

Friday 12th January 2018

Message from the head



As the first week of this Spring Term draws to a close I have once again been impressed by our lovely Rights Respecting children. Well done Jago for getting a letter from the government in response to his letter about global warming.

We are all looking forward to a very special visitor on Monday to relaunch our Be the Best You Can Be initiative. Her name is Hannah Beharry and she will be coming into school to talk to us about how she achieved her dreams through hard work, resilience and a growth mind-set. We can't wait! You can find out more about Hannah by following this link.



Dates for your calendar

17th January	Curriculum Meetings 3.45-4.15pm for Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4
18th January	Curriculum Meetings 3.45-4.15pm for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5
19th January	Corsica to the CLC
29th January	Brecknock Choir at Young Voices Concert
31st January	Digital Leaders to the CLC
8th February	Year 1 at Little Angel Theatre
12th-16th Feb	Half Term Holiday
19th February	Children return to school
26th February	Sicily to the CLC
28th February	Year 4 Recorder Performance at Royal Academy
12th March	Choir at the Royal Albert Hall
14th March	Tahiti to the CLC
26th March	Hawaii to the CLC
29th March	Last day of term. Note this is a Thursday 2.00pm
30th-13th April	Easter Holiday
16th April	Children return to school

Absences

Dear Parents and carers,

If your child is unable to come to school, please could you leave a message on the school answerphone as soon as possible letting us know what the illness is. This way the office staff do not have to phone and disturb you.

We do need to know why a child is absent to authorise the absence. If we can't do this then absences are marked as unauthorised and scrutinised by the Educational Welfare Service.

Many thanks



The Brecknock Merit System

A few children have asked about the merit system and what they should do if they are almost up to a big number before the holidays. Don't worry, your merits will always carry over to the next term and in fact the next year until you leave.

The Gold, Emerald and Ruby awards will take several years of saving and all of the below awards are logged and stored on the computer so we can keep track of them. The only thing you have to do is keep earning those merits and remember to post them in blocks of 10 into the Golden Box outside Marianne's office. (The merits are counted usually on a Thursday for the Friday assembly so you may need to wait a few days from posting until you get yours)



Name	No. of merits	Colour/badge	Prize
White	10	White certificate	Pride!
Bronze	50	Bronze certificate	Bronze Medal
Silver	100	Silver certificate	Silver Medal
Gold	150	Gold certificate	Gold Medal and 2 pens
Emerald	250	Emerald certificate	£20 book token
Ruby	300	Ruby certificate	Chosen prize up to the value of £100

Upcoming Friday Teas

19th January - Year 4
26th January - Year 3
2nd February Year 2





Year 4 at the British Museum

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to the British Museum! They enjoyed looking at the Ancient Egyptian artefacts and learning about the mummies. They were even lucky enough to see the Rosetta Stone. They're looking forward to learning more about Hieroglyphics and daily lives of the Ancient Egyptians.



Art in Year 2

Year 2 have been getting arty to start the new term. The children have been painting sunset backgrounds and adding silhouettes of animals and plants to finish their scene.



Making Toys in Year 1

One morning, the Year 1 teachers and children were shocked to find their classrooms locked! They went into the hall to think about what to do. While they were in there, a mysterious trail of toys appeared, leading towards the classrooms. In amongst the toys was the classroom key.

In each classroom, the children found a shiny box with a letter from the Magic Toymaker. He asked them to use their imaginations to make some toys. They set to work and made some fantastic creations!



A History of Magic

Year 6 visited the Harry Potter exhibition at the British Library this week. They were placed in Gryffindor and Slytherin. They explored the world of wizardry, looking at potions, spells and incredible creatures. They even had the opportunity to look into their futures!



Year 6 at the Imperial War Museum

For their Michael Morpurgo author study, Year 6 has started reading War Horse. They visited the Imperial War Museum to learn about the First World War. They saw lots of artefacts including an atomic bomb and a tank.



Science in Hawaii

In Science, Hawaii have been learning about different states of matter. They explored gasses, and how could test their presence. They learned about how air can become trapped underwater because it also takes up space. They saw how tissue placed in the cup remained dry despite being submerged in water!



Attendance Prizes!

Congratulations to all those children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term 2017 and got their certificates and prizes last week as well as their names put in the prize draw. Well done to all those who got a green letter for good attendance too, don't forget if you got an orange or red one you can do something about it this term and go for Green!



Lucky Abdulrahman in Sumatra was the winner of the 100% attendance raffle and went home with the drone that children chose as the prize for this term. In the last 3 terms the prizes have been an iPod, a bike and the drone. Children are invited to suggest ideas for the next prize. It must be under £100. (Ideas so far suggested have been: Playstation vouchers, another drone, scooter and a smart speaker. Anyone with any other ideas or strong preferences should let Tiggy know as soon as possible)

Good luck everyone for this term.

