

## Message from the head



I have been very proud of our brilliant Brecknock community this week. Family Supper yesterday was wonderful, it is a real pleasure to share food from a wealth of cultures with families and enjoy the fantastic singing and music talent of our children. A great time was had by all. As well as that we were visited by a group of students from the Institute of education this week who were thrilled at the atmosphere, progress and care at Brecknock. They were asked to encapsulate the school in three words and the results were fascinating, I can tell you that the most common thoughts were – ‘enthusiasm for learning’ ‘purposefulness’ and ‘teachers who care’. They are so right!

## Dates for your calendar

8th November	Bishop's Rock to Freightliners Farm
9th November	Skye to the National Portrait Gallery
14th November	Jamaica to the CLC
17th November	Year 3 to London Zoo
22nd November	Year 4 to The British Library
1st December	Year 5 to Jazz Concert at Regents High
7th December	Cuba to the CLC
8th December	Christmas Fair
18th December	Last day of term. Note: this is a <b>Monday</b>
19th Dec-Jan 4th	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

The proceeds of today's Friday Tea will be used to give to the

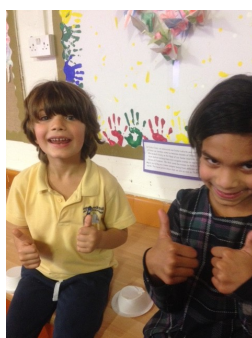
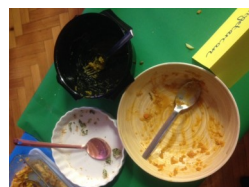
**ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS**

We managed to raise **£75** yesterday at Family Supper. Thank you to all who contributed time, money or food!



## Family Supper 2017!

Thank you to everyone who made last night's Family Supper such a fantastic event! It was a wonderful evening when the whole Brecknock community came together to share food music and dancing. You will be able to tell from the photos that a great time was had by all!



## Turning the Page

Clio Whittaker is coming back to Brecknock with this great project for parents and children about reading and getting creative with books!



This is what parents said about the project last year:

*We enjoy reading together now. It's not work anymore it's family time.*

*Now I know how to leave time for children to join in and talk about the pictures and about the story.*

*The project gave me lots of simple ideas I would not have thought of.*

*It's a nice way to get to know other parents. It was good to have time in the afternoon to spend with your child. My daughter really loved the creative sessions and doing things with me.*

Every Tuesday until the 5<sup>th</sup> December

Sessions for parents will be in the Community Room 9.15-10.30 am

Sessions for parents and children will be in the Dining Hall 3.45-5pm

**Dads, mums and grandparents – come along to the Community Room on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 to find out more and sign up. Places are limited!**





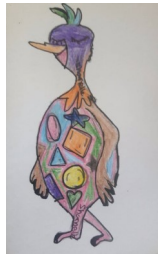
## Year 6 Celebrating Black History Month and Freedom

Through the story, 'Sneetches' by Dr Suess, Year 6 discussed how they should value and celebrate differences.

The children then drew their own sneetches in response, looking at how it can sometimes feel like you need to adapt to fit into society but in actual fact they find freedom in accepting and loving one another.

They then looked at the artist Larry Poncho Brown and recreated his painting, 'Celebrate Freedom' for our hall art. The children had the freedom to design their piece of our jigsaw puzzle however they liked with the only constraint being the pieces ended up fitted together.

*Remember there is no such thing as 'normal', we are all unique and should embrace our differences!*



## Jamaica and Jean Michel Basquiat

Jamaica used Jean Michel Basquiat as their inspiration and created symbols, words, images and figures that meant something to everyone in their class and expressed what freedom meant to each member of the class!

Everyone included their ideas and contributed in the drawing, painting and creation of our piece. Jean Michel Basquiat felt that the art of children showed freedom of expression and that his art expressed his thoughts and ideas on life rather than trying to paint perfectly. So in this vein, Jamaica had some messy expressive fun!



## Maths in Hawaii

The children have been learning about partitioning. They began working with diennes counters, and are now applying this knowledge to calculate sums using written methods. They are working with bigger and bigger numbers all the time.



## Great Fire of London

Year 2 made houses inspired by those in London in 1666 using cardboard, glue and tape. They took them into the playground and packed them tightly together into narrow streets.

Barry and Jennie set the houses alight and they all watched as the fire spread through their town.



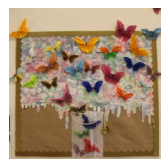
## Soca Workshop

Children in Year 4 had a great time in a Soca workshop warming up for ready before their performance at Family Supper!



## Freedom Displays

The whole school have produced a series of amazing displays in the Middle Hall celebrating Freedom, this year's theme for National Poetry Day.



## Year 1 National Portrait Gallery

As part of their topic Who Am I?, Year 1 visited The National Portrait Gallery to learn about portraiture and self-portraiture.



## Year 3 Home Learning

Year 3 have created lots of incredible pieces of home learning related to their topic Saving the Planet.

