

Dear Brecknock families,
I can hardly believe I've only been here for one term. You have all made me feel so welcome. It has been an amazingly busy term with lots of trips, poetry competitions, family super and of course of festive celebrations which have been taking place this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the staff that work at Brecknock and make it such a special community school. We have incredible teachers and support staff without whom the school would not feel so special. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them a very happy and restful Christmas break.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in 2020 and once again thank you for your incredible support since I arrived.

Seasons greetings
Cal



Attendance Winners

Well Done to Guernsey for having the highest attendance in KS1! Well done to Hawaii for having the highest in KS2 with 100% - the highest in the whole school for last week between the 9th and 13th.



Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	99%	3	5%
Cuba	93%	2	10%
Guernsey	96%	0	7%
Hawaii	100%	5	0%
Jamaica	95%	4	7%
Jersey	93%	0	11%
Lindisfarne	87%	10	11%
Lundy	84%	5	22%
Madagascar	93%	6	7%
Mull	95%	8	0%
Sicily	94%	6	0%
Skye	88%	7	24%
Sumatra	95%	1	4%
Tahiti	93%	4	4%

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Calendar

- **Monday 6th January 2020**
- Return to school
- **Wednesday 8th January 2020**
- Year 2 to London Zoo
- **Friday 10th January 2020**
- Year 4 to The Tate Britain
- **Friday 14th February 2020**
- Inset Day
- **Monday 17th - 21st February**
- Spring Half Term
- **Monday 24th February**
- Return to school
- **Friday 3rd April 2020**
- End of Spring Term 3.25pm finish
- **Monday 6th - Friday 17th April**
- Easter Half Term
- **Monday 20th April 2020**
- Return to school for the start of the summer term.
- **Friday 8th May 2020**
- Bank Holiday
- **Monday 25th - Friday 29th May**
- Summer Half term
- **Monday 1st June 2020**
- Return to school
- **Thursday 4th June 2020**
- KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
- **Friday 3rd July 2020**
- EYFS Sports Day
- **Friday 10th July 2020**
- Community Festival
- **Friday 17th July 2020**
- End of School Year 3.25pm finish

Message from The Chair

At the end of a very busy but successful term, I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body to thank you for your support.

Just three-and-a-half months ago Cal was new to Brecknock, and in her first term she has met with a huge number of parents/carers as she gets to know the Brecknock community. She has worked tirelessly with staff to review what the school does really well, and identify those areas where changes are welcome. And, most importantly, Cal has been very busy getting to know every one of our fantastic pupils.

The Governing Body has spent time this term reviewing how it works so that it can be as effective and efficient as possible. We agreed a new committee structure at our last meeting, as well as adopting a year planner that will support us in our work. I am immensely proud to lead the Governing Body, and I know that governors take very seriously their roles in supporting the development of Brilliant Brecknock.

I do hope you and your families are able to rest over the holiday period, and I wish you well for a happy and successful 2020.

Very best wishes
Richard Harrison
Chair of Governors

Total Term Attendance

In addition to last week's attendance totals, which are on the front page, below you can find the overall attendance levels for your child's class for this whole term. The overall attendance total for the whole school for the autumn term was 95%.

Well done to Jersey in KS1 and to Tahiti in KS2 for having the highest attendance of the term.

Throughout this term, each of the following classes had 100% attendance for a whole week, twice - Guernsey, Hawaii, Tahiti and Sumatra. Well done to you all.

Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	97.1%	69	14%
Cuba	94.0%	100	28%
Guernsey	95.2%	28	14%
Hawaii	97.9%	50	9%
Jamaica	95.8%	41	23%
Jersey	96.5%	54	28%
Lindisfarne	90.0%	68	30%
Lundy	93.8%	62	37%
Madagascar	95.0%	79	22%
Mull	94.2%	46	27%
Sicily	93.8%	63	50%
Skye	93.4%	67	53%
Sumatra	97.2%	50	23%
Tahiti	98.1%	33	21%

Change of Meals - IMPORTANT INFO

If your child wishes to change their meal type, whether from school meals to packed lunch or visa versa, please be reminded that you must come into the school office and complete a 'Change of Meal' form. This can only be done half termly.

If you neglect to inform the school office and do not complete a form, you will still be charged for any school meals that have been ordered on your behalf.

Great Work From A Few Stars



Kaynat even made a back pack bag completely out of paper!

Meet The Staff - Naomi Abbey



This is Naomi, one of our reception teachers who started with us in September of this year. She LOVES Ethiopian food, especially injera with vegetable sides. Naomi can count to 100 in Thai and order food in Spanish, but would love to learn Spanish properly, if anyone can help her.

Her favourite colour to wear is black and khaki green, but her favourite colour itself is sunset orange. She loves watching sunsets and sunrises.

She would love to visit China, but would choose to live in Brazil. Having visited there last year for a wedding, she left at home there. She says she would live there for a few years and then retire in the Caribbean.

Christmas and Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter Fair last Friday. What a lovely turn out. Thank you to everyone who helped out on any of the stalls, including the staff but particularly to Tanja, Leila, Syeda, Anita, Serap, Schabnam, Luthfa, June, Cecile and Michael.

Thank you to all the children from year 5 who helped out with the clothes and toy stall, which raised £125.00 for the animal charity WWF, as well as adopting a sloth bear and a slow Loris, as part of international animal rescue. Also a big thank you to the two elves at Santa's Grotto.

We raised a total of **£899.50!**



Farewell Janet

This week we said goodbye to Janet Beach, who is retiring after having worked here at Brecknock for the past 39 years. We threw Janet a farewell party on Monday and here are a few photos from the day and some from throughout the years and a few words from the lady herself.



Dear Parents and Children,

I'd like to say a very big thank you for all of you love and support during my time here at Brecknock. Teaching is a partnership where we work together to achieve the very best outcome for the children. I feel so blessed to have had a long and successful time here and have seen 100's of children grow and flourish. I once read a quote that said 'People won't necessarily remember how you made them feel'. I hope that I have left positive feelings for all that I have taught. Thanking you all once again.

Much Love,

Janet x

