

Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 6th July 2018

Message from the head



We have all been enjoying the glorious sunshine this week, not least Year 6 who went on an adventure holiday to a manor house in Suffolk last week. You may have been following their adventures on Twitter and there are also some photos on the website. It really was a wonderful opportunity for the children to have fun and be independent and try out new activities.

Of course the summer term in school also brings change as teachers move on and new teachers join us. I am sorry to tell you that Aoife Carney will be leaving to go back to Ireland at the end of this term and Jill Moriarty will also be leaving us. We will all miss both Aoife and Jill enormously but of course we wish them the very best of luck for the future. Aoife has been at Brecknock for three years, she is a wonderful teacher and her calmness and kindness have been an inspiration to us all, our loss will definitely be the Emerald Isle's gain! Although she has only been with us for a year Jill has been a great addition to the Brecknock team, and the school will not be the same without her. I am sure you will join with me in thanking Aoife and Jill for everything they have done to make Brecknock the brilliant place that it is.

Dates for your calendar

11th July	Madagascar to see Wicked at Apollo Theatre. Children will return to school at approximately 6pm
11th July	Year 6 to CLC
12th July	Sumatra Enterprise Event
18th July	Year 6 Leaver's Show 6pm performance for parents
18th July	Year 3 Exit Point—Family Lunch
19th July	Year 1 Trip to Hampstead Heath
19th July	Year 6 Prize Giving
23rd July	Year 4 to Hampstead Heath
24th July	Leaver's BBQ
25th July	Last day of term for children. School finishes at 2pm
5th September	Children return to school
22nd October - 29th October	Half Term
21st December - 7th January	Christmas holidays
8th January	Children return to school

Upcoming Friday Teas

Special FRENCH theme - July 13th



Online Safety Update

Many of you will have heard a lot about one of the new games that are very popular at the moment "Fortnite", just to alert you to the main reason it is classed as a 12+ game, is not because of the content but the fact that there is UNMODERATED CHAT allowed.

This means that the site takes no responsibility for moderating or in any way monitoring the "chat" that happens between players.

If you are allowing your children on this game, please do make sure, as I am sure you do, you keep an eye on the "chat" that runs alongside the games.

Support for Online Safety

Need help setting up your phones or tablets with safety modes?

O2 phone shops are offering a service to all, whether you are with O2 or not, to look at your devices and help you set them up with the safety settings.



Sumatra's Enterprise Event

Sumatra will be holding an enterprise event in their classroom on July 12th to raise money for their school play. They will be selling slime, brownies, waffles, mystery bags and much, much more!

Throughout the day, each class will get an opportunity to have a look at what they are selling so please bring some change.















Year 6 School Journey

Year 6 went to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk for a jammed packed adventure weekend by the sea. They conquered fears and achieved new goals doing activities such as fencing, abseiling, trapeze, archery and many more! They also learnt some great campfire songs. Moose, alpaca, moose, moose, alpaca, unicorn!



















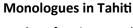






Turning Nectar into Honey

Year 1 have started to learn about bees and how they collect nectar and turn it into honey. They used drama to act out the different steps and learnt key words to help them remember each stage of the process.



Tahiti has fun this week performing monologues they had written in Literacy. They practiced with partners, considering their tone of voice, volume and facial expressions. They believed these were all essential for a good quality monologue performance. The children really enjoyed becoming Bob and Joan from I Was a Rat.













It takes guts

As part of their topic, Who Am I?, Year 6 went to the Science Museum to have a workshop about the digestive system. They then explored the Wonderlab which ignited their curiosity about the world around them.





Open Heart Surgery

Sumatra class had a visit from a real life doctor (although she wasn't wearing a white coat and blue gloves liked they guessed) to round up their learning on the human body. She bought with her a gift ... a HEART to dissect. Many of the children now want to be surgeons when they grow up!

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

