

Friday 18th January 2019

Message from the Head and the Chair of Governors.



This week I am handing over my message to Richard Harrison, Chair of Governors.



Dear All,
On behalf of the Governing Body, I am writing to wish you a very happy new year, in the hope that 2019 has started well for you all. We hope that all of Brecknock's pupils, families and staff have a very happy and successful 2019.

The first term of the academic year was another very positive one for Brecknock. Children and staff had a fantastic start to the new school year, not least our EYFS pupils who have a wonderful new outdoor space to use every day. This successful start to the 2018-2019 school year builds on the fantastic results from last year, and bodes well for our pupils' further accomplishments this year, both inside and outside of the classroom.

We welcomed two new governors last term; Charli is our new teaching staff governor, and Chris Massam has joined us as a co-opted governor. Charli and Chris will help the Governing Body to continue its important work in support of the school.

As you know, we have started our search for a new Headteacher to take over from Marianne from September. We are extremely sorry that Marianne will be leaving us at the end of the summer, but have started our search for someone new to take over from Marianne and build on hers and the school's significant strengths. I am extremely grateful to all the children, families and staff who shared their thoughts on what we are looking for in our new Headteacher. Your thoughts have fed directly into the recruitment pack that we are using to advertise the role; you can see it on the TES website. Thank you, also, to all the children and families who appear in the beautiful photographs that were taken specifically for the recruitment pack; you will also see these lovely images on the school website.

I, on behalf of governors, will keep you updated on our progress through the remainder of the recruitment period. In fact, do remember to share the link to the ad within your own networks so that we can find the very best person out there!

Writing the recruitment pack for Brecknock was a wonderful job, as it allowed governors to reflect on what makes Brecknock a wonderful school. Thank you for your ongoing support of 'Brilliant Brecknock', and good luck for the term ahead.

Very best wishes

Richard Harrison, Chair of Governors

Dates for your calendar

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

21st January	Sicily to the CLC
22nd January	Corsica to the CLC
25th January	Significant Males' breakfast
29th January	Choir at Young Voices O2
29th January	Reception Class to Whipsnade Zoo
7th February	Year 5 to Keats House
11th February	Nursery to London Zoo
11th February	Year 5 to Science Museum
13th February	Maths Challenge Day
18th— 22nd Feb	HALF TERM
25th February	Year 3 to Science Museum
27th February	Year 2 to London Zoo
28th February	Year 6 to Natural History Museum
1st March	Year 4 to Natural History Museum
7th March	Cuba to CLC WORLD BOOK DAY
8th March	Jamaica to CLC
11th—15th March	Steam Week
13th March	Jamaica at CRICK
15th March	Cuba at CRICK
15th March	Red Nose Day
22nd March	Significant Males' Breakfast
4th April	Year 6 to The Houses of Parliament
5th April	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm
8th—22th April	Easter Holidays
23rd April	School Open for the start of Summer Term

CELEBRATIONS



We have much to celebrate this January. Last week our very own Jackie Williams celebrated 18 years working here at Brecknock! And our wonderful Tiggy Mitchell celebrated her 24th anniversary at the school!



On behalf of all at Brecknock we thank you and wish you as many more years working here. Brecknock wouldn't be the same without you.



There will also be a birthday to celebrate on Wednesday next week, John Tavener, the face of the Brecknock home time gate will be celebrating his 70th birthday!



We would all like to wish John a very Happy Birthday.

Afterschool clubs

We still have spaces in the following of our great afterschool clubs:

Arsenal Football—years 4-6—(Mondays)
 Cheerleading—years 3-6—(Tuesdays)
 Arts & Crafts—years 2-6 (Wednesdays)
 Multi-sports—years 1-3—(Wednesdays)
 KS2 Dance—years 3-6—(Wednesdays)
 KS1 Dance—years 1-2—(Thursdays)
 Computer club—years 3-6 (Thursdays)
 Dodgeball—years 4-6 (Fridays)
 Pottery—years 2-6 (Fridays)
 Gardening club— years 2-6 (Fridays)



Friday Teas

Here is the schedule for the next 3 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 Reception class raised £82.31!

25th January— **Earth Protection Team**

1st February— **Year 6**

8th February —**Reception**



Did you know that 24 million slices of bread are wasted on average every day in the UK? To help you cut back on any bread waste at home, Keep Britain Tidy are hosting a **free** cookery workshop on Tuesday 5th March 2019 in the Dining Hall at Brecknock Primary School! Come along to the workshop to see a demonstration by our professional chefs of how to make bread and butter pudding, before getting the chance to make and eat a delicious panzanella salad for yourself! The workshop is open to parents at the school as well as friends and family, so be sure to spread the word! Bring along some Tupperware too as you'll likely be able to take some tasty food away with you. The workshop will kick off at 3:30pm following the end of the school day.

If you would like to take part please inform the school office or sign up on the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/save-a-crust-camden-free-cookery-workshop-tickets-54758991618>



A SPACESHIP HAS CRASHED!!

On Monday Year 1 we entered our classrooms in the morning to find a massive mess! The table and chairs were upside down, there were leaves everywhere, an alien had left a sign and there was even a hula hoop on a chair! We have no idea what happened so we spent the morning predicting.



A Jungle in Nursery!

Nursery class had a surprise when they came back to school. The room had partly transformed into a jungle! Animals and a leaf canopy hangs from the ceiling and the children have been playing with lots of animal masks. They have been learning a new song called "Walking in the jungle". Despite the cold weather, Nursery have been learning outside and have been busy building lots of houses and



During Autumn 2018, Chantelle travelled to Siaya, Kenya to embark on a 3 month volunteering programme with VSO-ICS. The charity's goal was to reduce unemployment and underemployment amongst marginalised women in the community aged 18-25. In addition, Chantelle worked in a special needs school with pupils suffering from a range of both physical and mental disabilities. Through Chantelle's work with VSO-ICS she was able to host events and marches surrounding spreading awareness on the theme "disability is not inability", HIV awareness, the importance of volunteerism, gender based violence and much more.

"I'm so grateful I've had the opportunity to volunteer with VSO-ICS in Kenya and help those in less fortunate situations. It's so heart-warming knowing that I've made a small contribution in changing the life of others. I will forever cherish my memories in Kenya and hope to visit again one day."



"Our dream is that no child in the capital grows up without essential items of clothing, toys and equipment. We keep babies warm, clothed and entertained, with a safe place to sleep and a means of getting out of the house."

If you're struggling for money, on a low income, and worrying about how you will provide for your children, then Little Village Camden can help support you with clothes, toys, books and equipment for your children up to the age of 5. Talk to your support worker to ask them to refer you, as you need to be referred to us by someone like a midwife, family support worker, health visitor, food bank, social worker, or Children's Centre.

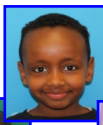
To make a referral, please visit www.littlevillagehq.org/get-involved/make-a-referral

Also if you have any of the following items which can be gifted: Clothes for 0-5, cots, towels, playmats, highchairs, stairgates, buggies, toiletries, toys, games—please sign up at the school office to join a coffee morning on Friday 8th February 2019, which will be held in the lunch hall at Brecknock.

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



Rytadj & Hazel —Mull, Mustafa & Annabel —Skye, Janet & Lester —Guernsey, Arif & Oscar —Jersey, Nolowi & Della —Y3, Maya & Ava —Y4, Natasha & Helin —Y5, Adam Ali & Kyleene —Y6