

Friday 12th October 2018

Message from the head



It has been another busy week. Children are engrossed in their learning and we are beginning to think about the first assessments of the year. We are proud that we manage to incorporate the teaching of core skills into rich thematic work. There has been some amazing home learning related to topics coming in, from models of stone age settlements, through Roman shields to the story of Medusa cartoon style. Do have a look at our Twitter feed to see some of these fantastic pieces – bravo Brecknock!

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full

18th October	School Photos (Individual and siblings)
19th October	Flu Immunisations
19th October	Last day of half term. School closes normal time.
22th—26th October	HALF TERM
29th October	School opens—children back
2nd November	Year 6 to the Imperial War Museum
8th November	Family Supper 5-7pm
12th -16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
21st November	Year 6 to the National Theatre
29th November	Parent Conferences 1.30 - 7.00pm
3rd December	Tahiti to CLC
4th December	Hawaii to CLC
7th December	Christmas Fair
11th December	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre Nursery Show 2pm
12th December	Reception show 2pm
13th December	Mersea Class show 2pm
18th December	Year 1 show 2pm
20th December	Year 2 show 2pm
21st December	Last Day of Term—School closes 2pm
24th - 6th January	SCHOOL CLOSED, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7th January	INSET day, school closed
8th January	School opens for children

Change of Meals

If your child wishes to change their meal type, whether from school meals to packed lunch or visa versa, please be reminded that you must come into the school office and complete a 'Change of Meal' form.

This can only be done half termly. If you neglect to inform the school office and do not complete a form, you will still be charged for any school meals that have been ordered on your behalf.



FAMILY SUPPER

THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Bring a dish from your culture & share with the rest of Brilliant Brecknock

Late Collection from school

If you are going to be late picking your child up from school, your child will be taken to Marianne's office until the school office has spoken to you. They will then be brought down to the school office for collection once you have arrived.

DON'T FORGET!!

'Significant Males' breakfast

every last Friday of the month, in the bottom hall from 8a.m—8.45. Whether you are a dad, stepdad, grandad, uncle or family friend Come along with your Brecknock child for this fantastic free breakfast
(no hassle or hidden meetings—just a really friendly get together)

Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas. A massive thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week—we really appreciate it!

Last week Year 2 raised £23.00

19th October—**Reception**
2nd November—**Nursery & 2YO**
9th November—**Year 5 & 6**



There was information in last's week newsletter regarding ParentPay, which will come into practice at the end of October. We would like to ask you in the meantime to try and bring in the correct cash money for items you are paying for and would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the prices of regular items:



Dinners—£2.13 per day or £10.65 per week
Gold Polo Shirts (available every Wednesday afternoon) **£6.10**
Navy Sweat Jumpers (available every Wednesday afternoon) **£7.95**
Navy Sweat Cardigans (available every Wednesday afternoon) **£8.95**
School Book Bag (available every Wednesday afternoon) **£5.50**



Sponsored Fitness Circuit with Olympic Athlete - bring your £1 sponsorship on Monday!

We're very excited to be welcoming British volleyball player Peter Bakare to the school on Monday 15th October. Born in London, England, he competed for Great Britain in the men's tournament at the 2012 Summer Olympics. He will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. We are hoping each child can find somebody to sponsor them **£1** to raise money for the event, which will be used to buy **sports equipment** for the school, while also **supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes)**. Please complete the sponsorship forms if you like to try and raise more!



Date	Focus
Tuesday November 6 th and 13 th	Maths Games We'll help you create your own fun maths games to play at home with your children.
Community Room 1:00pm – 3:00pm	
Tuesday December 4 th and 11 th	Rhyming Bags Early reading is an exciting time for your children – come along and we will create some rhyming bags to support learning at home.
Community Room 9:00am – 11:00am	

No need to sign up – please do just come along!
We will provide the expertise and the resources.
See Rachel in the Nursery if you have any questions.



National Poetry Day 2018

The whole school took part in performing different poems for National Poetry Day last week. Each class took turns in performing and they all did a fantastic job.

Green Fingers for Jamaica

Jamaica Class offered a helping hand in the roof garden, last week. They planted a variety of salad vegetables and have promised to keep an eye on them over the next few weeks. The children loved getting their hands dirty!



School Council 2018 Members

Congratulations to all the newly elected School Council Representatives. They have been elected as their class have trust in them to speak clearly, share ideas, be role models and represent their classmates in meetings. They will be discussing ways the school can be improved, it is a chance for children to have their say. (We will be meeting most Monday afternoons for 40 minutes.) We will be electing a Chair, Vice chair, Publicity Officer and Treasurer in the coming weeks.

Jersey—Kuriz and Oscar

Guernsey—Reilly and Alayah

Corsica—Stewart and Anais

Sicily—Lolly and Dahcaso

Hawaii—Laila and Muhaned

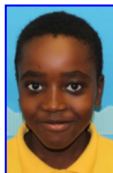
Tahiti—Neumann and Laila

Cuba—Saida and Daniel

Jamaica—Sabiir and Demi

Madagascar—Maryama and Adam Ali

Sumatra—Sienna and Ayaz

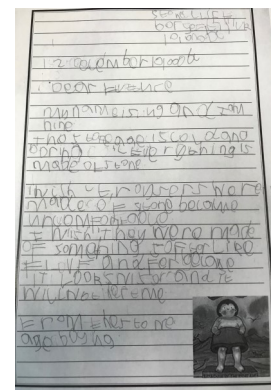


Well done to all the new members. Look out for updates in the newsletter about what we have been doing.



WELL DONE RUBY!

Ruby wrote a fantastic piece, pretending to be Ug from the stone age complaining about his trousers being 'uncomfortable'. After all, they're made of stone! Yetunde and Az were very impressed!"



Still I Rise

By Maya Angelou, 1928 – 2014

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

You may write me down in history,
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room?

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise. x3

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise, I rise, I rise.

This poem is linked to the theme of 'change'. There is a change in tone, there is a change in the way that Maya Angelou makes you think about her. Clearly, this is linked to Article 19: The right to be protected from being mistreated, in body or mind. Maya Angelou protects herself through the power of self-confidence and poetry.



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



Kaiden & Ruwayda —Mull, Ibi & Noora —Skye, Pixie & Sumeiya —Guernsey, Arif & Amina —Jersey, Violette & Neo —Y3, Kyle & Alia —Y4, Yaqub & Diego—Y5, Tesnim & Jubaira — Y6