

Reception Curriculum Letter Autumn 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful time with your family over this summer holiday. We are delighted to welcome you back this term as it is packed with learning! See below for details and links to support you and your child.

Our federation theme for the 2023-24 academic year, 'Dear Earth', connects our pupils with science and nature to build a more sustainable future. This theme is inspired by our work with the artist Cornelia Parker in the Dear Earth exhibition at the Hayward Gallery last year and our participation in Darwin200 this year.

<https://darwin200.com/>



Other key events this term are:

Rosh Hashanah - 15th Sept.

Black History Season - Oct. - Dec.

National Poetry Day - 5th Oct.

Ada Lovelace Day - 10th Oct.

Bonfire Night - 5th Nov.

Remembrance Day - 11th Nov.

Diwali - 12th Nov.

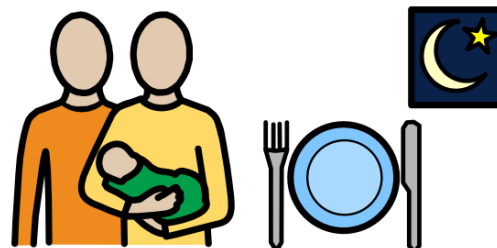
Anti Bullying Week - 13th Nov.

Christmas - 25th Dec.

Family Supper - 22nd Nov



National Poetry Day



Friends of Brecknock:

As you know we have many exciting community events throughout the year and the first one is a favourite for many of us. Family Supper takes place on November 22nd, with dishes from around the world and melodious music. We are always looking for parents to help make these events great by offering their time and expertise. If you would like to join Friends of Brecknock, please let the office or a member of SLT know. Or just come along to our first Friends of Brecknock meeting on Wednesday 20th September at 9.00am in the Dining Hall.

Getting to know you

- We invite you to meet the team on Monday 25th @ 3.45 in Reception Class (ground floor) to listen and ask questions about learning and key events happening for your child this year.
- Our Parent's Evenings commence week beginning 27th November

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Reading our way into 2024!



We use Little Wandle letters and sounds systematic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling. The teaching of phonics is your child's gateway into developing a love of reading. Each night your child will read a decodable phonics book at their level and share a reading for pleasure book with you. Find a comfortable, quiet space in your home to enjoy this experience with your child.

Black History Season



Black History Season is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. It also serves as an opportunity to inspire and empower future generations. This year, Black History Month will be dedicated to honouring the achievements of black women who are often the forgotten heroines.



Reception Spring Term Learning

The newly designed attached curriculum leaflet gives you an overview of the learning that will be taking place this half term in your child's year group. You will now receive a new curriculum leaflet every half term, keeping you updated with the learning. Our Reception topic for this half term is 'Kentish Town Heroes-Who helps us in school?' This theme will follow through in much of our learning both inside and outside in Early Years.

All classes will use their Brecknock Timelines to support children's learning, and will have a strong focus on teaching explicit vocabulary everyday that is carefully planned. See below for useful links.

<p><u>Curriculum leaflet</u> Here</p>	<p><u>Home learning and sharing in school learning</u> - Tapestry Please ask your class teacher if you need your login again. Please join us on Friday 22nd September for a Maths Games at home session (more details to follow).</p>
<p><u>Reading</u> Children should read every day at home. Reading for pleasure books can be changed as frequently as needed. Reading Records Books should be completed at home and are checked regularly in school.</p>  	<p><u>Phonics</u> Phonics books are sent home weekly for children to read repeatedly to you. Reception phonics overviews for the term are shared via Tapestry.</p>
<p>Behaviour Summary Leaflet for parents</p>	<p><u>PE</u></p>

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HERE	Day - Wednesday Children should wear trainers to school every day to enable them to be active throughout the day.
<u>Trips and Enrichment</u> Walk to the local park to look for conkers, leaves and other signs of Autumn. The school cook, lollipop man and other people who help us at school into class to tell us about the jobs they do.	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Please see the weekly newsletters for upcoming parent workshops.

Outdoor Learning

Please ensure your child is sent to school in clothes appropriate for learning outside - we use the outdoor environment in all weathers! Children are encouraged to keep a spare change of clothes at school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Being in school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell. Last year, our attendance was slightly higher than the previous year at 92% but still significantly below our 95% attendance target. School attendance is mandatory. Please be aware that:

- It is a parent/carer's duty to ensure that their child attends school
- It is the schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
- Schools and local authorities may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct if a child is absent from school.



Punctuality and the School Day

Please see the table below and note the key times.

EVENT	TIME
Breakfast Club starts	8.00
School gates open	8:50
School bell for lining up	8.55
School starts	9:00
School ends	15:30
Extended hours ends	18:00

Please note, if your child arrives after 9am they will be marked as late and need to report to the front office.

Please support your child to be ready for school with their books and bags, ready to

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encourage a prompt morning routine. Children arriving late to school miss vital learning and school routines which can create anxiety as children arrive unsettled. If you find arriving at school on time challenging, please speak with staff and find solutions together. We look forward to helping establish positive learning routines and improving attendance this year.

Many thanks,

Helen, Lisa, and Rachel



Designated Safeguarding Leads



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Laura Lien - Director of Inclusion
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Helen Bruckdorfer – Executive Head Teacher
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Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Catriona Hale - Pastoral Care Leader
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Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Natalie Reilly – Deputy SENCO
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Camden MASH

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Islington MASH

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