

Friday 17th March 2017

Message from the head



Happy St Patrick's Day to you and all the luck of the Irish to Dáire who sets off for Mount Everest at the weekend. This is a huge adventure in which the whole school community have become involved. Dáire is fundraising in support of Barnado's and has undertaken this challenge so that children in his class, the whole school and even further afield will be inspired to get outside and develop a love of the great outdoors. Go Dáire! We will look forward to hearing all about his adventures when he returns to school after Easter. We are delighted that Max will be teaching Guernsey Class while Daire is away so his class will be in very good hands.

Dates for your calendar

20th March	Y1 Parent Conferences
21st March	Y5 Parent Conferences
22nd March	Corsica to CLC
22nd March	Sicily, Y4 & Nursery Parent Conferences
22nd March	Comic Relief 'Dress in Red' day
23rd March	Sicily to CLC
23rd March	Reception Parent Conferences
23rd March	Corsica Parent Conferences All Parent conferences available until 7pm (Crèche available)
24th March	Jersey Parent Conferences
28th March	Year 3 show 2pm
30th March	Year 4 show 2pm
24th March	Spring disco
31st March	Last day of term—close at 2pm
3rd-17th April	Easter Holidays
18th April	School Opens—children return
Monday 1st May	May Day—School Closed
Thurs 25th May	Last day of half term
Friday 26th May	INSET Day—School Closed
29th May—2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children

Y6 Parent Conferences TBD

We will also be having transition meetings with families from the 2YO room, Mersea Class before the Easter holidays.

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!

Attendance KS1: Skye
Attendance KS2: Corsica
Early Bird: Corsica
Well done!



Dáire does Everest! It's not long before Daire is off on his trip to climb Mount Everest...and now he can ascend in style! Check out these brilliant hoodies, designed by our very own Brecknock students, which arrived this week. Thanks to everyone who has supported Daire so far. If you would like to contribute please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Daire-Fitzharris> all proceeds go to Barnado's charity.



Breakfast Club— Open at 7.45 am As you know we are now opening Breakfast club at 7.45 am, by popular demand. Children who are coming to the free breakfast club from 8.30 **MUST still register with Tina in the dinner hall** or they will need to wait until the gates open at 8.50am. This is very important, so could parents please remind children to register as soon as they arrive!



School Council Update - Adam Ali (Publicity Officer)

Last week School Council did a table top sale. We raised £39 to go towards some new science fiction books in the library. Thank you to all who helped. We are now looking at a new issue. School Council are concerned that there are some children bringing in sweets to school. We know this is unacceptable as we are a Healthy Primary School. They can cause other problems too, with litter; children eating in the toilets and hiding them from staff so they are thinking about sweets not work. We don't want anyone bringing sweets into school and ask that they save sweet eating until after school.



Community Drop-ins

We are proud to be launching our community stay and play drop in sessions on **Wednesday 22nd March from 8.50—11.30** in our brand new community room. These will run once a week on a Wednesday until Easter and then every Monday and Wednesday after the Easter holidays. If you have a child that is not yet at school please do come along and enjoy the sessions with Amanda, our community stay and play leader. We have fantastic brand new resources for the children to enjoy and a wonderful chance for you to spend time with other families.

Comic Relief—Date for the Diary

We will be holding a Comic Relief week this year. On Wednesday 22nd March, for a small donation there will be **'Dress in Red'** day. You can also buy red noses for the occasion from the school office.



Parents' Association Spring Disco

After school, on **Friday 24th March, (non-uniform day)** the parents association will be running a disco (£1 entry) —so get practising your dance moves!!!



Science Week at Brecknock Primary School!

Spring has arrived just in time for Science Week and Brecknock are celebrating in style!

Year 6 were joined by Jon from Naturebytes for Session 1 of their Wildlife Cam Workshop, assembling cameras and learning all about how they work - I wonder which animals will be caught on camera in the coming days!?



Year 5 certainly look the part with their white lab coats and goggles having fun exploring chemical reactions at the Crick Institute in Kings Cross!

Year 3 had great time learning about the skeleton, fossils and bones. Thanks again to the Crick Institute! Please talk to your children about all the different activities that they took part in



Check out this amazing home learning by Laila in Guernsey! It was even re-tweeted by BBC Spring Watch! <https://twitter.com/BBCSpringwatch/status/84168686604>

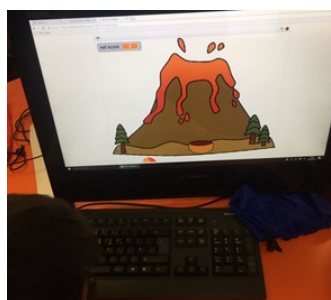


Some of the Year 6 parents have organised a small group of year 6 children to play football every Saturday morning, to encourage them to enjoy the outdoors, increase fitness levels and strengthen their friendship. At the moment they are playing at the football pitch next to Agar Grove children centre, Wrotham Road, NW1 9SU - feel free to bring your child along if they are interested!

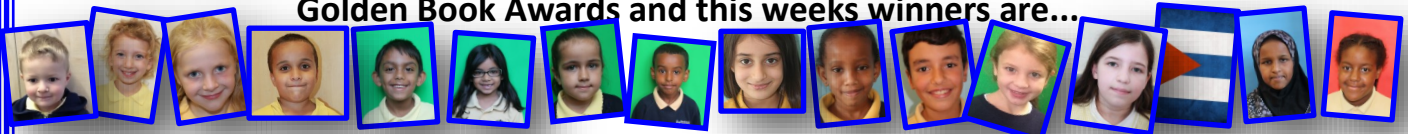
Year 4 had a fantastic time at the CLC - using their coding skills on Scratch software to make their own volcano games. They look ace! Science and ICT together – Love it!

The CLC also tweeted about the projects!

<https://twitter.com/computingisme/status/840204301247098880>



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Aiden & Karolina—Mull, Cara & Yusuf—Skye, Ifaz & Saniya—Jersey, Ava & Ramadan- Guernsey, —Donya & Najma—Y3, Timur & Emma Y4, Goldie & All Cuba—Y5, Shanikah & Sumaiya-Y6