

Friday 25th November 2016

Message from the head



It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of November! The end of term is approaching with all that entails, we have performances from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to look forward to and children are already beginning to practice their songs. We are also getting ready for the wonderful Brecknock Christmas Fair on 9th December. This is a fantastic event and I hear that we may have a special visitor with a white beard and wearing a red suit! We do rely on the help of parents to make this happen though so I would like as many of you as possible to get involved. Please talk to Sue Dunbar in the office or a member of the Parents Association to volunteer your time. We are also asking for donations for the tombola and raffle prizes – please dig deep!

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.

Today!	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
14th December	Christmas lunch
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

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance KS1: **Guernsey**
Attendance KS2: **Sumatra**
Early Bird: **Sicily**



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:



25th November –Reception
2nd December— Year 5 & 6

REMEMBER...

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!

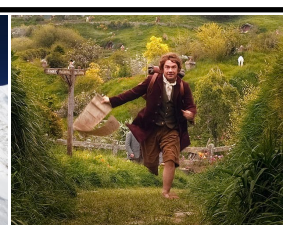
1st place £50

2nd place £30

3rd place a baking/cooking book

Daire does Everest!

Today each class walked around Caledonian Park to raise awareness about Daire's fantastic challenge: to walk up Mount Everest! A huge thank you to all of the children—you were brilliant! Also, thank you those who donated a pound—it will be going towards Barnardo's charity. Please go on to Daire's Just Giving Page if you would like to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DaireFitzharris>



Look who it is!

Ever wondered what it would feel like to climb to an altitude of 5364m?



"High-fives, handshakes, and hugs, depending on your nationality, but the feeling of elation and relief are so, so very sweet. It's done, Everest Base Camp! Had I known how hard it would be, I would have taken it much, much easier. All the cold nights and altitude symptoms have been worth this moment. We take our pictures with renewed energy and vigour, so much happiness all around! We did it! What am I doing here? I have no right to be here considering my physical ability, but I don't care! Finally, we each take a few moments to take our own photos at the EBC flag. I don't really know how else to celebrate. And then I remember: I pull out my last Dairy Milk chocolate, which I bought in Kathmandu, and trekked with all the way to this point, and enjoy one of the sweetest victories of my life.

Those were the words of our very own Brecknock superstar **Az Nazeer!** He has just completed his journey up to Everest Base Camp. Follow his journey and see some of his amazing pictures at:

<http://www.sailtheroad.com/>



Well done Az—you are a true Brecknock champion!

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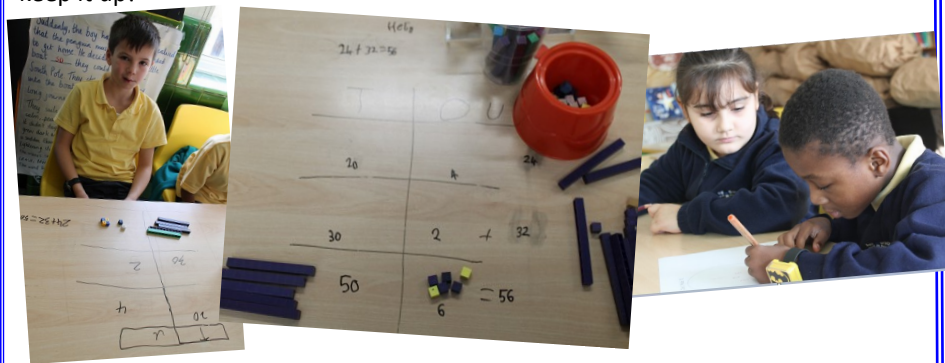
Weekly update from our esteemed publicity officer Adam Ali: This week in the School Council meeting we have been asking Councillors about what new clubs they would like to have and what they think parents would be prepared to pay per session. The most popular club children would like to see was Basketball. Other clubs people mentioned were Skateboarding, Cooking, Yoga, Hockey and Gymnastics. We thought the maximum cost would be £4 or £5.



We also voted on the next issue to discuss: it is people teasing about ghosts and jokes that upset others.

Amazing Maths in Year 3

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been working on adding numbers. They have been using diennes and writing on tables (don't worry Curtis, the pen rubs out!) to help them see each stage of the process. We are trying to get the children to explain their maths as much as possible and this really helped. Well done Year 3—keep it up!



Atmospheric Writing in Year 6

Check out the atmospheric start to Ben's amazing narrative...and let me tell you, it only gets better!

It was a dark night. The miserable sky loomed over the city, a black abyss of impenetrable darkness. Heavy rain pounded onto the cobbled paths and worn-out buildings. Alarming thunder struck down on to the thatched roofs of the townsfolk, awakening them with a deadly reminder. My hairs stood on end as I peeked out my bedroom window...



BBC
Children
in Need



Thank you everyone who dressed in spots last Friday and also to those who donated a pound. It was a big success and we managed to raise over £300!

The Christmas Fair is on **Friday 9th December after school**. We need all of you to help make this a wonderful event—prizes for the raffle and tombola, bake a cake, do face-painting, help set up, ask around locally for donations, run a stall—anything at all. There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the office if you would like to help.

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Siham & Stewart—Mull, Alice & Muzique—Skyc, Zaynab & Ramadan—Guernsey, Anissah and Amira—Jersey, Eijaz & Che—Y3, Cece & Meriem—Y4, Redwan & Haley—Y5, Rhys & Wazir—Y6

Teo flying high!



Since the beginning of term, Teo has been using a new reward system to help him to focus on his learning. Every day, he has the chance to earn pieces of a kit by making the right choices and showing us what a superstar he is. We are so proud that Teo has managed to collect all of the pieces to make this fantastic plane! Now he is working on collecting the pieces to build a racing car and he would really appreciate it if you could help him with making the right choices when you see him around school. Well done Teo!

Missing Scooter

A pink Micro Scooter went missing from the scooter parking last week. If anyone has taken it by mistake, please could they return it and let the office know they have. Many thanks!

A brief reminder to all, that if you can, **please secure your bike or scooter with a lock.**



Brecknock Needs You!