

Message from the head



What a fantastic evening we had at Family Supper! It was a brilliant event: fantastic food, wonderful company and I think the music was even better than ever. Do look out for the photos on the website. A huge thank you to everyone involved, I couldn't be prouder of the Brecknock community.

Hard as it was to follow today is Debate Day and yet again your children have stunned us with their eloquence and understanding of right and wrong. I have a feeling that we have some politicians in the making!

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.

9th November	Nursery to Freightliners Farm
9th November	Family Literacy morning for Reception families: 9.15-10.15
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

Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas:

11th November—Y1
18th November—Children in Need
25th November—Reception



Home Learning in Sicily

Sicily class have worked so hard on their home learning pieces last half term. They enjoyed an afternoon of show and tell and saw some incredible stone age houses and necklaces as well as some wonderfully informative presentations and posters. The children have engaged so well with their topic and we are looking forward to seeing what they produce this half term!



Education for Two Year-Olds at Brecknock

Brecknock Primary School are thrilled to announce that from January 2017 we will be opening a stunning new two year old nursery classroom. From the 16th January our funded part time places will be available - either three hours in the morning or three hours in the afternoon. **The closing date for admission in January 2017 is 5th December 2016.** To find out if you will be eligible for a funded place in January please follow this link or come and speak to Jackie or Sue in the office for an application form.



We are now recruiting for first class staff for this provision and would welcome applications from anyone already part of the Brecknock community. If you would like to apply please talk to Sam, the school business manager, for an application pack. Closing date for applications is **Monday 7th November.**

Cuba—Skipping out of their comfort zone

Before half term Cuba discussed how to set and achieve manageable goals in order to reach longer term dreams. They learnt about what a comfort zone, a learning zone and a panic zone is. After each setting a personal goal outside their comfort zone they were then set their very own challenge to learn to skip or to achieve a double under (when the rope goes under your feet twice in one jump!) They only had 10 minutes ...10 minutes later they had all learnt some new tricks. Well done Cuba!



Parents Association Card Project

Thank you to all the children that drew pictures to be transformed into cards, labels and gift wrap paper. 45 drawings were received. Once they have been transformed they will be sent home for children to distribute. Thank you parents association for organising this fantastic project.



Reception and Lima's Red Hot Chilli

Before half term Reception learnt about Lima and her red hot chilli. They talked about all the delicious food she had in the story. They then created and discussed their own healthy food plates.



Jamaica cooking at Waitrose

Before half term Year 5 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend time with three professional chefs, taking the time to teach them how to make their very own Spaghetti Bolognese!

They left with new life skills and new ideas!



Brecknock Walks Everest

Dáire will be climbing to Mt. Everest basecamp for the charity Barnardo's in April 2017. Additionally, he is keen to inspire the children of Brecknock to aim high and be the best they can be. Through his actions, he wants to develop a love of the outdoors within the children and he has pledged to raise £4050 for charity. This is a big amount but we are all confident that, with a little help, we can reach that target.

To help Dáire on his way on Friday 25th November, Brecknock children will have the opportunity to join him in walking the height of Mt. Everest (over 8km) in Caledonian Park. Although Dáire will be walking the whole 8 kilometres, each of the other classes will walk one kilometre – great exercise for a good cause! We are asking children to bring in £1 for this event and the collection will go to Barnardo's. Parents are welcome to join in as well if they would like to!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Attendance KS1: **Mull**
Attendance KS2: **Madagascar**
Early Bird: **Madagascar, Sumatra & Lundy**

Well done!



Brecknock Debate Day

We have just had a wonderful debate day from Nursery to Year 6 all taking part. Videos and photos of the debates will be put on the website in the next few days and we will publish the results in next weeks newsletter. Follow the debates as they happened on our Brecknock Twitter; @BrecknockSchool



Golden Book Awards will be back next week!