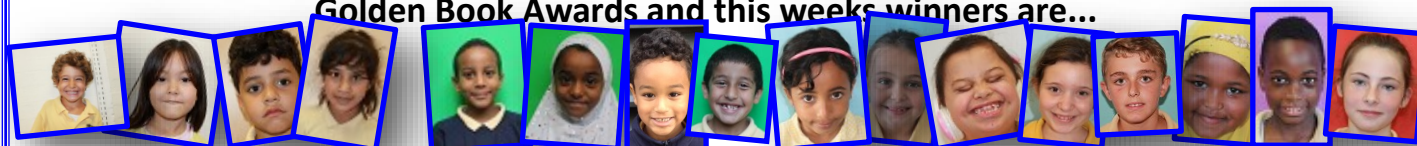
Wazir Al-Huthifi

Points: 12906 (!)

Can he be beaten?



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Polat & Anais—Mull, Abdullah and Jannet—Skye, Abdullahi & Maryam—Guernsey, Younus and Hassan—Jersey, Maha & Daisy—Y3, Zahra & Belle—Y4, Plator & Isra—Y5, Nakai & Terri-Lee—Y6