

Friday 10th May 2019

Message from the head



It has been an eventful and rewarding start to the term, with lots more exciting learning and events to look forward to. It was good to see so many of you at last week's Curriculum Meetings, share your experiences and hear your thoughts about children's learning at Brecknock. We have also been talking to children about Ramadan and what this means.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) for children in Year 2 and Year 6. This is absolutely nothing for children to worry about—simply an opportunity for them to show everything they have learned over their years at school. We will let you know the results of these assessments in July. We are also busy planning an Art Day for later in the summer term, watch this space for more details.

Dates for your calendar

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

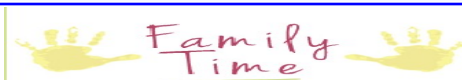
Wc 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (13th—16th)
13th May	Mull to the CLC
14th May	Skye to the CLC
Wc 20th May	Key Stage 1 SATs (20th—24th)
20th May	Nursery (half) to Gillespie Park
20th May	Year 3 to Kew Gardens
24th May	Nursery (half) to Gillespie Park
27th May—31st May	HALF TERM
4th June	Madagascar to CLC
4th June	Tahiti to Wagamama
6th June	Year 6 to Shakespeare Globe Theatre
10th June	Phonics Screening Week
12th June	SPORTS DAY (Years 1—6)
27th June	Year 3 to London Zoo
28th June	Summer Fair 2019
11th July	Hawaii to Wagamama
19th July	END OF SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM

Attendance Winners! *School is great, so don't be late!*

Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	Total Late After Registers Have Closed
Corsica	93.8%	5	0
Cuba	94.9%	2	0
Guernsey	98.1%	2	1
Hawaii	98.5%	8	0
Jamaica	97.3%	5	0
Jersey	91.9%	7	0
Lindisfarne	95.5%	1	0
Lundy	92.4%	0	0
Madagascar	95.5%	2	0
Mull	99.4%	3	0
Sicily	94.3%	4	1
Skye	95.3%	0	0
Sumatra	98.0%	4	1
Tahiti	98.7%	1	0

WELL DONE to **Mull** and **Tahiti** classes, who for the second week in a row have the highest level of attendance!

For the other classes, there is always room for improvement, but let's keep up the good work and aim for 100% attendance in the Summer



Family Drop Ins

We host a Family 0-5 years drop in every Monday and Thursday, 9:00-11:00 in the Lower Hall. All are welcome and it is FREE!

In addition on a Monday between 0920-1020, we host Mabel's Monsters music session. It's fun and the children really enjoy it.



Fasting for Ramadan



This is to remind any parents of an older child wishing to fast over Ramadan that they should have received a letter from school about this. We know you will have thought carefully about how your child manages fasting during Ramadan and the school will be respectful of your decision. Please be aware that the school must have this request in writing and signed by the parent, to ensure that we can support your child safely, with appropriate arrangements. Thank you for your support in this.

A Polite Request

Please remember that the playground should be vacated by 3.50pm each day. Also recently a lot of litter has been left in the playground after home time. This is shocking considering how many litter and recycling bins there are around school. Please encourage your children not to leave their litter. Thank you.



Last Friday the Mersea and Nursery classes hosted the Friday Tea and raised **£69.79**.

A big thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week, we really appreciate it!

The Next Teas are:

17th May	Year 5
24th May	Year 4
7th June	Year 3
14th June	Year 2
21st June	Year 1

Programming Robots

Year 5 visited the CLC last week, where they were able to have a go at programming robots! The children had to work out how to make the robots move using coding. It was a challenging experience, but nobody gave up!



Sealife!

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Sealife Centre at the London Aquarium this week, as part of their water topic. They saw some amazing living creatures and marine life—even some penguins! They even got to gently touch some starfish in the rock pools.



The Garden at The Science Museum

Bishop Rock Nursery class visited the Science Museum last week and had fun exploring The Garden, which is an interactive area where the children could explore construction, water, light and sound.



A Pirate's Life For Me

This week Reception went on an exciting trip to a real pirate ship called The Golden Hinde. We were lucky enough to meet a real pirate on the ship, who showed us around and told us what life was like for pirates nearly 500 years ago. We got to have a go at steering the ship, and tried on some real pirate clothes. We had to be really careful not to hit our heads on the low ceilings on the lower decks of the ship!



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



Beau & Rayan—Mull, Amirah —Skye, —Guernsey, Layan & Niko —Jersey, Serisa & Alice —Y3, Nour & Kaiynat —Y4, Mohamed & Najma —Y5, Adam & Alfie — Y6