

Dear Families

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This week we are launching our new full programme of parents workshops for Spring term. The workshops will be delivered by teachers and senior leaders to give you a better insight into some of the strategies we use in school. There are numerous workshops covering topics such as reading, maths, behaviour management and PSHE. We have provided all the dates on the final page of this newsletter.

We have also displayed all the dates and details outside the main entrance on our new Parental Engagement Board, please do take a look and note the dates in your diary.

As you can see from this Newsletter it's been another busy week of brilliant learning at Brecknock with trips out for some year groups and visitors coming in.

Have a lovely weekend  
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## An Important Message

The school office would like to remind everyone again that if your child is off sick or at an appointment or off for any other reason, you must call the school number on each day of absence.

The school's phone number is 020 7485 6334. You can choose option 1 - where you can leave a voicemail message regarding your child's absence. Please note that you should phone up and leave a voicemail or speak to us directly **BEFORE** 9am.

If we do not receive a phone call, your child's absence could be listed as unauthorised, which will affect their attendance percentage. We have to regularly inform the Local Authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from school or have irregular attendance.

## Calendar

- **Tuesday 21st January 2020**  
- Jamaica Class - Young City Poets Event, Tower of London
- **Wednesday 22nd January 2020**  
- Corsica Class Assembly  
9am - Middle Hall  
  
- Year 4 swimming day  
Don't forget your swimming towel
- **Friday 24th January 2020**  
- Skye Class Assembly  
9am - Bottom Hall

## Attendance Winners

Well done to Guernsey for getting the highest attendance this week for KS1 and to Sumatra and Tahiti in KS2.



Class	Total Attendance for this week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	97%	2	5%
Cuba	95%	11	0%
Guernsey	99%	0	0%
Hawaii	97%	2	0%
Jamaica	97%	1	3%
Jersey	98%	4	0%
Lindisfarne	90%	7	11%
Lundy	89%	6	15%
Madagascar	96%	3	0%
Mull	97%	7	5%
Sicily	94%	2	16%
Skye	96%	3	0%
Sumatra	98%	4	4%
Tahiti	98%	1	4%

We would also like to congratulate all the children who obtained 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. There were 86 children in total, with the highest amount of children coming from Year 4. Each child received a special badge.



## The Famous 4!

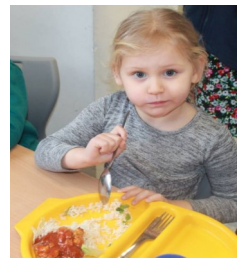
You may remember us mentioning in Issue 11 that when our current Year 4 classes were in Year 3, Oscar Winning Director Steve McQueen had their photo taken as part of his installation at The Tate Britain. Last week Tahiti and Hawaii went to visit their photo. The children felt immensely proud of their new found fame.



## Nursery BIG News

WOW our Nursery children are now enjoying eating their lunch in the BIG lunch room. They are transitioning like professionals and have even improved with their cutlery skills.

Some of them even get to see their older brothers and sisters too, which is nice.



## Stars Of The Week

Well done to this week's stars! What beautiful stars to be presented with.

Keep up the good work!



## Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs got off to a flying start this week, beginning on Monday with our new Board Games club. The children played giant snakes and ladders and although they were all trying to get to the top first, they were cheering each other on and having lots of fun.



If your child attends an afterschool club, please remember that you must pay at least half of the payment today. Failure to meet payment will result in not being able to attend any clubs next week. The second instalment is due no later than Friday 14th February.

We still have places available in My Maths (Tuesdays), Pottery (Wednesdays) and Multi-sports for years 1,2 & 3 (Thursdays).

Please sign up at the school office.

## Class Assemblies

Here are the dates of this term's class assemblies:

### KS2

Wednesday 22nd January	Corsica
Wednesday 29th January	Sumatra
Wednesday 5th February	Cuba
Wednesday 12th February	Hawaii
Wednesday 11th March	Jamaica
Wednesday 18th March	Sicily
Wednesday 25th March	Madagascar
Wednesday 1st April	Tahiti

### KS1

Friday 24th January	Skye
Friday 31st January	Guernsey
Friday 7th February	Lundy
Friday 13th March	Mull
Friday 20th March	Jersey
Friday 27th March	Lindisfarne

We would love to see all of you at the class assembly, to celebrate the children's work. Please put these dates in your diary for the Spring term.

## Meet The Staff - Mel Gordon



Please meet Mel, a Year 5 teacher, who has worked at Brecknock since October 2018.

Mel is a member of a choir and a book club outside of school and is currently reading a few different books at once, including "The Man who mistook his wife for a hat".

Her favourite colour is turquoise, as it reminds her of relaxing by the sea. She calls herself a solar powered human, as she sunshine makes her happy. She even spent 6 months living in Madrid and 5 months in Sri Lanka. Thankfully she can speak a little Spanish, so living in Spain wouldn't be a problem. Although next on her travel list, is Japan.

If she could have any historical figure over for dinner it would David Bowie. Mel was obsessed with Pandas as child and had to wait until she was 25 before she finally saw one in the flesh at Edinburgh Zoo. Her Granny is her ultimate inspiration hero.

## Term Dates For 2020/2021

Term	Start	Finish
AUTUMN 1	<b>Training Days</b> Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 20 Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 20 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 20	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 20
	<b>Children Start</b> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 20	
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 20	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 20
AUTUMN 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 20	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 20
Christmas	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 20	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 21

Term	Start	Finish
SUMMER 1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 21	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 21
Half term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 21	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 21
SUMMER 2	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 21	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 21
		<b>Training Day</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 21
Summer	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 21	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 21

Term	Start	Finish
SPRING 1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 21	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 21
		<b>Training Day</b> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 21
Half term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 21	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 21
SPRING 2	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 21	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 21
Easter	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 21	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 21

## Coffee Morning

Please join us on Friday 24th January at 9.00am if you are looking for a volunteer position.

**Brecknock**  
Primary School  
*A lighthouse of learning*

**Brecknock is looking for volunteers!**  
Come and hear about a great opportunity!

**FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 9.00AM**

There is an exciting new opportunity coming up at the school and we are organising a coffee morning for parents who are interested in hearing about it.

Do you want to:

- volunteer a few hours a week to help other parents?
- learn new skills and get some new experience?
- Get free training?
- add to your CV?

You do not have to have any recent work or volunteering experience because the training will prepare you for the role.

Come along and hear all about this great opportunity on Friday 24th January!

**GREATER LONDON**  
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## Parental Engagement Workshops - Spring Term

We are launching an extensive programme of parent workshops and support groups over the Spring term. There is a new display board outside the main entrance advertising all the dates and times of the workshops. Please do try and attend as many as you can because this will help you get more involved in your child's learning and understand how we can work together to support them to reach their full potential.

I have listed some of the dates below ;

Date	Time	Year group	Title of workshop
28/01/20	9am	1 & 2	Relationship & Sex Education
29/01/20	9am	1 to 6	Zones of Regulations (behaviour & emotions)
29/01/20	3.45pm	3&4	Relationship & Sex Education
30/01/20	3.45pm	5&6	Relationship & Sex Education
06/02/20	3.45pm	3,4,5 & 6	Maths Strategies
07/02/20	9am	3,4,5 & 6	Maths Strategies (Repeated)
11/02/20	9am	1	Phonics
12/02/20	9am	2	SATs in Year 2
12/02/20	3.45pm	6	SATs in Year 6
03/03/20	9am	1& 2	Reading in school & at home
05/03/20	3.45pm	3,4,5 & 6	Reading in school & at home
06/03/20	9am	3,4,5 & 6	Reading in School & at home (Repeated)
10/03/20	9am	all	Special Needs at Brecknock
16/03/20	9am	1 & 2	Maths Strategies
24/03/20	9am	4	Timestables assessments

## EYFS Work and Enterprise Week

During the week of Monday 27th Friday 31st January, the Nursery will be focusing on small and local businesses.

Do YOU work in a shop or a small business?

Would YOU like to come in and talk to our children about your job?

We'd love to hear from you - speak to Rachel Fields in EYFS.

Finally there will be an enterprise fair being held on Friday 31st January at 3.30pm in the lower hall.

Please come and share the children's learning and BUY our hand crafted designs!

All proceeds go towards our 'BIG' trips in 2020. The designs you buy will directly support our children.

YOUNG  
ENTERPRISE

## Home Fire Visit



If you would like to book a Home Fire Safety Visit, please visit

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/>

Or you can call them free on 0800 028 4428.

The service which will be carried out either by Firefighters from the closest local fire station or by Community Safety Officers from London Fire Brigade.

They will provide fire safety advice to the adults and children in the home and fit smoke alarms where needed. The London Fire Brigade can also install specialist alarms for visual or hearing impairments.

The visits and smoke alarms are completely free of charge. This is not means-tested and is open to everyone.

