

Friday 7th December 2018

Message from the head



This has been an exciting week as we prepare for end of term shows and received confirmation the Brecknock is a Gold level Rights Respecting School. Please read the report on the website which affirms the strength of the whole Brecknock community. I also shared the news with you that I will be leaving at the end of the summer term in 2019. Although this will be hard I would like to assure you all of the strength and excellence of the school team who will of course ensure that Brecknock remains brilliant. In any case summer is a long way ahead, we are sharing the news now as governors need to find the very best successor for me and this takes time, in the meantime it is business as usual!

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

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
15th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 (3.35pm)
17th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y2, Y4 & Y6 (3.35pm)

Message from the Chair of Governors

The School Governors would like to thank Marianne for her tireless commitment to Brecknock over the last four years, and for her commitment to leading the school with continued drive and passion through the spring and summer terms.

Brecknock is a very special school. Governors are clear that we are seeking an exceptional leader to take over from Marianne next September, and work is already underway. We will be starting by gathering your views - children, parents/carers and staff - on what kind of leader will best suit our Brilliant Brecknock community. Tiggy will be holding consultation meetings, and you can also email your views to the Governing Body directly on chair@brecknock.camden.sch.uk.

We will be celebrating Marianne's achievements at the end of the year, and wishing her a happy retirement. In the meantime, there is plenty of work to do and a year of excellent achievement ahead of us. We'll be keeping you updated.

Richard Harrison, Chair of Governors



ParentPay

250 accounts still need to be activated!

Please don't forget to activate your ParentPay accounts. As of the start of January we will be a **completely cashless** school, so now is the best time to activate your accounts and familiarise yourself with the website.

DID YOU KNOW: You can add items for multiple children into your basket, just like online shopping, and pay for them all with one check out payment. No need for separate payments!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DON'T FORGET: Afterschool clubs will **ONLY** be payable via the ParentPay website. You will have the option to pay the minimum of the half termly payment or the whole termly payment. The minimum payment is due by the 19th December—which will be £12.00 if you are free school meals or £24.00 if you aren't entitled.

- ◆ ParentPay gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever.
- ◆ It stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send into school.
- ◆ ParentPay is quick and easy to set up and to use.
- ◆ It gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely.



GOLD!!!



Brecknock has had its Rights Respecting School Award renewed and confirmed as GOLD status. We are absolutely thrilled to have all our hard work and commitment affirmed. The Rights Respecting approach really is the golden thread that holds our school together.

The Rights Respecting School Award encapsulates all whole school events, and you'd be surprised as to how much work is done towards the ethos. Even events like Community Festival and Sports Coach sessions as well as displays, debates, the arts, music - all count towards the award.

Well done everyone, it was a whole school effort.

GOLD: Rights Respecting is the highest stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award. It is granted by Unicef to schools that have fully embedded children's rights throughout the school in its policies, practice and ethos, as outlined in the three RRSA Strands.



Friday 14th December

The 14th is national Christmas Jumper day. Staff members will be paying £1 to wear a Christmas jumper to school.



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next Friday tea. 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!

14th December — **Year 1**

Please remember—**NO NUTS** whatsoever.



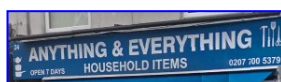
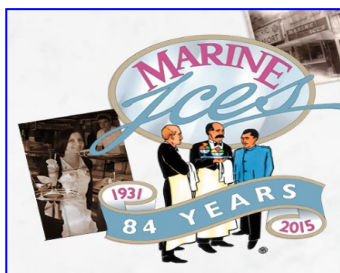
Children are also very welcome to do the same. Please **do not** buy a jumper specially! If your child would like to wear a Christmas, or festive, top on **Friday 14th** they are most welcome to but there is no need for them to do so.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm
ON FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER**

A BIG THANK YOU !

Brecknock School would like to say a big thank you to the following companies, you have kindly and generously donated items for the Christmas Fair, which was held today.



SCHOOL PLAYS!

It is that wonderful time of the year, when we have some fantastic plays for your viewing pleasure.

Please find the dates below:

Tuesday 11th—NURSERY SHOW 2pm

Wednesday 12th—RECEPTION SHOW 2pm

Thursday 13th—MERSEA SHOW 2pm

Tuesday 18th—YEAR 1 2pm

Thursday 20th—YEAR 2 2pm

Please arrive at promptly at 1:50pm to be seated in the middle hall.



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



n/a—Mull, n/a—Skye, n/a—Guernsey, n/a—Jersey, Lolly & Eldana —Y3, Liam —Y4, Ahmed & Hannah—Y5, Fjona & Penelope & Greta & Galois —Y6