

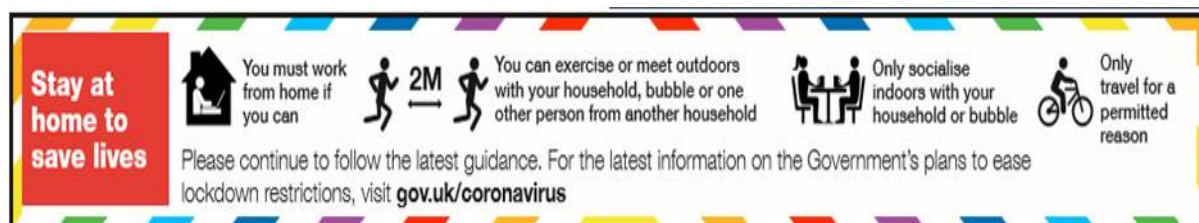
## Parents Evening

It has been a really productive week at Brecknock. We are very proud of the children, who are learning well and enjoying reconnecting with their friends.

We are truly grateful to have the children back and for all of your support and kind words. Don't forget to **book your appointments for parents evening for next week so that you can find out about your child's learning and next steps.** You can do this via the **Parents Evening website** through this [link](#). There is information on how to book your video call appointment on [Page 10](#) of this newsletter.

## Covid Update

Thank you for your co-operation at the school gates. We are working with **Camden Inspectors to ensure that we practice social distancing and keep ourselves and others safe.** This includes all **adults wearing masks** and following **the one-way systems**. It is important that parents do not linger to speak to each other on the school grounds or outside the school. **Following advice from Camden, we have made some changes to the pick-up arrangements at the KS2 gate** (Please see [Page 7](#)). Please ensure that you wait for **the time slot to enter the playground** and follow the one-way system to pick up your child. **It is really important to follow the procedures, so that we keep Brecknock families and staff safe. Thank you again for your support.**



The school is currently in consultation with Camden, regarding the distribution of **Lateral Flow Tests to families for home use.** We will keep you posted regarding this service. Please remember that you need to take a **PCR** test, not a lateral flow test, if you have Covid-19 symptoms. The lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic people only. **Please see the attached Coronavirus update.**

## Census

Maths, history and citizenship skills combined this week as children learnt about the importance of the **census**, which happens every ten years. They were amazed to learn that the first census took place in **Babylon nearly 6000 years ago** and that the census has been used in planning our infrastructure for over 200 years in England. The date for families to complete their census is **Sunday 21st March** - hopefully your children will remind you! "By taking part in the census, you will make sure your voice is heard to help build a better future", **something right up the street of Brecknock children!** British historian, **Professor David Olusoga OBE**, is also on board and has delivered a special live stream lesson on equality and representation, showing how the movement of people in the past have shaped the communities of today. In spirit of the census, our sign of the week was count.

# census 2021



## Implementation of statutory Relationships Education and Health Education

Prior to lockdown we held face to face year group consultation meetings to update you on the implementation of **statutory Relationships Education and Health Education**. Due to Covid and national lockdowns the Government announced the date for implementation had moved from **Autumn term 2020 to Summer term 2021** when we will begin to teach the new requirements.

Face to face consultations were over a year ago so we have published all the key information about the changes on the school website. This includes the [topics](#) that need to be covered in Relationships and Health Education by the end of primary school.

Since the initial parent consultation we have developed a **draft Relationships Education policy** based on the Camden exemplar, for consultation with you. We are also in consultation with the governors and the school councillors; a representation of children from across the school. The draft policy can be found [here](#). Please read and complete the [survey](#) by the 31st March 2021. **We will collate your responses and review the policy in light of your feedback.**



## Eggshibition

**Brecknock is getting cracking with an eggciting eggy competition** to mark the end of the spring term. Following an assembly on Tuesday, hopefully the children will be eggspired to take part in the **first Brecknock Eggshibition!** They will be encouraged to create shoe-box sized egg-xhibits of their favourite things, including books, films, music, and current affairs.

The competition will be open to all children, from Nursery - Y6 with Easter bonnets included. **There will be some Eggcellent prizes for each class!** The deadline for entries will be **Tuesday 30th March** and we will send home some more details next week. We will of course be busy in school making Easter bonnets for the EYFS **Parade too! Let's hope the Easter Bunny can visit...**

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer



**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**

 schoolcloud

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

To book your video appointment please visit [school cloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk).

Please see [page 8](#) for more details.

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

### Connecting With Others

Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing. They can:

- Help you to build a sense of belonging and self-worth
- Give you an opportunity to share positive experiences
- Provide emotional support and allow you to support others

There are lots of things you could try to help build stronger and closer relationships:

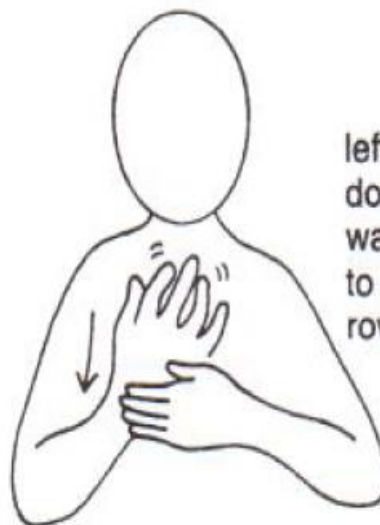
- If possible, take time each day to be with your family, for example, try arranging a fixed time to eat dinner together
- Make the most of technology to stay in touch with friends and family. Video-chat apps like Skype and FaceTime are useful, especially if you live far apart
- Try switching off the TV to talk or play a game with your children, friends or family

sending virtual hug



## Sign Of The Week:

### To Count



left hand moves  
down with fingers  
waggling, or point  
to items in pile  
row or heap







Nursery have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed retelling this story in their own words, making sure the gingerbread men have enough buttons on them to match the numeral that they rolled on the dice. They have also enjoyed helping to find his 'lost' buttons out of a big tray of ginger using tweezers to strengthen the muscles in our fingers and hands. They were also challenged to use their problem solving and lateral thinking skills, by encouraging them to think about other ways the gingerbread man could have travelled across the river to avoid being eaten by the fox. Khalid suggested a bridge and then built his creation using the wooden blocks. Nayar suggested travelling across the river in a plane and Nancy suggested travelling across the river in a boat. They both then used reclaimed materials to create their designs.



Amazing work this week Nursery!

## Year 1

Year one started a new topic in art this week, printing. They have been looking at artists who have used printing to make pictures and had a go at printing using objects they found in the classroom. They used lots of different objects including carrots and Lego bricks to make their own prints. They have also been working on their number bonds to 20 this week.



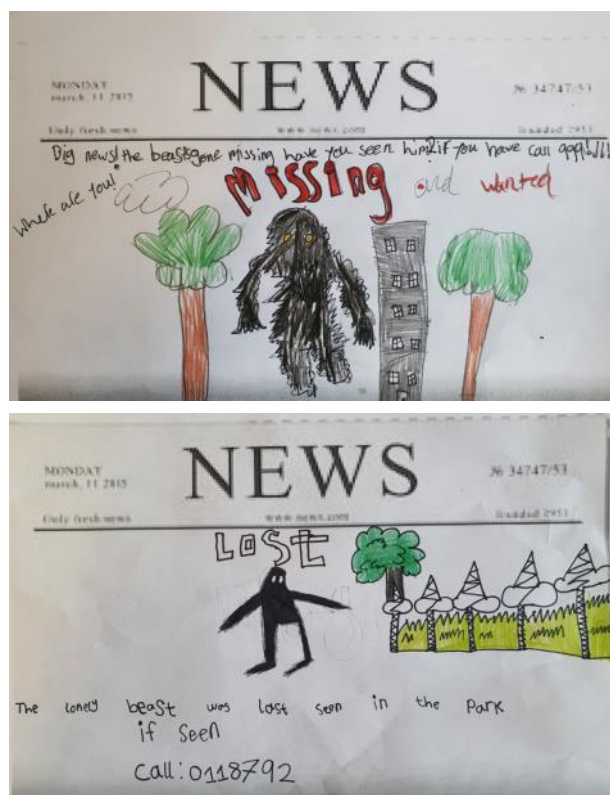
## Reception

Reception have had lots of fun exploring their topic 'plants and growth' this week. They planted cress seeds, wrote instructions and discussed the many different parts of a plant.



## Year 2

Year 2 have been continuing their work on 'The Lonely Beast'. This week they created their own amazing newspaper headlines.





Year 3



3B had fun doing gymnastics this week! They had a go at three different ways to land.



Year 4



Continuing from last week's work Year 5 used our designs to model our sculptures. The children enjoyed using clay and creating masterpieces inspired by Henry Moore. Next week will be inspired by a different sculptor - Alberto Giacometti!



Year 5



Year 5 have been continuing to learn about forces, this week they have been looking at air resistance. To investigate the effects of air resistance, the children have been making parachutes. Later this week we will test the parachutes to see whether materials, shape or size will make a difference to the parachutes flight.

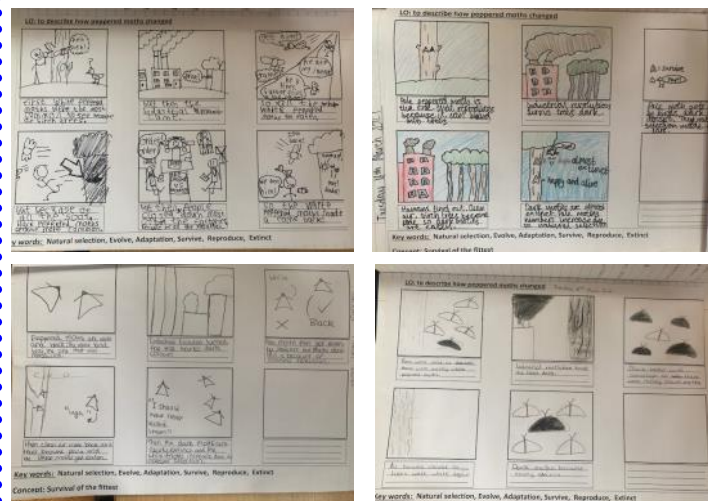


Year 6



## Evolution Revolution!

Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection. They have learnt about the example of the peppered moth which changed colour due to pollution in the local environment during the industrial revolution. They then created story boards to demonstrate this.





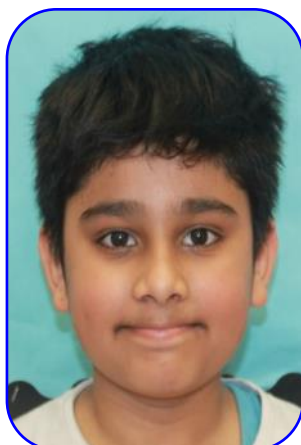
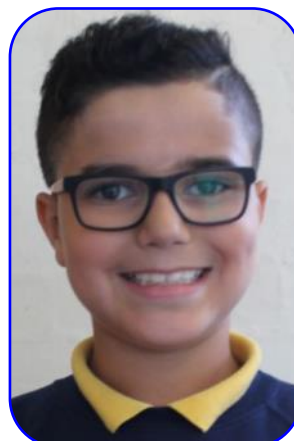
★ Here are our stars of the week! ★



Sevin!



Aiden!



# New afternoon pickup/home time rules and guidance

Firstly, thank you for your continued support and patience as we try to operate school drop-offs and collections in the safest way possible. We continue to reflect and develop systems that ensure the safety of parents/carers, children and staff at home time collection and have decided to make a small number of changes to the KS2 collection system. Earlier this week, you received messages regarding safe distancing and the wearing of face masks; thank you for ensuring that these measures taking place and for adhering to the signage around the school regarding this.

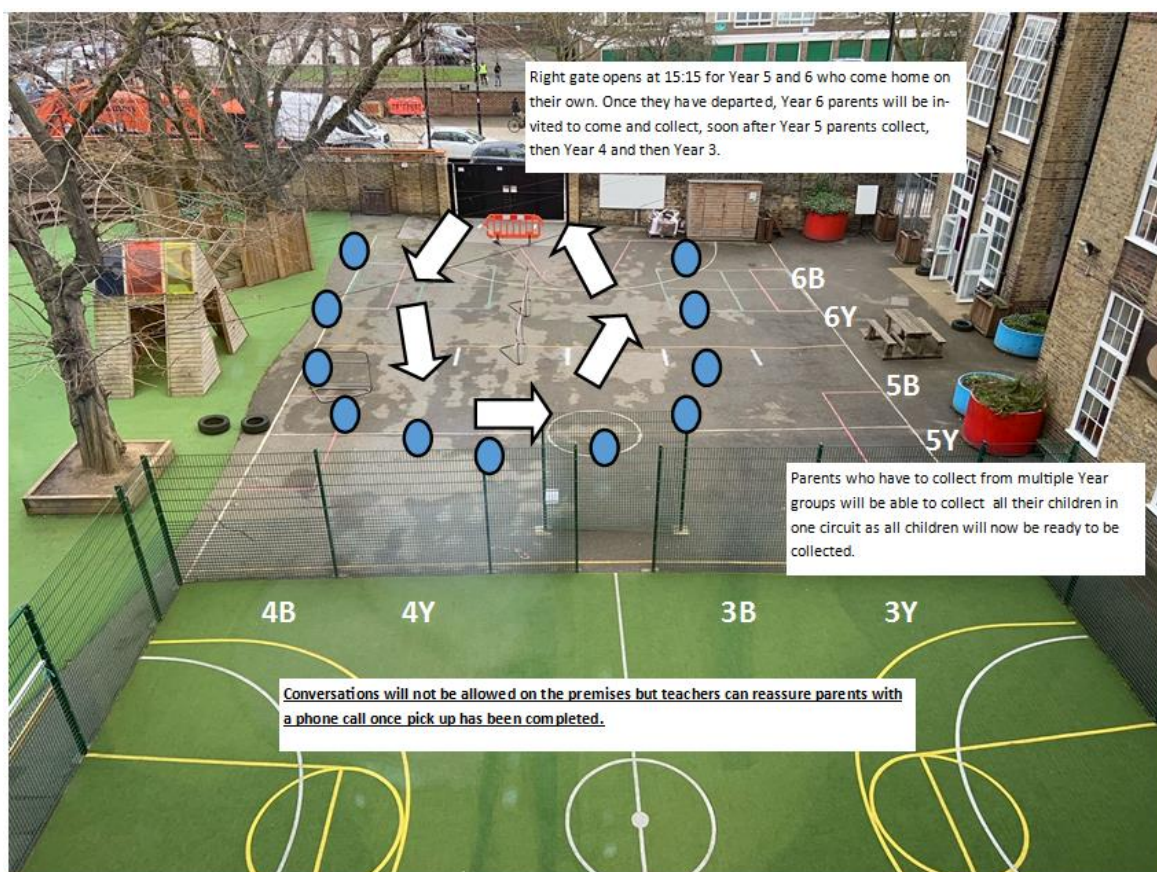
From this week we will be re-implementing a one way system in the playground with strict guidance when collecting your children. Please see the attached map and guidance/rules below:

- We will ensure that all children from KS2 will be in their positions before parents are able to access the premises. **Parents who collect from multiple Year groups will be able to collect their children in one circuit of the one way system.**
- Children that walk home on their own will be released first.
- Parents will then be invited to come and pick up their children in year group order. (Year 6, Year 5, Year 4, Year 3)

There will be staff in the playground to help with this system. So if you have any questions, please do ask a member of staff.

Please remember that parents are currently not permitted to walk around to the school office from the back playground. If you need the assistance of the school office, please walk around the building to the Cliff Villa entrance and buzz for the school office.

Once again we thank you for your continued cooperation in these challenging times.







**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 14: Buy locally produced food which is in season. Check the labels on food packaging or the price labels and try to buy food which is grown in the UK. Check out these handy guides to check which foods are in season at different times of the year:**

<http://www.eattheseasons.co.uk/> and <https://www.hubhub.org.uk/eating-seasonally>



When fruit and vegetables are grown out of season they often need heated greenhouses which, through burning of heating fuel, contribute to global warming. Transporting fruit and vegetables from distant countries by air also contributes towards global warming. Local, seasonal food is tastier, healthier and better for the environment!



## The Golden Lock

The Year 5 Bike It Crew are working hard to try and promote active travel to and from school. Each week they will be putting the 'golden lock' on a random bike or scooter parked at school. If the golden lock is on your bike or scooter please go to the office to collect the key and retrieve your prize!

Children who walk to school everyday will also be eligible for prizes!



Each week the Bike It Crew choose a bike or scooter to lock up with the Golden Lock. The lucky winner needs to collect the key to unlock it from the school office and choose a prize. Some weeks we will choose children who walk to school.

**To be in with a chance of winning children need to walk, cycle or scoot to school!**



# COMPETITION TIME



## Exciting opportunity to take part in a media Q&A for the Sustrans Big Pedal.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am getting in touch from the walking and cycling charity, Sustrans; the organisation behind the annual Big Pedal, the UK's biggest active travel school challenge.

The Big Pedal will be running this year from 19 – 30 April, and Schools will compete to see who can get the greatest numbers of pupils, parents, guardians and staff making active travel choices and cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting to school.

We are looking to kick off the competition with a virtual question and answer (Q&A) event between a handful of pupils and our CEO, Xavier Brice, and British Paralympian and 76 time World Record holder, Dame Sarah Storey.

Pupils will get the chance to ask these active travel experts questions around sustainable transport and the impact of our travel choices on the environment.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in hope that they can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

We are looking for curious and eco-minded pupils between 7-11 years old.

The live event, which will be filmed, would take place on **19 April 2021**, with media in attendance.

If your child would like to take part in the event on the day, or would like to submit a question in advance, **please contact:** [bigpedal@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:bigpedal@sustrans.org.uk), with the following information:

- The name and age of your child
- The question they would like to ask
- Which one of our active travel experts their question is aimed at
- Whether or not you would be happy for them to take part in the live event
- Please ensure that 'Media Event' is the subject title of your email.

The deadline for submitting questions or registering interest in taking part in the event is 5pm on Friday 26 March. For more information on Sustrans Big Pedal, please visit: <https://bigpedal.org.uk/>  
Best wishes,

Emily Edwards and the Big Pedal Team



The Big Pedal is a Sustrans project. Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. Join us on our journey. [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

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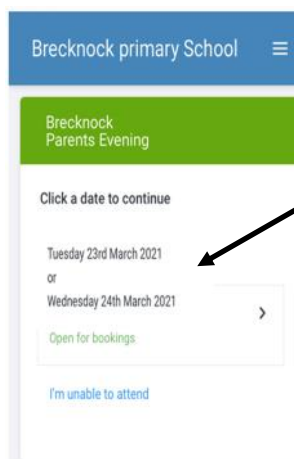
It is the same system we used back in November, but this time the meetings will also take place through [school cloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk), as a video conference.

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).

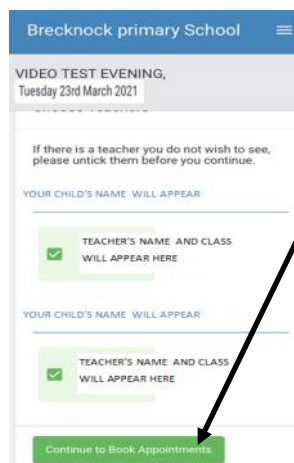
Please visit [school cloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk) on Monday to book your appointments. On the day of your appointment, you will need to visit [school cloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk) again to log in to the 'waiting area', where you can wait for your appointment to begin.

**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.

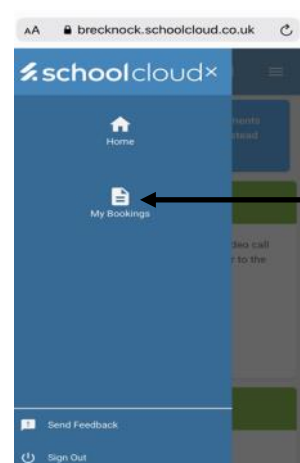
If you have any trouble signing up to the [school cloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk), please call the school office to check with have all your correct details. **If you are unable to attend, please select 'I'm unable to attend' as below in the screen shot guide.**



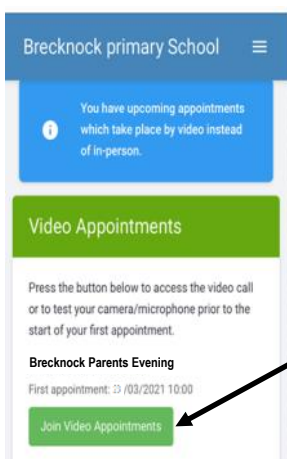
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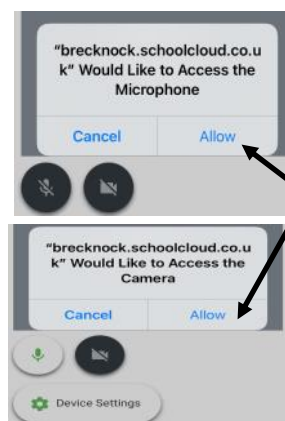
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On the day of the meeting, login and click on 'My Bookings'



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.



Allow both of these then click 'proceed to video call'

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