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Dear Families

So we have almost made it to the end of November before we have formally mentioned Christmas on the Newsletter! You will see that this year we would really like to invite parents to join us from Christmas lunch. You will be able to join your child to eat at this special celebration lunch. The food here at Brecknock is actually very good - come and see for yourselves.

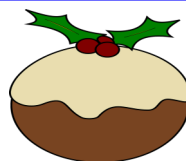
Another busy week here in school with lots of our classes going out to the Owl Bookshop and buying new books for their classes. We have had two more brilliant class assemblies - well done Jersey and Hawaii - you did a great job!

I wish you all a lovely restful weekend,

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Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be having our school Christmas lunch. If your child doesn't usually have a school lunch but would like to have the Christmas lunch, please sign up at the office by Tuesday 10th December. The cost is £2.21 per child.



In addition, some exciting news for Christmas Lunch this year. We would like to invite any parents that are able to attend, to come and join us for Christmas Lunch and sit with your child and enjoy lunch together. The cost will be £3.00 per adult.



If you are wishing to attend, please sign up at the school office by Tuesday 10th December.

The menu on displayed in the school office and dining hall.

Calendar

- Wednesday 27th November**
 - Year 2 trip to The CLC
 - Madagascar Class assembly
- 9.10am Middle Hall
 - Nursery & Reception Literacy Open Morning 9.00am
 - Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.30pm
- Thursday 28th November**
 - Pre-booked Parent Welfare
 - Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.30pm
- Friday 22nd November**
 - Lindisfarne class assembly
- 9.10am Bottom Hall
 - Reception Trip to The Far Far Away Orchestra

Attendance Winners

Well Done to Jersey for having the highest attendance in KS1 and Sumatra in KS2 for having 100% attendance last week!



Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	97%	3	0%
Cuba	96%	6	0%
Guernsey	95%	1	0%
Hawaii	97%	7	0%
Jamaica	95%	4	0%
Jersey	99%	7	0%
Lindisfarne	90%	3	4%
Lundy	97%	6	4%
Madagascar	95%	5	0%
Mull	93%	4	0%
Sicily	95%	3	5%
Skye	91%	5	18%
Sumatra	100%	3	0%
Tahiti	98%	0	0%

Coffee Afternoon Cancelled

Due to Parents' Evening the coffee afternoon on the 28th November has been cancelled.

Busy Times in Year 4

Year 4 have been extremely busy recently. As part of their sound topic they have been making different musical instruments. First they demonstrated the importance of vibration through the making of a guitar. Then they made panpipes to show how pitch can change too.



Tahiti class also had a poetry workshop, as part of the 'I Know, I Wish, I Will' project.



Stars Of The Week!

Here are our KS2 Stars of The Week! Good Job everyone.



Reading Map

Here are some of our Year 5 and 6 Bronze and Silver Camden Reading Map winners! Well done everyone and keep on reading.



Building Big!

If you need any building works, look no further than our very own Early Years classes. They drew up big plans and using pulleys, pipes and poles, they created a whole mini world in the sandpit. What great work everyone.



Tate Britain - Year 3 Project

Last year Academy and BAFTA award winning director Steve McQueen invited Year 3 pupils to have their photograph taken. A total of 76,146 pupils across 1,504 schools in London, had their photo taken and these have been brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing a milestone year in their development, which is on display until May 2020 at The Tate Britain.

Last year's Sicily class, were included. Their photo was also created as a billboard, which is on displayed across various locations throughout London.



Lost Items

The school office has a collection of lost glasses. If you are missing anything, please come and check with us.

Recently a green and blue S Oliver watch went missing. If anyone has found it, please hand it in to the school office. Thank you.

Meet The Staff—Katie Cooke



This is Katie, one of our current Year 2 teachers. She is brand new to Brecknock having just started this September.

Luckily, yellow is her favourite colour and one of her favourite books is "The Twits" by Roald Dahl, because it is just so funny.

She is a fan of giraffes, Thai food and would love to live in Australia, but would need to overcome her fear of spiders first.

At karaoke you will hear her singing 'Shake it off' by Taylor Swift. And if waking up after being frozen for 100 years, she would probably ask about a good place to eat.

Year 6 School Journey 2020

Please remember that you must log on to ParentPay before **November 30th** to make your first instalment.



(You have 8 days left).

The best advice would be to make a payment of as little as £1 to keep it as an active item and then once you have made that first payment, you have until May 1st to pay the full amount.

If you have any questions, please speak to Lindsey in the school office or Henry.

Thank You

RETIREMENT OF JANET BEACH

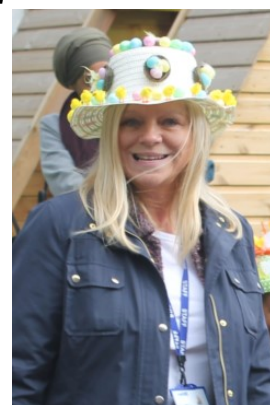


After 39 years of teaching at Brecknock Janet , our fantastic year one teacher, has decided it's time to hang up the chalk and retire. I am sure you will join with me in saying how privileged our Brecknock children, present and past, have been to have such an amazing teacher.

I know she will have taught many of your children and perhaps also taught you or members of family as she has been such a large part of our community for so many years.

Janet's last day with us will be Thursday 19th December 2019. We are organising an afternoon tea party of children present and past, so they can say thank you and farewell to Janet. This will take place on Monday 16th December at 3.30pm in the lunch hall so if you are around please do make sure you pop in .

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it has been to work Janet. I have only known her since September but can recognize what a brilliant teacher and individual she is. I wish Janet a very happy and hopefully restful retirement - I am sure you will agree it's very well deserved!



Second Hand Shop



We will be holding a second hand shop at the Christmas Fair. Please donate clothes, books, school uniform and toys which you no longer need. Please bring in donations from 25th November – 6th December and give them to the school office.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

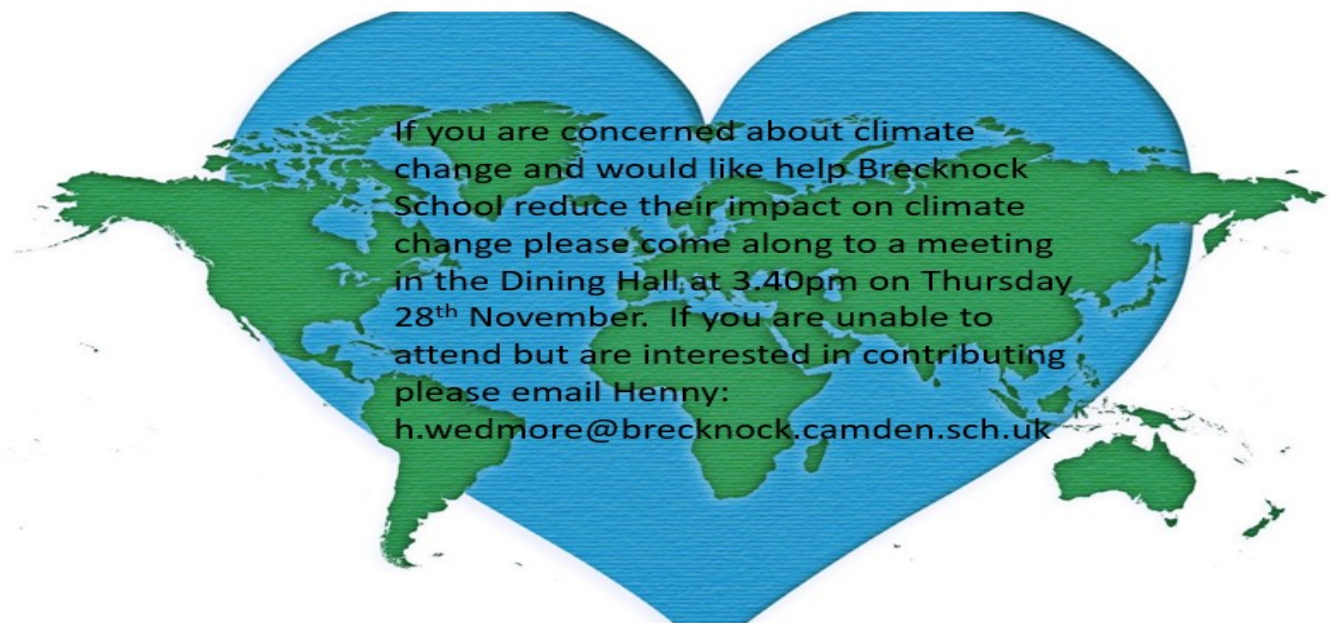


Please bring your reusable cups to our Christmas Fair to help reduce the amount of plastic waste going to landfill. You will receive a discount on hot and cold drinks if you use your own cup!



Climate Change

Calling all families concerned about climate change!
28th November 3.40pm



Switch Off Fortnight

We are taking part in Switch Off Fortnight until 29th November. We are trying to save electricity and energy by switching off lights and appliances around school when they are not being used.

Year 3 have been busy checking the school to find lights, chargers, whiteboards and other electrical items, which have been left on and then switching them off.

Our fantastic energy monitors have been reading the school electricity metre each week to work out how much electricity (and money!) we can save by remembering to SWITCH OFF!

What electronic devices and appliances can you switch off at home?

