

Dear Families

This week we have been holding meetings with parents of children who may be receiving some additional support in school. I wanted to thank you all so much for attending (*I know middle of the working day meetings can be tough for many of you*). I am delighted with the rapid progress so many of our children are making and the commitment you have shown to supporting your children at home.

**Brilliant teamwork!**

Also a big thank you to Katie in Year Six for running a fabulous Maths workshop for Parents. I do hope those of you that could attend found it useful. The presentation she used will be available on our website.

I have been out of school for three days this week helping to review the progress and systems in a school in Harrow, I have missed you all and looking forward to getting back to Brecknock next week!  
Have a good weekend  
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## Attendance Winners

Well done to Jersey for having the highest attendance this week in KS1 and to Jamaica for having the highest in KS2.



Class	Total Attendance for this week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	Number of Unauthorised Absences
Corsica	98%	2	0
Cuba	97%	8	0
Guernsey	93%	2	4
Hawaii	93%	0	0
Jamaica	99%	2	4
Jersey	99%	4	2
Lindisfarne	90%	7	15
Lundy	94%	5	5
Madagascar	95%	5	2
Mull	98%	6	0
Sicily	95%	2	3
Skye	93%	3	0
Sumatra	94%	0	4
Tahiti	95%	5	0

This is the first for Jamaica for this school term. So very well done to them!

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## Calendar

- Monday 10th February 2020**
  - Cuba Class Trip  
The City Learning Centre
  - My Bank Visiting Year 3 for a workshop
- Tuesday 11th February 2020**
  - Stay and Play for Under 5s  
9.00 - 10.00am Mersea Classroom
  - Parent Workshop (Year 1)  
Phonics 9.00am Middle Hall
- Wednesday 12th February 2020**
  - Parent Workshop (Year 2)  
SATs 9.00am Guernsey Class
  - Hawaii Class Assembly  
9.10am Middle Hall
  - Parent Workshop (Year 6)  
SATs 3.45pm Middle Hall
- Friday 14th February 2020**
  - INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 24th February 2020**
  - Children Return to School

## Half Term Dates

Please remember that Friday 14th February is an inset day, therefore no school on this day.

Spring Half term is from Monday 17th - Friday 21st February.

Children return to school on Monday 24th February.





## Reception's School Trip

Lundy and Lindisfarne travelled all the way to Whipsnade Zoo as part of their Bear topic. They took part in a brilliant workshop and learnt lots of new things and visited lots of different animals, some they have never seen in real life before! They even had time for a play at the fabulous outdoor play area. What a wonderful experience for all.



## Hawaii Chefs

Hawaii Class went on a local trip this week to Waitrose at Kings Place, Kings Cross.

They took part in a Waitrose Cookery school class and then helped to make their own food wraps. Yummy!



## Year 3 at The Science Museum

Sicily and Corsica went to the Science Museum this week, as part of their topic 'Renewable Energy' and linked to their 'Electricity' unit in science. They spent time testing out some really exciting experiments in the Wonderlab!

They also took part in a 'Fire and Explosion' show, learning how both work!





## Jamaica Class At The CLC

Jamaica class visited The City Learning Centre this week and using computer programming, managed to get Lego Robots to do figures of 8 on the floor!



## In Other News This Week....

Year 3 made replica fossils as part of their topic and we have had so many children gain a new certificate in Reading Road Maps.



## Non-School Uniform Day!

Can you help Maeve with her fundraising for Refuge? There will be a non-uniform day on the last day of term -

**Thursday 13th February.**

All children are invited to wear their own clothes for a donation of £1.00 or whatever they can afford. All money raised will go towards the £2000 she has pledged to raise while running the 2020 London Marathon.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Maeve-Doherty2>



## School Journey 2020

As of today's date, it is only 20 weeks until our Year 6 classes go on their School Journey to PGL's Windmill Hill.



Thank you to everyone who is making regular payments to chip away at that remaining total. Please make a note in your diaries that the final remaining amount needs to be paid by Friday 1st May 2020. that is 12 weeks today.

### Handy Budgeting Tips:

If you have £250 to pay, you could pay it off with roughly £20.00 a week.

If you have £100 or less to pay, you could pay it off with £8.33 a week.

Remember all payments are to go through ParentPay.



## Meet the Staff - Rachel Fields



This is Rachel, Head of EYFS, since January 2018 here at Brecknock. Originally from Australia, Rachel has visited 81 countries in the world but would choose to live here in London any day of the week.

Her mum and dad, who she lovingly calls Mummasita and Arkwright, are her heroes. They still live in Australia. On a karaoke night, she will sing anything by The Smiths.

Rachel's favourite colour is canary yellow and her favourite food is a caprese salad. Rachel collects magnets, she currently has 592 of them!!

Her favourite animal in the world is her cat, HRH, Prince Lucky Boy of Bow, who came over with her from Australia. If she were stranded on a desert island she would want to have lucky boy with her, along with some green leafy plants and her phone, to order a water taxi!

## Useful Dates

Thursday 13th February - Last Day of Half Term. School closes at 3.30pm

Friday 14th February - INSET DAY. School Closed.

Monday 24th February - Return to school.

Thursday 27th February - Tahiti trip to The Clocktower Park.

Tuesday 3rd March - School Ambassadors trip to Wembley Arena.

Tuesday 3rd March - Parent Workshop - Reading for Years 1 & 2 9.00am

Friday 6th March - Family Breakfast 8.00am

Friday 6th March - Parent Workshop - Reading for KS2 9.00am

Friday 6th March - Hawaii trip to The Camden Learning Centre.

Tuesday 10th March - Parent Workshop - SEN 9.00am

## Calling All Volunteers

**Brecknock Primary School**  
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**Brecknock is looking for volunteers  
and is offering free training in the  
Community Room on Thursday 13  
February 9.00-11.30!**

**Talk to Laura to find out more or pick up  
an information pack at the school office.**

This is an exciting new opportunity to get training and volunteer at the school.

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.

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## Maiden Lane and Brecknock Join Forces

We are pleased to offer a new exciting collaboration between Maiden Lane and Brecknock Primary School, in the form of some exciting new after school clubs. These clubs will be held here on our school premises and are completely FREE of charge, but will be offered on a first sign up basis.

The clubs on offer are as follows:

**GIRLS G.L.O.W - (Get Lots of Wisdom)** - is an exciting project for girls that focuses on building confidence, self-esteem and healthy relationships and managing emotions in a fun way. We use music, positive word activities, t-shirt printing, role play and more. We have spaces for 12 girls per session, 9 years old and above, so please sign up. Girls G.L.O.W starts on Tuesday 25th February 2020 from 3.45pm - 4.45pm.

**The Junior Club** is a fun programme for young people aged 8 to 10. The Club activities will include sports, arts and crafts, games, quiz nights, cooking and lots more....

The Junior Club will take place after school from 3.45 to 5pm on Friday. If you would like to join please come and meet Amanda on Friday 13th March at 3.45pm to sign up.

**The Boys Club.** The aim of the boys club is to support the transition from Primary to Secondary school. The programme will include: Fun ways to develop self-control and problem solving, learning how to become a leader and health & hygiene.

The Club activities will include cooking, arts and crafts, football and other sports.

The Boys Club will meet on Mondays after school from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Watch this space for the start date of the Club.

