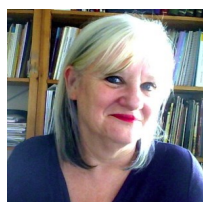




# Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 05th May 2017



## Message from the head

Thank you all for your generosity both financial and in spirit at the special tea for Maria last week. We raised over £650 and we will be giving this to Maria's family. As you know, sadly, Maria died peacefully this week. She will be very much missed by everyone in the school. Maria worked at Brecknock for over 27 years and was completely committed to the



children in the school. She gave 100% enthusiasm to everything she was involved in and, along with many other happy memories, we will always remember her wonderful costumes for World Book Day and other dressing up events. We are in the process of constructing a wonderful new reading den on the roof and this will be a tribute to Maria. We will also be letting you know about other tributes over the next few months.

## Dates for your calendar

Monday 8th May- Thursday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 9th May	School dinners tasting—3.30pm
Tuesday 9th May	Corsica—farm trip
Friday 12th May	Sicily—farm trip
Thursday 18th May	Reception Family Literacy morning —9-10am
Thursday 18th May	Outdoor Classroom Day
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 5 show at 2pm
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
12th July	EYFS Sports Day—10.30am
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children

## Greenfingers

There are still places in Gardening Club and we have great plans for brightening up the school grounds. Gardening Club takes place on Monday from 3.45-4.45 and costs £2 a session

Please let Sue Dunbar know if you would like a place. Let's get planting!



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!

Attendance EYFS & KS1: **Lundy 100%**

Attendance KS2: **Cuba 100%**

Early Bird: **Lundy & Sicily**  
**Well done!**



## Friday Tea

Here is the schedule for the next few Friday teas:

12th May: Year 1

19th May: Reception

9th June: Bishop Rock and Mersea

16th June: Year 5 and 6

23rd June: Year 4



## DON'T FORGET!!!!

There will be a school dinners taster session after school next **Tuesday (9th May)**. Please come along and taste Sam and the team's delicious school dinners for yourself.



**Dates for your diary—** The **community festival** this year will be held on **Friday July 7th**. More details to follow soon!

This month also sees the Year 5 classes putting on their annual show. We hope you will be able to join us to watch the performance.

**Year 5—Tuesday 23rd May at 2pm**





**Let Team Cuba blast off into space!** After passing stage one of astronaut training and being accepted onto a mission, the children of Cuba realised there was one person who could stop their childhood dream becoming a reality ... Marianne. This week they have been learning how to use persuasive devices in their writing such as, the power of 3, rhetorical questions, subjective language and emotive language. Marianne came to their class to hear the pleas with her own ears and was very much impressed with the use of language, creativity, knowledge of space and oracy skills!

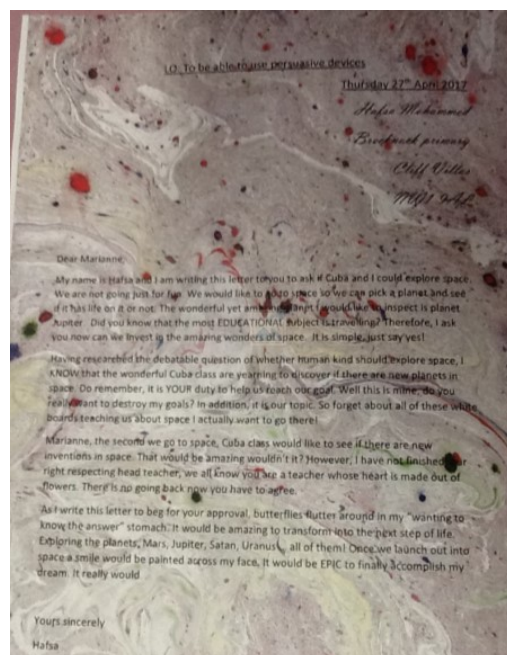
**Here is Hafsa's very persuasive letter:**

Dear Marianne, My name is Hafsa and I am writing this letter to you to ask if Cuba and I could explore space. We are not going just for fun. We would like to go to space so we can pick a planet and see if it has life on it or not. The wonderful yet amazing planet I would like to inspect is planet Jupiter. Did you know that travelling is the most EDUCATIONAL subject? Therefore, I ask you can we invest in the amazing wonders of space? It is simple just say yes!

Having researched the debatable question of whether human kind should explore space, I KNOW that the wonderful Cuba class are yearning to discover if there are new planets in space. Do remember, it is YOUR duty to help us reach our goal. Well this is mine, do you really want to destroy my goals? In addition, it is our topic. So forget about all of these white boards teaching us about space, I actually want to go there!

Marianne, the second we go to space, Cuba class would like to see if there are new inventions in space. That would be amazing wouldn't it? However, I have not finished, our rights respecting head teacher, we all know you are a teacher whose heart is made out of flowers. There is no going out now you have to agree.

As I write this letter to beg for your approval, butterflies flutter around in my "wanting to know the answer" stomach. It would be amazing to transform into the next step of life. Exploring the planets, Mars, Jupiter, Satan, Uranus all of them! Once we launched out into space a smile would be painted across my face. It would be EPIC to finally accomplish my dream. It really would.



**Mersea masterpiece!** The children in Mersea class designed and created this wonderful piece of Art work using a range of materials. What a masterpiece from our youngest children!



**Astronaut Training** To kick off their new topic of Space Explorers, Year 5 went through stage one of astronaut training and enjoyed it thoroughly!



**Musical morning** Lindisfarne and Lundy are reading the Leopards Drum, an African story. Today they had a wonderful experience when Suraya's Grandma came in to Reception Class to play the Kora. The **Kora** is a 21-string lute-bridge-harp used extensively in West Africa and some of them were lucky enough to have a turn using it too!



**Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...**



Isla & Yusuf—Mull, Yusuf & Amina—Skye, Musa & Marko—Guernsey, Maya & Alicia—Jersey, Chloe & Saabir—Y3, Elsie & Isaac—Y4, Goldie & Hiway—Y5, Charlotte & Remy—Y6