

Friday 21st April 2017

## Message from the head



Welcome back to the summer term. The children have come back eager to learn and there is lots to look forward to. Please remember that I run monthly tours of the school for any parents who want to see the school in action on a normal day. The next school tour will be at 9:15 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please leave your name at the office if you would like to join this tour.

Some of you may know that Maria Panayioutou, who has worked at school for over 27 years, has been unwell for some time. We have now learned that Maria will not be returning to Brecknock. Maria has been a fantastic member of staff over the years, she has loved the school and the children throughout her time here and is hugely respected by us all. We are making a collection to buy a gift for Maria and if any of you would like to contribute to this there is an envelope in the office. We will also be holding a special Friday tea next week to thank Maria for her wonderful work and commitment to Brecknock. Thank you.

## Dates for your calendar

Monday 24th April	Parent curriculum meetings for Y1, Y4, Y5 after school—3.35pm
Tuesday 25th April	Parent curriculum meetings for R, Y2, Y3 after school—3.35pm
Wednesday 26th April	<b>Class Photos</b>
Tuesday 2nd May	'Meet Marianne' in the community room—9.00am
Wednesday 3rd May	Parent curriculum meetings for Nursery after school—3.30pm
Friday 5th May	A school tour with Marianne
Tuesday 9th May	School dinners taster session—3.30pm
Tuesday 9th May	Corsica—farm trip
Friday 12th May	Sicily—farm trip
Monday 1st May	May Day—School Closed
Thursday 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

## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance EYFS & KS1: 99% Skye

Attendance KS2: 98% Hawaii

Early Bird: 0 lates - Lundy & Lindisfarne



## Friday Tea



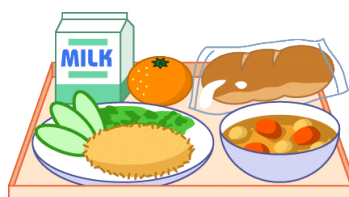
28th April: Special tea for Maria

## Meet Marianne

Come along and meet with Marianne in the community room at 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd May to discuss school dinners any aspects of school life that you have questions about.

## FREE taster of school dinners

Many of you have asked us about the quality of the school dinners, particularly now that we have a dual service of halal and non-halal food. For this reason we have organised a FREE taster event with Caterlink, our school dinners provider. The event will take place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**. Please come along and try our school dinners for yourself. We will look forward to seeing you there.



**Curriculum Meetings** Next week we will be holding curriculum meetings for each year group so that you can hear from the teachers what will be covered this term as well as covering topics such as PE, music, swimming, trips etc. These meetings are your opportunity to ask any questions about the coming term that you might have. We hope you will be able to attend.

**Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5: Monday 24th April at 3.35pm**

**Reception, Year 2 and Year 3: Tuesday 25th April at 3.35pm**

**Mabel's Monsters—Community Stay and Play** We are excited to announce the re-launch of Mabel's Monsters. Enjoyment and learning come together in this **fun, active music session**. These sessions will take place every Monday and the first one will be on **Monday 24th March** in our brand new community room. 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. The stay and play sessions run from **8.45-11.45**. We hope to see you there.



**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 week or two and we will publish the results in next week's newsletter. Follow the debates as they happened on our Brecknock Twitter; @BrecknockSchool



## After School Clubs

**Quick, there are still limited spaces for:**

Arsenal Football (3.45-5pm) Monday for years 4, 5 & 6

Computer homework on Tuesday for years 2,3,4,5,&6

Gymnastics for KS2 on Tuesday for years 3,4,5,&6

Code club Thursday for 3,4,5&6  
Chess and library club on Thursday for years 2,3,4,5,&6

Basketball Friday for years 4,5,&6  
Forms are available for these places and please make sure you have paid in the office before the club starts.

Any child wishing to bring their own fruit can do so as a snack before hand but fruit is supplied.

## Visit the Guildhall Art Gallery and view the incredible Brecknock Year 5 exhibition

The 'Echoes across the Century' Exhibition at the Guildhall Art Gallery is absolutely amazing! With Brecknock one of only two primary schools participating, our Year 5 children did us proud when they went for the opening ceremony. Their maturely insightful contributions to the exhibits - ranged from 'letters from the trenches' (antiqued with tea) to sculptures of soldiers, models of medals, WWI worlds made inside matchboxes to moths and butterflies symbolising the souls lost. Everyone enjoyed being shown round by our Year 5 ambassadors and the rest of the group - as did our governor, David, and the two Masters of the Cooks and Bakers Guilds; who impressed the children with their ceremonial robes when presenting their certificates. The Masters were pleased to hear the children enjoyed the project and would like to do more like it. The show is free for any of Brecknock's children and their families to visit and is open now to the public.



## Parent Questionnaire—Last chance!

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.

## SATs explained for KS1 and KS2!

Go to this website or click on the QR code to watch a 5 minute guide about SATs and what tests the children will be taking.

<https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/2017/01/07/national-curriculum-test-videos/>



## 100% Attendance

The winner of last term's 100% attendance prize will be revealed in a prize draw in assembly next week. There are also a selection of other smaller prizes for all those who don't win the iPod. There will also be an opportunity to win a bike for this term too. This is a win/win situation – if you are in school every day you learn more and so become a winner and additionally one lucky person will also win a bike. Start trying now – it could be YOU!



## Golden Book Awards will be back next week!