

Message from the head



I couldn't be prouder of our adventurous globetrotting teachers! You will probably know that Daire will be travelling to Everest Base Camp at the end of this term. Daire is on a mission to inspire a love of the great outdoors in Brecknock children and we will all be with him in spirit when he climbs. He will be wearing one of the T shirts designed by Brecknock children with a picture of everyone on it, and we will understand what he is going through after 'Brecknock Walks Everest' in Caledonian Park and sleeping on the roof. Go Daire – we're all behind you! As well as that we have all been enjoying hearing about Az's travels around the world. So far he has visited Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and the Serengeti, South Africa, Nepal, Mount Everest, Bangkok, Laos and he is now on his way to Australia. What an adventure! Az will certainly have a lot to tell us when he comes back to Brecknock in January.

Dates for your calendar

7th February	Reception Family Maths 9-10
10th February	Last day of half term
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
20th February	Children return to school
20th February	Grand opening of the two year old Nursery—Mersea class
31st March	Last day of term—close at 2pm
3rd-17th April	Easter Holidays
18th April	School Opens—children return

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance KS1: Jersey 96.67%
Attendance KS2: Sicily 96.15%
Early Bird: Lundy,
Lindisfarne & Sicily—0 lates



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas:



10th February—Fundraising Tea
24th February—Nursery
3rd March—Y5 & 6

Fundraising Tea— Friday 10th February

Next Friday (10th) we will be holding a special fundraising tea. All proceeds will go towards a special appeal for a young boy called Troy who needs an operation to help him manage his condition of cerebral palsy. Troy is the cousin of one of the children in school and we are delighted to help children in need in our community. We would welcome donations of food from all year groups to help this special little boy. You can find out more about his appeal here:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/just4children/troysmission?utm_id=38



The Magic Toy Maker in Skye

The Magic Toy Maker has been very active in Skye! This time we have been learning all about the history of the teddy bear. We found out where it got its name from and Christine brought us in a really old teddy bear to look at, touch and compare. Using our own teddy bears we looked at similarities and differences of old and new teddy bears. Did you know that old teddy bears were filled with sawdust?



Story Friday in Reception

Every Friday morning in our new Reception setting we welcome parents and carers to stay and share a story with the children. Eleven families joined us on our first story Friday which was wonderful. The children also have an opportunity to visit our school library on Friday mornings. They enjoy finding new stories and information books to read.

We hope to welcome you next week.



School Council

Last Tuesday Thyra and I presented a photo story to both Key stage 1 and 2. It was about teasing and the consequences for children. They feel sad and alone. The message from the presentation was, "What would you do if you saw something unkind?" We suggested children help others if they are looking sad and if they are worried about something they see, they should speak to an adult. We hope that children do not tease others, as it is not a Rights Respecting way to behave. By Adam Ali (Publicity Officer) from Hawaii.



Celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery

We had a lovely day celebrating Chinese New Year in the Nursery. In the morning we chopped vegetables ready for our noodle stir fry. Then before lunch we watched some videos of people celebrating Chinese New Year and learnt a 'Happy New Year' song. Afterwards we performed our very own dragon dance around the classroom. We moved our bodies up, down and around the room in time to Chinese music. At the end of the day we enjoyed eating our tasty noodles, we even used chop sticks!



Reading Eggs and Mathletics

Mathlete of the week: Well done Riaz! Please encourage your children to use 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics'. These online resources really help support the learning being done in school and will help support your children to develop their skills. Usernames and Passwords remain the same as last year. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need the log in details.



www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Book Buddies—Cuba and Skye

Last week we began our new 'Book Buddy' sessions - a child in Year 5 has been matched with two children in Year 1 to read together on Friday afternoons. Both of us (Issy and Muriel) were so happy with how the first two sessions have gone and we look forward to see how the relationships blossom between the children.



Magic Breakfast

Due to popular demand, Breakfast Club will now be open from 8.45am every day for paid places. Breakfast club will continue to be free from 8.30am every day. Come along for a delicious healthy breakfast.



FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Regents Park FC and QPR Community Trust have come together to set up a new girls football training programme for ages 7-11 (School Years 3-6)

Sessions are **FREE** of charge, but must be booked online at www.qprsoccerschools.co.uk/girls-only-sessions

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Nolawi & Lia — Mull, Jannat & Alex — Skye, Ezra & Aaliya — Guernsey, Hassan & Khedija — Jersey, Tori-Lee & Chlöe — Y3, Sienna & Ahmed Y4, Jamie & Abdel Karim — Y5, Mohammed & Fred — Y6