

Friday 19th May 2017

## Message from the head



**Outdoor Classroom Day** Thursday was national Outdoor Classroom Day and staff and children participated with gusto! It is so important to learn outdoors as well as indoors, and at Brecknock we strive to encourage a love of the great outdoors. We have been enjoying the school allotment, gardening and birdwatching for some time now but we want to make even more of the natural world around us and play our part in making planet Earth a better place. Both Year 3 classes have just enjoyed a trip to a farm in Hertfordshire and Year 5 will soon be going on a residential trip to Lower Treginnis farm in West Wales. The farm is run by a charity created by children's author Michael Morpurgo called 'Farms for City Children' our lucky Year 5 children will be living and working on a real farm in the heart of the countryside. Very exciting! Jennie has now set up a Nature Club and will be involving children in lots of projects involving recycling and natural materials. We also have our very own eco ambassadors who have named themselves the 'Earth Protection Team' – look out for their stall at Community Festival (7<sup>th</sup> July).

## Dates for your calendar

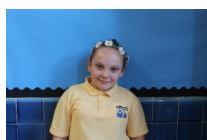
Monday 22nd May	Year 1 boat trip to Little Venice
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 5 show at 6pm
Wednesday 24th May	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 24th May	Bishop Rock trip to Hampstead Heath
Thurs 25th May	Last day of half term
Friday 26th May	INSET Day—School Closed
29th May—2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
5th-9th June	Whole school Careers Week
Tuesday 13th June	Brecknock Summer Concert 6pm
12th July	EYFS Sports Day—10.30am
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children

Thank you to all of you who have written and said such wonderful things and memories about Maria over the past week. Here is a beautiful poem that Abbi in Year 6 wrote: Maria

This is a poem about Maria, the woman who really cared.  
The one who always loved, the one who always shared.  
Although you won't be with us in the times we need you most,  
Your heart and soul will still remain, so here's a little toast.  
Just to say thank-you for all the things you've done,  
From laughter to giggles and always having fun.  
Your kindness and your greatness will always have a shine,  
You will always be remembered in this little heart of mine.



Everyone is proud of what you did for us all,  
Everyone will miss you at Brecknock Primary School.  
By Abbi (Year 6)



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance EYFS & KS1: **Jersey**  
Attendance KS2: **Sumatra**  
Early Bird: **Mull—1 late**  
**Well done!**



## Y4/5 Tag Rugby Club



Exciting news that after half term we will be offering a tag rugby club. More details will follow shortly!



## Keeping Safe at the end of the school day

We have noticed that there are a lot of unaccompanied children, and adults, in the school after 3:30. We all need the school to be a safe place at all times so we will now have members of staff standing at the external doors at the end of the day as well as at the beginning. If you would like to go back in to the building for some reason please speak to the member of staff who will be happy to help you. Many thanks.

## Sports Day



On Wednesday 24th May KS1 and 2 Sports Day will be held on Hampstead Heath at the athletics track. Y2 to Y6 will follow our annual Brecknock tradition of walking and Year 1 will get public transport. Parents are most welcome to join us on the Heath, but the children must come to school, travel with their classes and stay with their classes throughout the day. Parents will be allowed to take the children from the Heath at the end of the day if they wish but they MUST let their teacher know first. Events will start at 11am followed by competitive races after lunch. Children must wear PE Kit—white T-shirt, blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers and have suitable clothing appropriate for the weather.

## Friday Tea

Here is the schedule for the next few Friday teas:

**9th June:** Bishop Rock and Mersea

**16th June:** Year 5 and 6  
**23rd June:** Year 4



## Year 5 Play

This will be performed to parents on **Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm**. Please do come along—it promises to be spectacular!



### Walking in the Jungle

Last week in Skye class they were describing what it might be like to live in the jungle. After taking an adventurous walk into the wild last Friday, they began writing descriptive pieces. Here is the fantastic work Lily in Year 1 produced:-

As I lie on the ground I see the stars. The leaves are green and red and they are lying on the wet, muddy ground. I am surrounded by blue waterfalls coming down slowly. I can see a damp, wet hole. In the jungle I can hear the wind rustling through the brown, muddy trees. I can hear the blue waterfalls splashing and the noise of thunder rumbling in the sky.

There is the sound of a snake slithering through the trees.

I can hear a bear growling. I feel terrified because I am shy.

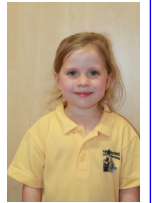
I can smell damp, wet soil. In the air I can smell fresh berries and sea water that is salty. There is also the smell of blossoming flowers. The smell makes me feel frustrated because I am hungry. I am alone in the jungle, I am feeling terrified because I do not know what I can eat. The only clothes that I have is a coat made out of bears fur.

Lily (Year 1)

### Drumming in Reception



Reception have been reading the story 'The Leopard's Drum'. Osebo the leopard, has a magnificent drum, but he won't let anyone else have it – not even Nyame the Sky-God. So Nyame offers a big reward to the animal who will bring him the drum. Reception have been learning about African music and African instruments and enjoyed playing the drums.



### Skye try their hand at clay modelling

On Friday Skye class were very lucky to have Pedro to come and help them work with clay. Their IPC topic is transport so they researched different types of transport that they could make. They were fantastic with their hands and they made lots of different modes of transport, such as- hot air balloons, boats, scooters and cars. Here are some pictures of their work in progress, next week they will glaze their models.



### Bikeability Cycle Training

Learn to cycle at one of Camden's school holiday courses

Camden are offering two-day cycle training courses for children on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June:

- **10.00-10.45am:** starting, stopping and balancing
- **11.15am-12.00 noon:** starting, stopping and balancing
- **1.00pm-2.30pm:** control skills, for children who already cycle without help

Children must bring a well-fitting bike; helmets are recommended. Courses are held at Haverstock School, just around the corner from Chalk Farm station. To register and for further information, including training offers for adults and families, visit [www.camden.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://www.camden.gov.uk/cycletraining). Alternatively, call 020 7974 1451/5071.



### Summer Concert

There will be a Brecknock after-school concert on Tuesday 13th June at 6.00 PM which will include the choir, orchestra, recorder ensemble, samba band, brass groups and Year 5 and 6 bands (as well as solos and duets)! It will include refreshments and should be over by around 7.30. Tickets will be offered to performers parent's first and then any remaining can be snapped up by everyone else. Thank you to everyone that has returned their slip. **If you have not had a chance to hand it in yet please can you do this by Monday 22nd.** It is really important so Rod can plan the event. It promises to be a night to remember!



### Golden Book Awards! And this weeks winners are...



Jude & Maya—Skye, Ogren & Eldana- Mull, ALL of Guernsey —Guernsey, Younus & Rizwan—Jersey, Ayub & Halima —Y3, Majida & Samuel - Y4, Angelo & Dean —Y5, & Marwan & Nakai-Y6