

Friday 11th November 2016

Message from the head



We will be holding our Autumn term Parent Conferences for parents of children in Nursery to Year 5 in the week beginning 28th November. These are vital meetings and it is very important that everyone attends. Teachers will be sharing the end of year expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths in your child's year group, letting you know how your children are progressing towards these and giving you advice about things you can do to help at home. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have about other aspects of school life. We will be sending out a letter next week asking you for your preferred time for the meeting. Teachers will be available for one whole day and one late evening. Please try and make your appointment during the school day if you can and leave the early morning and later slots for working parents. 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.

14th November	Y1 - Little Angel Theatre
15th November	Reception—Little Angel Theatre
15th November	Y5 to Lee Valley
18th November	Children in Need Day
25th November	Brecknock walks Everest
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

Family Supper Fun!

A massive thank you to all of the Brecknock community for making last week's Family Supper such a fantastic and enjoyable evening. The food was delicious and the entertainment was incredible, especially the music. Well done all performers and also those who brought a dish or helped out in anyway. Above all, thank you all for coming - the atmosphere was so positive and friendly—this is what makes Brecknock the brilliant place it is!



School Council

Over the last couple of weeks School Council have been examining the drinking water and its use in school. We have been writing down what water children CAN bring in to school and what water they can't (flavoured water can be bad for your teeth as it has lots of sugar in it). We have made lots of posters to persuade people in Brecknock to bring in water to keep hydrated as it makes you feel better and learn more. Look out for the finished posters appearing soon!

This week we also heard from our School Councillors who were standing for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Publicity Officer. Well done to the successful candidates below! And many thanks to Adam from Hawaii class who wrote this piece today in his new role...a journalist in the making!



Jamie and Thyra to share Chair and Vice Chair



Aayaz
Treasurer



Adam—Publicity Officer

Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:
18th November—Children in Need
25th November—Reception



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance KS1: **Mull**
Attendance KS2: **Madagascar**
Early Bird: **Lundy**



Competition Time—Get Baking!

The Parents Association is launching a competition for **Friday Tea**. The class that raises the most money will receive a prize for the class - so remember to bake something or to bring in healthy snacks when it is your week!

1st place £50

2nd place £30

3rd place a baking/cooking book

Parents are welcome to help at the sale as well as stay behind after for a tea and a chat!

Daire does Everest!

Please go on to Daire's Just Giving Page to support his climb to Everest. The children will be doing a walk on the 25th to raise awareness! More to follow...



Brecknock Debate Day

Last Friday children from Nursery to Year 6 took part in a truly memorable debate day. Each year group were given a motion to debate about, linked to the topic they are currently studying. One class debated in favour of the motion (the proposition) and the other class debated against the motion (the opposition). A chairperson introduced the motion and the speakers, as well as taking questions after the speakers had finished. Each side had three speakers (including a summariser). It was remarkable just how confident, clear and persuasive all of the children were when presenting their ideas. It was obvious that children had practiced hard and thought about how they could engage the audience. During the debates, you could see children (and adults!) changing their mind about which side they were going to vote for. Well done Brecknock—what a brilliant and inspiring day!



Year 1: This House believes that children should eat and drink whatever they like.



Year 2: This house believes that Thomas Farriner should have been imprisoned for the rest of his life.
Result: Motion passed — Proposition victory!



Year 3: This house believes that we were happier and healthier in the Stone Age.
Result: Motion failed — Opposition victory!



Year 4: This house believes the most important scientific developments came from the Mayans.
Result: Motion failed — Opposition victory!



Year 5: This house believes that Viking invasions can never be justified.
Result: Motion passed — Proposition victory!



Year 6: This house believes that Julius Caesar was a good leader.
Result: Motion failed — Opposition victory!

The videos will be up on the website soon so you can watch them at home. We will put a QR code in the next news letter!

Point of interest

Some of you may have read in the local press that a charity with links to Scientology gave an anti-drugs talk at Brecknock this week. We want to assure you that we were unaware of this link. The talk was given to Year 6 children and of course Laura and Maeve were present throughout the session. There was absolutely no allusion to Scientology or indeed any other religious connotations. It goes without saying that we will NOT be working with this organisation again!

BBC
Children
in Need



Friday 18th November is the BIG

SPOTACULAR

Brecknock will be having a fundraising **Non-Uniform day**. Children are encouraged to bring in **£1** to wear whatever clothes they like to school, the more colourful or “spotty” the better! The money raised will be sent to Children in Need to help children throughout the UK. The Friday Tea money that week will also be collected for Children in Need so please get baking those “spotty” cakes so there will be lots to buy.

Brecknock has always been very generous in its support of charities so let's make this year the best and “spottiest” ever!

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Suliman & Ouley—Mull, Lolly and Dahcaso—Skyye, Albie & Melode—Guernsey, Rizwan and Abdullah—Jersey, Dylan & Sumaiya—Y3, John & Shakhani—Y4, Tanim & Jaycee—Y5, Nabil & Charlotte