

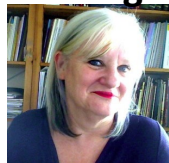


# Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 23rd February 2018

## Message from the head



Many of you will know that we received some heartbreaking news this week; Curtis' son, Lewis, was tragically killed at the weekend. As well as Curtis being a central figure in our community, Lewis would also work in school to help Curtis and he was a kind, clever and energetic young man. I am sure you will join with us in sending heartfelt sympathy and love to the whole family. We are making a collection to send to the family and we invite you to add to this, there is an envelope for your contributions in the office. Thank you.

## Dates for your calendar

26th February	Sicily to the CLC
28th February	Year 4 Recorder Performance at the Royal Academy
1st March	World Book Day
12th March	Choir at the Royal Albert Hall
14th March	Tahiti to the CLC
23rd March	Sport Relief
26th March	Hawaii to the CLC
27th March	Year 3 Show
28th March	Year 4 Show
29th March	Last day of term. Note this is a <b>Thursday</b> at 2.00pm
30th-13th April	Easter Holiday
16th April	Children return to school

### Parent Governor Position

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body, this position is open to all parents and guardians of children in this school. The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school, training is available for all governors and it is a rewarding and interesting role so do please give some thought to applying. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

If you would like to find out more, do come along to the Community Room from **9 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. I will be there, with some governors and we would be more than happy to have an informal chat with you about what the role involves.

If you would like to apply please complete the nomination form which was sent home today and return it to school no later than **MONDAY**



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please encourage your child to dress up as their favourite book character. No need for fancy costumes—the home made ones are always the best!

For more information please visit: [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

### Significant Males' Breakfast

The team at Brecknock are thrilled to invite you to our first 'Significant Males' Breakfast'. If you are a dad, brother, uncle, grandpa or close male in our Brecknock community, we would love for you to come and sit, chat and devour some delicious breakfast alongside your child(ren).

You don't need to bring anything other than an empty stomach and a hearty smile! Breakfast is served by the EYFS team in the bottom hall from 8:00 on Friday March 23rd. Every year group is welcome! If your child is in Reception or Nursery, we are encouraging you to stay for our **Maths Open Morning from 8:55 - 10:00**. Come and watch a maths lesson in action, see how your child learns maths in school and take home some nifty maths ideas to extend learning at home! No need to register, please come along and enjoy the morning of food and fun with us at school!



### Challenge Partners

You will probably know that Brecknock is a member of Challenge Partners. They are a national charity, owned and led by schools, who work together to lead school improvement. At Brecknock we are committed to continually developing every area of the school to give children the very best learning opportunities throughout their time with us. Being a member of Challenge Partners helps us by giving us: annual reviews carried out by a team of reviewers to validate the school's judgements and challenge us to be even better, access to a range of support from fellow member schools and a focus for collaboration with other local member schools to drive improvements for all of our children.

Following our latest review carried out by Challenge Partners at the beginning of the month we have some very positive feedback to share. To read the full report please visit the link below or scan the QR code

[www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Brecknock-Primary-School.pdf](http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Brecknock-Primary-School.pdf)



The report is extremely complimentary about the three areas upon which they focus:

- School Improvement Strategies – Brecknock was graded **Outstanding**
- Outcomes for pupils – Brecknock was graded **Outstanding**
- Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment – Brecknock was graded **Outstanding**

We have also had Mathematics accredited as an 'area of excellence' and we will be hosting a day for school leaders from across the country to look at the first class practice in our school.

The review and the report are a credit to our fantastic children, their families and the hard work and commitment of every member of staff. Bravo Brecknock!



## Home Learning in Year 4

Last half term the children in Year 4 worked extremely hard at home to produce some amazing pieces of home learning relating to their topic Ancient Egypt.

They made a range of work including hieroglyphics, 2D and 3D pyramids, as well as information booklets and slideshows on Egyptian gods.



## WW1 Exhibition in Year 6

This term, year 6 have turned into curators – they have been designing an exhibition about WW1!

Follow the link or QR code to a video to get a taste for what is to come in their 'War and Peace' Exhibition.  
[www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/b-a-r-shooting-to-success/](http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/b-a-r-shooting-to-success/)

Anna has created her very own artefact – a B.A.R rifle – with a historical novel to go alongside it.



## Exploring Colours in Mersea

This week the children have been exploring primary colours and discovered that when two primary colours are mixed together they change colour.



## #sumatrasquad go 'Around the World'

During Geography and Science the children have created their own islands or countries (considering the continent, ocean, hemisphere and time zone in which it lies in) along with their nation's flag and native animal.

They have produced fact files including descriptions and classifications of their animals all to be published in a class atlas.



## Uniform

Well done to Sharnelle and Ryan who continue to remember the full school uniform of:

- Gold polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- Navy blue sweat shirt, preferably with school logo
- Navy blue fleece, preferably with school logo
- Plain navy blue trousers, skirts, pinafores, jeans, jeans skirts, plain navy blue track suit bottoms
- Plain white T-shirt, blue shorts, plain navy blue track suit bottoms and plimsolls for P.E.
- Plain navy blue or gold hijab



## Rock Steady

We had a very exciting guest this week from Rock Steady, a programme which encourages children to take up an instrument, start a band and rock out!



## The Great Nursery Pancake Race

Nursery had a great time making pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. They then went to the playground and raced!



## Magic in Year 3

To kick off their new topic Magic, a magician came and performed some amazing tricks to year 3. He read their minds, made things disappear and introduced them to escapology!



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

