

Friday 24th March 2017

Message from the head



Please look out for an important letter which is being sent home today on the subject of a nut ban in school from the beginning of next term. We have a number of children in school with very serious nut allergies, we have taken advice on this matter and as a result have adopted a NO NUTS policy with effect from the beginning of next term. In general, on food products there is a section that contains allergy advice. If this says that it 'does contain nuts' or 'may contain peanuts' then we DO NOT allow these products into school. Many product labels say that the product 'may contain nuts' and this tends to be manufacturers being cautious, so these products are allowed to be brought into school. You will find more information about this on the letter which has been sent home. This change of policy has not been taken lightly and we ask that all parents adhere to it for the safety of all children. Thank you for your co-operation in making life safe for pupils and staff who have this very serious allergy.

Dates for your calendar

27th March	Brecknock RE Day
28th March	Year 3 show at 2pm
28th March	Reception Family Maths 9-10am
30th March	Year 4 show at 2pm
30th March	Thursday Tea: East Africa Appeal
31st March	Nursery Trip—Clock Tower
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.

Comic Relief

Our 'Getting Dressed in Red' day for Comic Relief on Wednesday was a huge success. Thank you to all the children (and parents) for making the effort and for buying red noses too. We raised £520. Well done Brecknock!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!

Attendance EYFS & KS1: **Lundy—100%**

Attendance KS2: **Madagascar—100%**

Early Bird: **Reception, Jersey, Sicily and Tahiti—0 lates**



KS1 Music Video

In Year 1 and Year 2 they have made their very own music video! They have been learning 'What A Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong for the past few weeks in singing assembly. The song is a recording of all of them singing. Please visit the school website or click on this QR code to view it. We hope you enjoy it and to everyone who helped with the video, thank you very much!



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that has completed a Brecknock Parent Questionnaire. If you have not had the chance to do this yet please collect one from the office. Please let us know what you like about the school and what areas you think could be improved.

Your opinion is important to us.

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Midwife Visit

Last week a midwife (and Brecknock parent) Susie came to visit the Nursery. They discussed all the healthy foods that Mummies should eat to ensure their baby is well. Suzie then showed them the different equipment she uses to check on the baby. They then checked their own heartbeats with a stethoscope, listened to their tummies gurgling with her 'sonic aid' and used a blood pressure pump. She also showed them how to measure the Mummy's tummy to find out how many weeks pregnant she is. Thank you Susie, we had a great morning with you!



School Meals and Breakfast Club- Price Rise

Please note that, from the start of the Summer term (Tuesday, 18th April), the daily price of a school meal will be **£2.35**. If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please come to the office to complete a changes form before the end of this term (Friday, 31st March).

Please also note that, from the start of the Summer term (Tuesday, 18th April), the daily price of Breakfast Club will be **£2.00**. Thank you.

End of Term Shows

Next week is our end of term shows for Year 3 and Year 4. If you are able, please come along and see the amazing work the children have done

Year 3—Tuesday 28th March @ 2.00pm

Year 4—Thursday 30th March @ 2.00pm

Please try to be prompt so as to not disturb the performers by coming into the hall late.



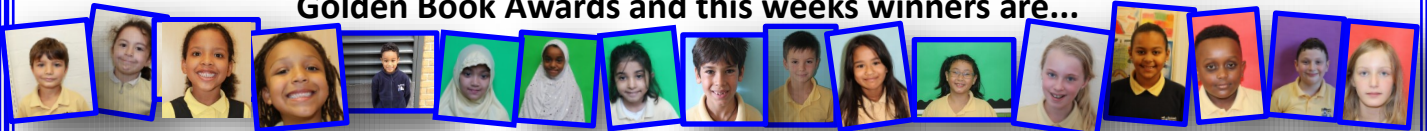
Community Stay and Play We were proud to launch our community stay and play drop in sessions this week and the first one was a huge success. Thank you to all the families that came along. The next one will be on **Wednesday 29th March from 8.50—11.30** in our brand new community room. After Easter we will run these every Monday and Wednesday. 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. Here are some photos from the opening session.



Batik Painting The children in Year 4 and Year 5 were very lucky to work on a collaborative piece of Batik art. Batik is both an art and a craft of decorating cloth using wax and dye. Some of the children drew pictures of mythical beings - some their very own creation and others from the Greeks. These pictures were then transformed into a piece of artwork that will soon feature on the walls of our school. They really enjoyed this experience and the end result is amazing. We can't wait for you to see it.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Anis & Amelie—Mull, Aishah & Dahcaso -Skye, Pierre & Amira —Jersey, Maryam & Kayinat - Guernsey, —Memati & Max —Y3, Jubaira & Kyleene Y4, Cleo & Meah Y5, Senay & Wesley & Ivy (from last week) -Y6