

Friday 15th February 2019

Message from the Head and the Chair of Governors.



As another busy half term draws to a close I would like to wish you all a productive and restful half term. I also have a message for you from Richard Harrison, Chair of Governors:

Thank you all for your support so far in our work to find a new Head Teacher for September. Governors have been delighted with parents' and carers' willingness to take part in surveys and submit questions for, and attend, the Q&A as part of the interview process. I wanted to share with you that governors have decided to temporarily postpone the interview days that are a key part of the recruitment process for a new Head Teacher. Recruiting the right person to lead the school after Marianne's retirement is governors' key priority, and we are prepared to wait for the right person. If we had interviewed this week, we would not have had a full enough field of candidates to make that choice. Instead, we will hold the interviews next half term, and the Governing Body looks forward to your continued support in this. I will be in touch with you again after half term with more information.

Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year

Have a safe and enjoyable half term holiday. Thank you, Richard.

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	WORLD BOOK DAY
8th March	Year 5 to the Planetarium
11th—15th March	Science / STEAM Week
13th March	Jamaica at CRICK
15th March	Cuba at CRICK
15th March	Red Nose Day Non-Uniform Day
20th March	NSPCC Assembly & Workshop
21st March	NSPCC Assembly & Workshop
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—22nd April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23rd April	School Open for the start of Summer Term

Brilliant Brecknock is delighted to offer WRAP AROUND CARE for children between 2 & 5 yrs old, FROM MARCH!

- * Based in Mersea class from 1530-1800.
- * Fruit, Bagels, milk & water provided
- * A friendly & enthusiastic team providing safe, secure & personalised care after school
- * A qualified teacher onsite at all times.
- * Please contact the office for more details.



School Council News

Over the past few weeks, the School Council have been voting for the charities we are looking to support. We chose 3—a homeless charity "Shelter", Children with cancer (after Eijaz from Cuba gave a brilliant speech explaining how good they were) and W.W.F (World Wildlife Fund).

Last week they were voting for different questions that we are going to ask the new Head Teacher candidates. This will help the governors to choose the right person. The people whose questions were chosen were Oscar, Demi, Alaya, Kruiz and Muhanad. We are all looking forward to meeting the person who will become the new Head Teacher.

By Muhanad Publicity Officer

ParentPay activations & MERITS!



Thank you to everyone who has activated their accounts so far—71% of the school! We have 115 accounts still to be activated across the school.

As an incentive to activate your accounts, (as everyone needs to have one regardless of if you are on Free School Meals or not), the school office are going to offer a merit to each child for the first class that has every account activate within that particular class (*KS1 & KS2 only receive merits*). The numbers in the table reflect the outstanding accounts in each class.

We would like to remind everyone that accounts are needed to purchase uniform, pay for school trips, afterschool clubs, breakfast clubs and lunches.

Thank you to everyone who has activated so far.

Class	Number of Accounts needed to be activated
Mull	4
Skye	6
Jersey	8
Guernsey	7
Sicily	3
Corsica	5
Hawaii	11
Tahiti	6
Cuba	5
Jamaica	3
Madagascar	12
Sumatra	13

Friday Teas



Last Friday the reception classes hosted the Friday tea and raised £56.48!

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!

1st March—Year 4

8th March—Year 3

15th March—Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)





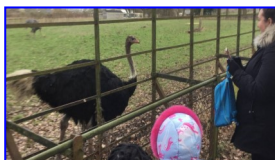
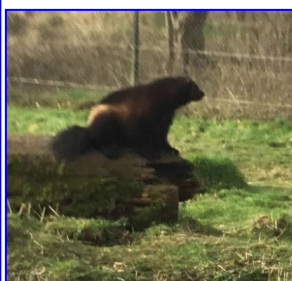
Book Club has got off to a fiery start! This week the club painted candles, similar to the ones that hang in the hotel in the book they are currently reading - *The nothing to see here hotel*, by Stephen Butler.

It is a tale of magical creatures staying in a hotel run by Frankie Banister and his parents. When a goblin messenger arrives at the hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest. But it soon becomes obvious that the Banister family are going to have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...



Reception At Whipsnade Zoo

Reception went to Whipsnade Zoo as part of their bear topic. They were very fortunate to see a bear—as at this time of year bears usually hibernate. The visit was enhanced by seeing lots of different animals and the children were excited to see a real tiger and rhino. They were amazed at the size of the animals, especially the tall giraffes!

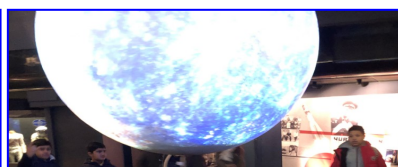


Busy Adventures With Year 5

Last week Year 5 visited Keats House as part of their poetry unit. The children learnt all about the tragic life of John Keats and his journey to becoming a famous, Romantic poet. After looking around the house, they had the opportunity to write their own poems.



This week Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum, where they were able to look at the different aspects of space. They were really interested in the replicas of the rockets that had actually been to space! Whilst they were there, they also visited the IMAX cinema, where they watched a documentary called 'Hubble'. It was all about the telescope they sent to space and the astronauts that were sent to fix it. As it was 3D, it was really cool and it actually felt like they were flying in space. A few of us even tried to catch the stars!



Earth Protection Team

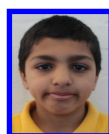
The Earth Protection Team took part in a workshop about Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment. They found out where the raw materials to make a smartphone are mined from and plotted these on a world map. Materials used to make mobile phones are collected from ALL over the worlds, China-South America.

If WEEE ends up in a landfill it will often leak dangerous chemicals into the surrounding environment, affecting water supplies and local wildlife. We found out that the best thing to do with your WEEE is:

1. **REDUCE** the amount of WEEE products you use. "Do you really NEED that new mobile phone?" "Could you buy a 2nd hand product?"
2. **REUSE** your WEEE products by giving them to charity or selling them online.
3. **RECYCLE** your WEEE products at a local recycling centre in the special Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment bin. These will then be taken apart and the materials can be reused.



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



Beau &

Brianna—Mull, Lola & Callum—Skye,

Zaynab—Y4, Sameer & Amy—Y5, Saki & Callum—Y6

Guernsey, Louie & Casie—Jersey, Ruby & Rabia—Y3, Hassan &