

## Full Return to School

The school has been buzzing this week with the return of all children. It has been wonderful to see them all playing and learning together, re-connecting and restoring Brecknock to its usual hive of activity. We have been so impressed by the resilience of the children and how quickly they have settled back into school routines. This week we have been recapping much of the learning done during the last two months and assessing the children to help us plan for and support their next steps. We look forward to discussing your children with you at parents evening.

**Appointment bookings will open on Monday.** Please see [page 9](#) for the link and further details.

Camden Covid Inspectors were present during drop off and pick up at points this week, ensuring families are following the school guidance and social distancing rules. Thank you for all continuing to **follow the systems and timetables** in place, as well as wearing masks while on school grounds. Adhering to your allocated timings is very important as it allows for the necessary staggered arrival of parents and avoids unnecessary crowding outside the school. Please continue to follow government guidance to help to further reduce community COVID rates. The weekly update from Camden Council is attached to this newsletter. Please see the purple section of the attached for details of how to order household lateral flow tests for asymptomatic testing.



## International Women's Day



This Monday 8th March, was **International Women's Day**, as we continue our focus on gender equality. The theme for the year, explored in assemblies was, '*Let's all choose to challenge*'. The children thought about how they would feel if they were told they couldn't be or do something because of their gender. We discussed how collectively we can all help to create an inclusive world and can choose to **challenge inequality**.

## Census

Next week the children will be taking part in **Let's Count!** an exciting look at the census in our area, and why the census matters to everyone. We will be looking at census data from previous decades and the children will be comparing how our local area has changed. This will be a fantastic opportunity to explore and collect statistics about our school and use it to generate charts and data tables in our maths lessons.

The next census is taking place on Sunday 21 March 2021. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. Look out for your letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on or before Sunday 21 March 2021.

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## Brecknock Tree Guardians!

At Brecknock, we are encouraging our children to 'grow for good' by collaborating with Camden Forest 2025. Camden Forest aims to plant 2025 trees by 2025 to help tackle climate change. For more information about this exciting initiative and how families can get involved, please follow the [link](#). Brecknock received a gift of 20 bareroot, 'baby' trees and children from every year group were invited to apply to become a 'Tree Guardian', a role involving caring for their tree and informing others about the project and the importance of trees. 'Tree Guardians' will learn what it means to be a good 'ancestor' and will retain the role as they move through the school, leaving their tree as their legacy for future generations to enjoy. Look out for Henny's special message on [page 7](#), as she has outlined who has been successful and who will take on this important role.



Have a lovely weekend,

Helen





## e Admissions

Please remember to accept your secondary school places by Monday 15th March.

Please remember that school lunches need to be paid in advance. If you owe any money, please pay it through ParentPay.

If you are having any trouble paying, please call the school office.

**Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th March**  
Virtual Parents Evening

**Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April 2021**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

**Monday 19th April 2021**

School reopens - first day of Summer Term

**Friday 28th May 2021**

Last Day of Summer 1st Half Term

**Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021**

**SUMMER HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 7th June 2021**

**INSET DAY - Staff Training. School Closed**

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

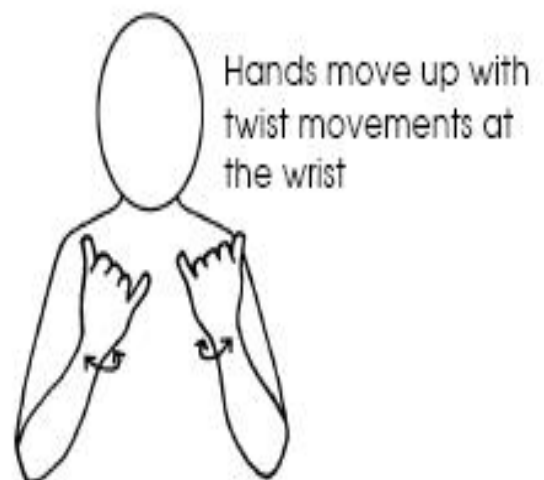
### Managing Anxiety About Returning To School

The return to school after second lockdown indicates some progress with Covid-19, and some of us may breathe a sigh of relief that the children are back at school. However, some of us might be quite anxious about the return to school. Whether we are anxious about safety, or concerned about how much has changed, or the impact this has had on our mental health (amongst other things), there are things we can do to manage some of our anxiety. Try to focus on: the positives of returning back to "normal", the safety measures put in place to keep everyone safe in school, how resilient you might have found yourself to be, and any skills and positive experiences you have gained from this. For example, spending quality time together as a family, finding more creative ways to keep busy and stay connected, and having more reflection time to think and grow from our experiences.



## Sign Of The Week:

### To Celebrate





Nursery have had an exciting week exploring the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have enjoyed using the puppets to act out and retell the story in their own words. They received a very special and important delivery - a letter from baby bear to tell them how sad he was that his chair was broken. The children then were challenged by having the very important job of designing and testing out a new chair for baby bear.

This week Nursery have also been learning how to combine different groups of objects together using the dice and counting bears. They have also begun practising using the new mathematical vocabulary 'add' and 'equals.'



Reception have had a great first week back. They have loved learning to add numbers to 10 using their new 'addition machine'. They have also explored subitising using dots on a dice.



Year 1

Year 1 have been making positivity bracelets, spelling out a positive word about themselves. Also a river was in the classroom yesterday! They investigated why it was there and wrote some questions down.



Year 2

Year 2 have been doing some Art based on 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge, where they had to draw the main character.

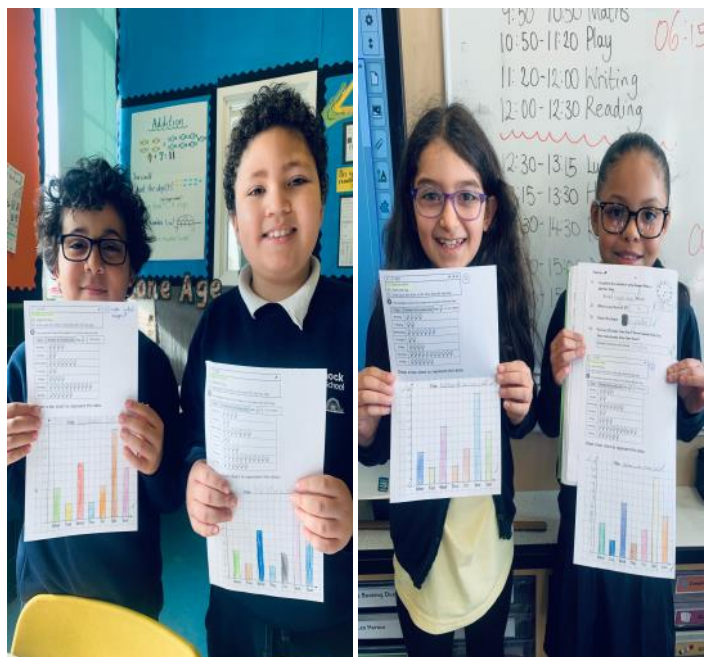


### Year 3

Year 3 have been representing and interpreting data.

Here are the bar graphs that they drew.

Can you spot the differences in the scaling of these bar graphs?



### Year 4

This week year 4 have created 2D models inspired by Henry Moore. They look forward to next week where they will use these models to create sculptures out of clay! Also, Year 4 are committed to The Daily Mile, come rain or sun!



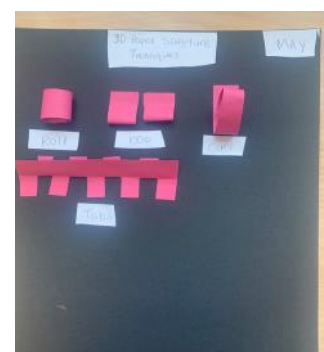
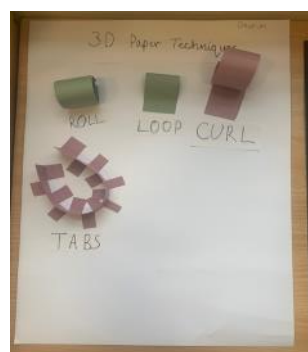
### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started learning about Forces in Science. To get them started they met Sir Isaac Newton and asked him a variety of questions. Did you know, he was born in 1643 and not only discovered gravity but also that white light is made up of seven different colours?



### Year 6

This term in art Year 6 are studying sculpture. Their entry point this week was to try out different 3D paper sculpture techniques.



★ Here are our stars of the week! ★





**The climate crisis affects us all. Every week we will be offering a suggestion for a positive climate action you can take yourselves, as part of the bigger changes we need to make as a global community.**

**Action 13: Try not to waste ANY food! Writing a weekly meal plan can help you to plan how much food you need to buy so you are less likely to waste any. There are lots of uses for leftover food. Find lots of tips online to help reduce food waste:**

**<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>**



**Growing, making, distributing, storing and cooking our food uses a lot of energy, fuel and water. Food which goes into our waste bin ends up in landfill where it decomposes, releasing methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas which contributes to global heating**

**If you do need to throw away bad food put it in a compost bin where it can be recycled into soil!**



We had lots of wonderful applications for the tree guardians. Thank you to all the children who sent in their work, it was brilliant to see so many creative visions of the trees 10 years in the future. There were so many amazing entries it was really hard to choose. Well done to the following children who are our new tree guardians, I look forward to planting the trees with you next week.

Thank You,  
Henny

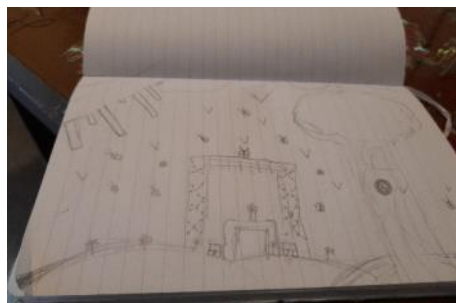
**Reception:** Sunny

**Year 1:** Eden, Maysa, Azana, Aya

**Year 2:** Amelia, Harrison, Imran, Ayla, Nida, Isaiah, Amina

**Year 5:** Alice, Anis, Karolina, Lily, Riym, Salma

**Year 6:** Abi, Saimah



Why do you want to be a tree guardian?  
It would be cool to be part of this amazing project. I like the idea of helping to plant trees by 2035.  
Which tree would you pick?  
I would pick the dogwood tree because I like the bright colours and it would really stand out against the other trees. I like how in winter it looks like a bush and in summer it looks like a tree and it has leaves.  
What would you name your tree?  
I would name it the 'I can't let Tree' named after my great-grand-Parents. My name is John and last year died. She liked nature so I think it would be a good memorial for her.

10 years from now.....  
I hope that my tree will be beautiful and easy catching for everyone. My tree will be brown, happy and a corner of the world. I will be nurturing my tree - especially in summer. My dogwoods require a deep soak at least once a month.  
Did you know dogwood branches change colour.  
Thank you for your consideration.



### I decided to make a poem about how I imagine my tree would be in 10 years time!

My tree in ten years time  
Will be tall, sturdy and easy to climb  
It will have many, many branches  
Strong enough to block out avalanches  
Shade it will give out  
Tallest tree there is, without a doubt  
This is my tree in ten years time.

Growing a tree is very important.  
It helps us to breathe the more we grow them and paper grows from trees so we should be grateful to have them.  
Cutting trees is a waste of time and oxygen so stop cutting trees but help us grow them.  
When you are growing trees it is not wasting time but helps everyone to breathe.  
Imagine we had no more trees, how would we breathe?  
My challenge for you is to not cut, but grow.  
You will be our Hero!  
Cutting does not help.  
But growing is making the world a better place.

# PARENTS EVENING

The booking system for Parents' Evening will open on Monday 15th March and will close on Monday 22nd March at noon.

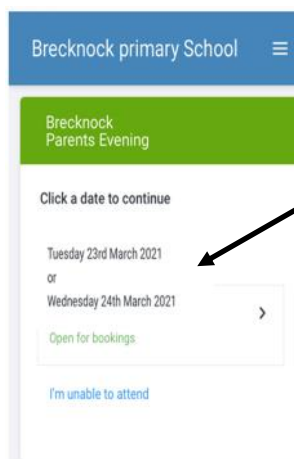
It is the same system we used back in November, but this time the meetings will also take place through [school cloud](#), as a video conference.

You will be able to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher(s). If you have multiple children, you will be able to pick appointments that will not clash with the other appointment(s).

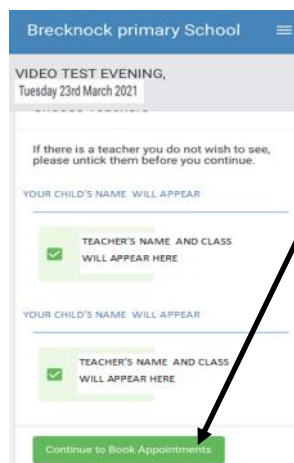
Please visit [school cloud](#) on Monday to book your appointments. On the day of your appointment, you will need to visit [school cloud](#) again to log in to the 'waiting area', where you can wait for your appointment to begin.

**Important things to note:** Appointments are only for 10 minutes each. If you are late logging in, then your appointment timer will have already began and you will only have the reminder of the time left. After 10 minutes the system will end the call and the appointment will automatically be over.

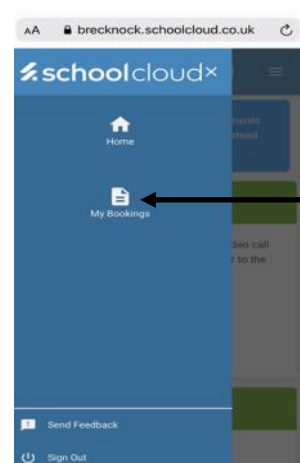
If you have any trouble signing up to the [school cloud](#), please call the school office to check with have all your correct details. **If you are unable to attend, please select 'I'm unable to attend' as below in the screen shot guide.**



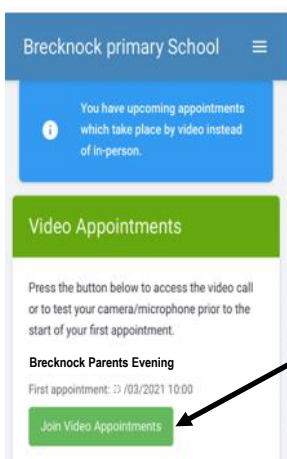
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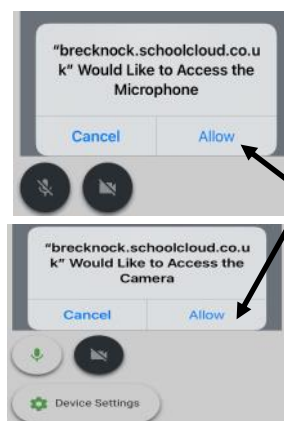
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On the day of the meeting, login and click on 'My Bookings'

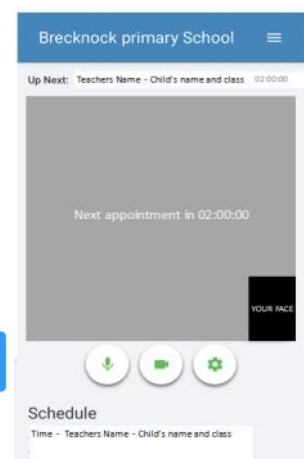


When you are ready for your meeting, click 'Join Video Appointment'. Please remember that the system's 10 minute timer will begin with or without you.



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Brecknock Book Challenge Winners were also announced in assembly today. There was an impressive array of entries across the school from shoe box stories, front cover designs, book summaries and short stories written in 20 minutes.

World Book Day Costume Winners were also announced too for their fabulous homemade recycled costumes. Here they are collecting their book prizes.

