

Friday 10th February 2017

Message from the head



What an exciting week it has been. I am sure that the children have told you about the film crew and premier-ship footballers and manager who were at school yesterday. The theme of the film they are making is try, try and try again, a motto which we hold dear at Brecknock so we are looking forward to seeing the finished product. We also had some other good news this week. You may know that for some time some families have been asking for a halal meet option at school lunch time and I am delighted to tell you that this will be possible from 27th February. There will also continue to be the usual non-halal meat on offer so children can simply choose which option they prefer. We are grateful to Camden Council for funding the necessary adaptations to the kitchen to make this dual service happen. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable half term. School starts again at 9 am on Monday 20th February.

Dates for your calendar

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| 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: Mull
 Attendance KS2: Cuba!
 Early Bird: Sicily
 Well done!



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:



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

Help your child enjoy reading...

Turning the Page is an exciting project for families that provides easy, practical ideas and fun creative activities to help children enjoy reading. We are at Brecknock School every Tuesday running different activities throughout the day. From 9-10.30am there are friendly and supportive classes for parents, with lots of practical ideas to help with reading at home and parenting issues. From 3.30-5pm we run creative book-based workshops for the whole family.



If you would like to find out more about Turning the Page, please come along to meet us on **Tuesday 21st February at 3.00 pm in the Dining Hall**

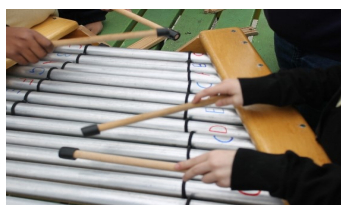
PEANUT ALEGERY—PLEASE READ

Unfortunately there have been some adverse reactions, from some staff and children, to nut products in some children's packed lunches. We ask parents to **NOT** send nut products into school and to try and find alternatives to these nut products in packed lunches. If you believe this is not possible, please make an appointment to speak to either Marianne or Tiggy and they will then try to make alternative lunch arrangements for your child.

Roof Top Orchestra

Check out the pictures of Brecknock's new Roof Top Orchestra, funded by the PTA and actually built by our Year 5 classes! It has now been fully installed on the roof playground and looks (and sounds) fantastic!

A BIG **THANK YOU** to the PTA team for generously contributing to our orchestra and for getting the ball rolling! We are very proud it!



FOR SALE: Brecknock Everest T-Shirts!

As you know, Daire is climbing to Mount Everest Base Camp to raise money for Barnardo's charity. As part of his fund-raising, he is selling t-shirts, jumpers and totes bags, designed by our very own Brecknock students.

One design was by **Lia** in year 1 And another by **Kyleene** in year 4. Well done, they look absolutely fantastic! Order forms will be coming out shortly, along with prices.



Premier League Stars come to Brecknock!

Yesterday, Brecknock hosted Premier League players and managers for a day of filming— very exciting! Theo Walcott popped by, much to the amazement of the Year 5s: they look pretty pleased to see him! Theo put a video online showing him entering their PE lesson. It has been seen over 60,000 times on his Facebook page— cool or what!?



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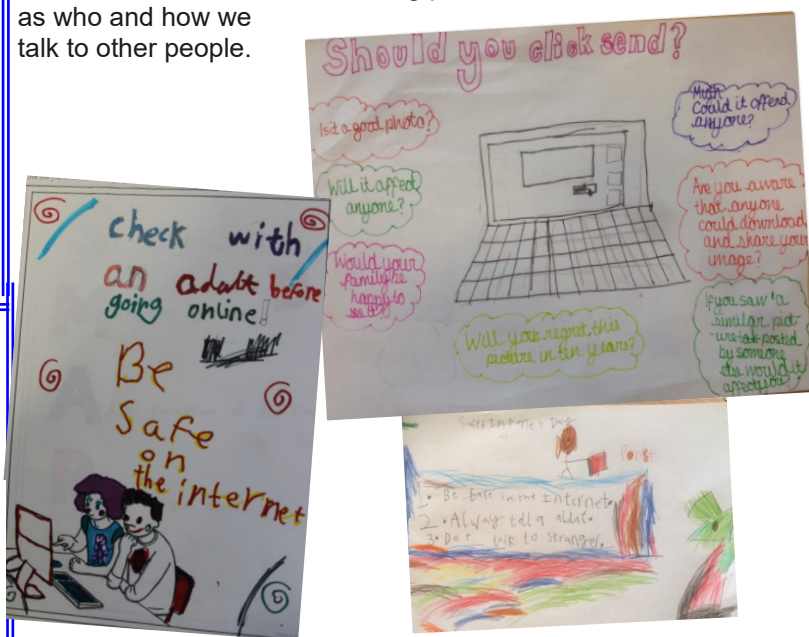
WOW—Amazing Everest Cake!

This cake was made by Aiden's nan for Daire to celebrate his impending Everest Climb. What a fantastic cake, thank you so much Jill Clark.



Safer Internet Day

Across the school this week, classes discussed how to stay safe on the internet. This involved looking at Google and other search engines and learning how to safely search for information. There was also discussion about sharing personal information, as well as who and how we talk to other people.



Breckfast Club—**7.45 START!**

Last week it said that Breakfast club would be starting at the earlier time of 8.45. It should have said **7.45!** Sorry for any confusion! See you bright and early!

Year 6 Celebrate Chinese New Year (and a new topic!)



In Year 6 we have started learning through our new topic 'Around the World', which is linked to the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In class we began exploring countries from around the world and we started by learning about China. We found out about their Chinese New Year traditions—this year is the year of the rooster. We also learnt about the Chinese traditional mask changing opera and made our own masks.



Brecknock Teacher / Parent Band —who's up for it?

On the theme of music and instruments, any parents/ staff who sing or play an instrument interested in creating a staff/parent Brecknock band/Orchestra please contact Helen Ainsworth (mother of Ali Year 1 and Oliver Y4) or email at Boxobits@hotmail.com!

School Council

In School Council we have been talking about raising money for some new books in the library. We would like to run a toy and book sale 2 weeks after half term. The sale is to raise money for some new science fiction books in the library. We would like people to search out spare toys and books over half term for a table top sale on 3rd March 2017. Thanks Adam!

Fun at the CLC

The children in Jersey class became animators for the day on a visit to the CLC. They learned how to use '2create a superstory', making their own books with animated pictures all about the Great Fire of London.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Zakariya & Mia —Mull, Neo & Lolly -Skye, Zaynab & Mahad —Guernsey, Alicia and Alfie —Jersey, Lok & Amy—Y3, Zainab & Meriem Y4, Hafsa & Said —Y5, Anfal - Y6