

Friday 29th September 2017

Message from the head



You will be aware that we pride ourselves on being a Rights Respecting school and we uphold the British (and universal!) values of: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. Poetry Day yesterday involved all children performing poems about freedom and we will be creating hall displays on the theme of freedom in time for Family Supper on 2nd November. We have also been spending time thinking about democracy, you will have seen our new School Council members in last week's newsletter and the new Rights Respecting Ambassadors will soon be selected. It is so important in the world we live in that Brecknock children grow up to be fine citizens of the future, judging by what I have seen over the last few weeks it seems that this will indeed be the case.

Dates for your calendar

3rd October	Colin Hegarty talk to Year 6 parents
10th October	Guernsey to the CLC
12th October	Skye to the National Portrait Gallery
17th October	Sumatra Shakespeare Performance at the Pleasance Theatre
18th October	Mull to the National Portrait Gallery
18th October	Madagascar Shakespeare Performance at the Pleasance Theatre
20th October	INSET day - school closed for children
23rd-27th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
30th October	Children return to school
31st October	Deadline for Secondary School Application
9th November	Year 2 at the National Portrait Gallery
14th November	Jamaica to the CLC
7th December	Cuba to the CLC
18th December	Last day of term. Note: this is a Monday
22nd Dec-Jan 2nd	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back
9th January	Year 6 trip to British Library
19th January	Corsica to CLC

Our Brilliant Book Corners!

All the book corners across the school are looking fantastic! Reading is so powerful: it develops the imagination and enables us to discover new things. Let's all get reading and enjoy the pleasure and benefits that undoubtedly come with it!



After School Club

NW5 Project is an after school club open to all children aged 4-11 years.



They provide a healthy snack on arrival and have lots of play opportunities and spaces available from sports, arts & crafts, cooking and much more.

Opening times are 3.15-6pm. Prices are £7.00 per session per child or £30.00 per child per week. Concession rates are also available for non working parents or parents on a lower income.

For more information please contact the project directly on 020 7485 8165 or via email at: nw5communityplayproject@hotmail.com

Menu Change

This will be a change from the published menu for this day. A Children's Choice alternative.

Pupils Choice

Thursday 5th October

Sausages in a Roll with onions
Or
Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Served with

Potato Wedges
Baked Beans and Coleslaw & Salad Bar

Short Bread & Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit Platter



National Poetry Day!

The whole school has a terrific time celebrating National Poetry Day. The theme this year was Freedom. There were many thought provoking poems, in addition to rapping, sonnets, singing and dancing. A true feast for the eyes and the ears. Well done everyone!



Year 3 at Kew Gardens

Year 3 visited Kew Gardens as part of their topic 'Saving the Planet'. They spent some time walking around the grounds before doing a workshop on how plants in the rainforest help keep you alive.



Hawaii at the Natural History Museum

They had a great time studying fossils and volcanoes, and becoming palaeontologists and volcanologists!



UK Teacher of the Year, Colin Hegarty is visiting Brecknock!

This **Tuesday (3rd October)**, Colin Hegarty will be coming to Brecknock to speak to parents about the importance of maths in school and some of the problems students can often face in their maths education as well as providing guidance on how best to support children with their mathematics at home.

It will take place straight after school in the middle hall. The talk is mainly aimed at Year 6 parents, since their children will be using his online Maths website this year, but year 4 and 5 parents may find it very useful too. We hope to see lots of you there!



What I'm Reading at the moment

Each week there will be a section in the newsletter dedicated to the books people are currently reading. To start us off we have Henry, who was spotted reading '50 Amazing Things Kids Need To Know About Mathematics' by Anne Rooney.

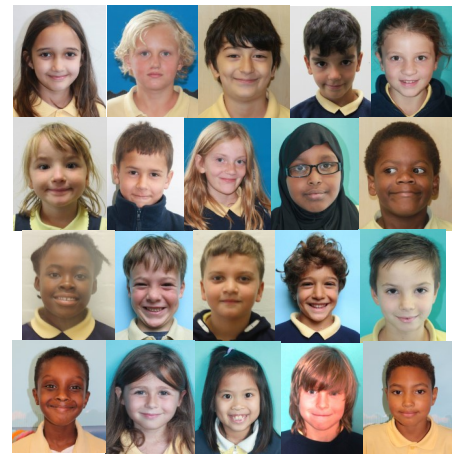
What he says: from winning the lottery to beating world records, making music to making loads of money, this great little guide breaks down number-crunching in a fun and exciting way. Learn how to speak in outer space, paint a masterpiece, break out of jail or bamboozle your friends - getting to grips with maths has never been so amazing!



What are **you** reading at the moment? Let your teacher know and you might appear in the newsletter too!

School Council

Congratulations to all the new School Councillors who were voted in over this week and last week in Years 2 to 6. They were chosen by their classmates to represent them, this is both an honour and a responsibility. They will be meeting most weeks in the staffroom to look at issues that are important to the children.



Bishops Rock!

Bishops Rock has had a lovely couple of weeks meeting new friends, new teachers and exploring their new environment.



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



Donnie & Alayah—Mull, Niko & Amal—Skye, Riym & Arturo —Guernsey, Ibrahim & Finn —Jersey, Kyle & Rizwan —Y3, Zahra & Irfan—Y4, Craig & Masa—Y5, Dean & Berat— Y6