

Friday 19th July 2019

Message from the head



This will be my last newsletter and although I am looking forward to travelling the world and having more time for my family and friends I will miss you all very, very much.

Brecknock is a great school and it has been a privilege to be part of this nurturing, aspirational and truly unique environment. Standards are high and continue to rise, children are happy and the whole community works together with a determination to succeed. I always wanted to be a teacher and I was, for 40 years. I have loved my career and I can't think of a better place to finish than Brilliant Brecknock! I am sure that the school will go from strength to strength in the future and I will look forward to reading about that, from a distance.

Take care Brecknock, and keep being brilliant!

Dates for your calendar

19th July	END OF SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM
2nd—3rd 4th September	Inset Days Start of School—Autumn Term 2019/2020
21st — 25th October	Autumn Half Term 2019/2020
20th December 2019 — 3rd January 2020	End of Autumn Term. School will finish at 2pm on Friday 20th December.
6th January 2020	Start of Spring term 2020
17th—21st February 2020	Spring Half Term 2020 We return to school on Monday 24th February 2020.
6th April—17th April 2020	Easter/Spring Holidays. We return to school on Monday 20th April 2020.
25th—29th May	Summer Half term 2020
21st July 2020	END OF SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE MAYBE SUBJECT TO INSET DAYS



Friday Teas



On the last Friday tea, the Reception classes hosted and raised approximately **£67.10!**

A big thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week, we really appreciate it!

We have a mountain of lost property items—coats, jumpers, tops etc. Please take time to check through if you are missing anything.

Today (end of the Summer Term) all unclaimed items left in school will be given to charity. Thank You



Message from the Chair of Governors

It is almost the end of another very successful year at Brecknock. The Governors were thrilled to hear about the results from the various end-of-term assessments and tests at our meeting on Monday.

Congratulations to all of the children, and thank you to the staff and parents/carers who have helped our pupils to achieve so highly. We would like to wish all of our Year 6s a very successful transition to their secondary schools. You have all contributed to the Brecknock community in so many very positive ways, that we hope this will continue in and beyond your new schools.

It is also an exciting time for the new pupils joining us in Nursery and Reception in September, and I would like to ask every current pupil to welcome our new children and their families to Brecknock with open arms and open hearts. Brecknock is a very special place to learn, and we want all of our new pupils to feel that warmth and openness as quickly as possible. The Governors would also like to send their best wishes to all of those pupils who are moving into new classes in September; we know you will have another great year.

This has been a very busy year at Brecknock. We were recognised by UNICEF UK as a Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award school. This is testament to the work done by everyone in the school community to promote a rights-respecting ethos. We have also seen strong advances in reading across the school, and we recognise the hard work of every member of staff in achieving this; we also hope that this developing love of reading continues through the summer holiday so that everyone comes back in September ready to talk about the books they have read during the holiday.

Perhaps the highlight of the year for governors was appointing Cal Shaw as our next Headteacher. We are delighted that Cal will be joining Brecknock, bringing with her a breadth of very valuable experience that will help the school to continue its drive to achieve excellence in all that it does.

But Cal's appointment is only possible because of Marianne's retirement. Marianne has been a fantastic headteacher, and she will be missed hugely by pupils, staff, families and governors alike. During Marianne's time at the school we have had a very successful Ofsted inspection, several hugely positive Challenge Partners inspections, a revived Early Years offer, the introduction of two-year-olds, stronger outcomes in EYFS, strengthened middle and senior leadership and a commitment to developing the whole child through visits to theatres, museums, galleries, parks and more. Governors would like to record our huge thanks to Marianne, and to wish her well for the future.

We would also like to thank those colleagues who will be leaving at the end of term, and wish them well in their careers.

I will end by saying, on behalf of governors, thank you to every parent and carer for your support and tireless commitment to making Brecknock brilliant in every way. Have a happy, enjoyable and safe holiday. Very best wishes

Richard Harrison
Chair of Governors

Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	93.6%	6	5.00%
Cuba	96.1%	3	0%
Guernsey	97.6%	11	0.00%
Hawaii	96.3%	5	3.00%
Jamaica	97.9%	8	0.70%
Jersey	86.8%	7	11.82%
Lindisfarne	90.0%	6	0.00%
Lundy	84.5%	4	1.50%
Madagascar	99.6%	9	0.41%
Mull	99.4%	3	0.00%
Sicily	95.7%	5	4%
Skye	91.1%	5	5.26%
Sumatra	90.4%	16	9.59%
Tahiti	94.7%	4	3.33%

Attendance Winners!

School is great, so don't be late!



WELL DONE to **Madagascar** class for the highest attendance in the whole school with 99.6%.

Mull had the highest attendance for KS1 this week with 99.4%!

Lets see if who will be the first class to have 100% attendance for a whole week in the Autumn Term and earn themselves a merit from the office!



SWIM SARAH SWIM

This Summer Sarah will be swimming a mile around the Serpentine on behalf of the Shakespeare Schools Foundation, who have done some work with Year 6 at Brecknock. They work with students from primary, secondary and special schools all over the UK.

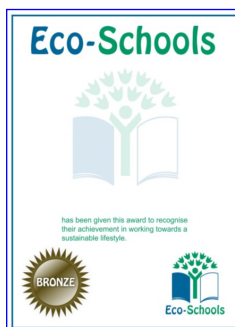
She is hoping to raise money for their annual Festival. Taking place each autumn, the Festival gives up to 30,000 young people the chance to perform Shakespeare on a professional theatre stage in front of a packed audience.

This is the link to her Just Giving page:
<https://bit.ly/2xHV61U>



Congratulations EPT!!!

Congratulations to the Earth Protection Team who have worked very hard this year to achieve the Bronze Eco-Schools award. They started by carrying out a thorough environmental review of our school. Using the results of the review they worked together to create an action plan to help make our school more environmentally friendly. Well done to everyone who contributed!



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Paul and I from the charity Show Racism the Red Card had the honour of working with your children a few days ago! Our day kicked off with our assembly where we watched our thought provoking DVD which brought up some challenging and painful examples of racism and the impact it has on our lives. I want to say a super well done to the year 3 classes who made some well thought through contributions and used some great vocabulary! Then we both worked with Hawaii and Tahiti classes to explore some of these themes further. Some of the questions we discussed were terminology, what was offensive, racist and rude. Some brave pupils shared their experiences. Hawaii and Tahiti your enthusiasm and thinking were impressive. I would like to say a special well done to Ruby and Ilyas in Hawaii and Alicia and Aby in Tahiti who all in their unique ways showed me they were engaged and thinking through out the workshops. Brecknock primary - stay curious, stay enthusiastic, keep showing respect for each other! Have a great summer
 Anita Beeden Educator Show Racism the Red Card

Golden Book Awards! And the TERM winners are...



Rayan —Mull, Callum —Skye, —Guernsey, Patrick —Jersey, Alex & Karolina —Y3, Mirna & Kaiyinat —Y4, Zahra & Helin —Y5, Ismael & Hadil — Y6