

Message from the head



Next week we will be sending home an important letter, this is the parent survey. We have a 100% response to the pupil survey so don't be outdone by your children! Your views are important and will help us make improvements to the school, as well as acknowledging what we do well. Please can each family complete one questionnaire and return it to school by **FRIDAY 11th MAY**. In order to maximise the response we are offering: a merit given to each child who returns your form and a £10 prize draw for one lucky winner if you add your name to the bottom of the form. You can return your form either to the office or via your child to their class teacher. Please let a member of the office team know if you would like help with translation. Many thanks.

Dates for your calendar

7th May	May Day—School Closed
8th May	Parent Gym—Chat
9th May	Mull to CLC
14th May	KS2 SATS (Mon-Thurs)
15th May	Parent Gym—Love
22nd May	Parent Gym—Behave
22nd May	SPORTS DAY
24th May	Year 6 to Natural History Museum
25th May	INSET Day—School Closed
28th May—1st June	Half Term
4th June	Children return to school
4th June	Skye to CLC
4th June	Year 6 Wicked workshop
5th June	Parent Gym—Care
11th June	Year 6 to the Science Museum
12th June	Parent Gym—Discover
15th June	Sumatra to National Portrait Gallery
19th June	Parent Gym—Together
22nd June	Sumatra to the CLC
22nd June	Madagascar to National Portrait Gallery
22nd June	Eid Festival
29th June—1st July	Year 6 School Journey
28th June	Bike Doctor
3rd July	Madagascar to the CLC
25th July	Last day of term for children

Friday Teas

11th May—Year 1
18th May—Reception
25th May—Nursery & 2YO

Sports Day 22nd May at Parliament Hill.
All families welcome!

Short Courses at Brecknock

The following short courses are being run at Brecknock by the Working Men's College. They are open to all, please do come along on a Wednesday if you are interested

Tutor name	Centre	Time	Course	Start date	End date
Hasina	Brecknock School	14:00 –15:30	Natural beauty product	02/05/18	09/05/18
Ambia	Brecknock School	14:00 –15:30	Flower arranging	16/05/18	23/05/18
Ambia/Hasina	Brecknock School	14:00 –15:30	Henna OR Card making/ decoration (depending on learner response)	06/06/18	13/06/18



Eid Festival

We have decided to hold an Eid Festival on 22nd June. We hope it will combine all the celebration of Eid and the activities of the Community Festival. We hope it will be a fantastic event. Anybody who feels they can contribute do see the office to put your name down and we can meet and discuss it nearer the time.



Beanstalk Volunteers

A big thank you to our Beanstalk reading volunteers who come in twice a week to read with children, Irene, Paula and Sarah. Do say hello if you see them around school!



They're Parents!

The EYFS children are thrilled to announce the hatching of Darcy and Esme. All beaks and claws seem to be in the right place and they are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their 8 brothers and sisters.



Tree-mendous News!



Brecknock have been awarded The Woodland Trust's Green Tree Silver Award! Children across the school have been busy working on recycling projects, planting trees and visiting woodland. Well done to all involved!



Ahoy There Brecknock

This half term has been golden in Reception as we have been learning all about treasure. The class has been invaded by pirates and we have been learning about positional language to find out where they have hidden all their wonderful treasure.

There has been lots of exciting challenges to keep our pirate training on track including practicing our fine motor skills and finding out what materials float.



Year 1 Go Wild!

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic day outdoors as the entry point for their new topic, 'Flowers and Insects'. They visited Gillespie Park Ecology Centre, where they took part in lots of different activities.

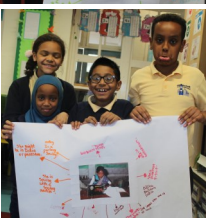
First, they sorted different types of plants and learned about which are flowering and which are non-flowering. They then learned about the parts of a plant and what they are for. After, they searched for plants in the outdoor area and looked closely at their colours and the shape of their leaves, then labelled them.



The Cotton Making Process

As part of their topic, Ethical Fashion, Year 4 have been learning about cotton. In groups, they were given a picture from the cotton making process.

They discussed the different things we could see in the picture and what we thought it meant. They had lots of ideas and were quite shocked by some of the images.



Cuba Class is in Good Shape!

In Cuba Class, they have been looking closely at 2D and 3D shapes. They looked at features of the shapes and compared them. The children were even able to write their own What Am I? riddle for their friends to answer. They had fun guessing the 3D shapes from their nets and making them!



Another Busy Week for Mersea

This week Mersea have been reading 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and decided that they wanted to grow their own beanstalks. They planted their beans and we will be looking after them so that they grow.

They have also been looking after their caterpillars and drew pictures of them wriggling. They also found two slugs and an orange spider in their garden! They were all very brave and took turns to get close to them.



Friday Reading in Reception

Every Friday morning Reception class open their doors to family and friends to share their love of literature. They enjoy listening to and reading alongside lots of different people in our school community. Please do come along from 8:55 to 9:30 and join in!



Cooking Up a Storm in Nursery

Some of the boys spent the most part of a fine spring afternoon making 'Dragon Soup' in their mud kitchen. There were deliberations, suggestions and some degrees of compromise whilst adding water, plant roots, snail shells, cucumber and beans.

They mixed, poured, sniffed, tipped and began over again to perfect their dish. 'Ready in 45 minutes... you have to wait for



Year 2 Sea Life

For their topic, Water World, Year 2 took a trip to London Sealife to learn about animals that live in the water, as well as finding out about marine conservation.

They were delighted to see turtles, seahorses, sharks, jellyfish, eels and many, many more! The children were fantastic all day – what a great trip!

