

## Year 2 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:

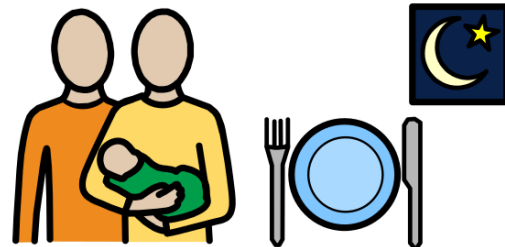
Rosh Hashanah - 15th Sept.  
Black History Season - Oct. - Dec.  
National Poetry Day - 5th Oct.  
Ada Lovelace Day - 10th Oct.  
Bonfire Night - 5th Nov.  
Remembrance Day - 11th Nov.  
Diwali - 12th Nov.  
Anti Bullying Week - 13th Nov.  
Christmas - 25th Dec.



**National Poetry Day**



Family Supper - 22nd Nov



### 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 11th @ 3.45 in 2C 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
- We will be welcoming you back for Class Assemblies from Autumn 2

## Reading our way into 2024!



The Reading Road Map is back, with new books arriving in the coming weeks. This collection of newly published authors books will take pupils on a journey of tall tales and exciting adventures. Share these with your child at home and encourage them to read every night.

## 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.



## Year 2 Autumn Term Learning

The 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 receive a new curriculum leaflet every half term, keeping you updated with the learning. Our Year 2 topic for this half term is 'The Great Fire of London 1666 CE', and this is the overarching theme for our humanities (geography and history) and English lessons.

All classes will use their Brecknock Timelines and Knowledge Mats to support children's learning, supporting them to remember and recall key facts. See below for useful links.

<p><u>Curriculum leaflet</u> <a href="#">Here</a></p>	<p><u>Knowledge mats</u> Science <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>History / Geography <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
<p><u>Home learning - Google Classrooms</u> Please see your home learning books for your classroom code.</p>	<p>Behaviour Summary Leaflet for parents <a href="#">LINK</a></p>
<p><u>Reading</u> Children should read every day for at least 15 minutes 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>Maths</u> Mastering Number resources to support home learning will be sent home following parent workshops. Online maths fluency practice is available for all children. Numbots: <a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a> Please ask your class teacher if you need</p>

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	your login again.
<p><u>Phonics</u> Phonics books are sent home weekly for children to read to you. Year 2 phonics spellings for the term are shared via Google Classroom.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> This term's spelling lists will be available on Google Classroom from next week. Children have weekly spelling quizzes in class.</p>	<p><u>PE</u> PE will take place every Monday and Thursday for year 2. Children should wear trainers to school every day to enable them to take part in the Daily Mile and be active at playtimes.</p>
<p><u>Trips and Enrichment</u> This term we will be visiting London Zoo and the Monument and have an Art workshop at school.</p> <p>Please see the weekly newsletters for dates and letters to follow.</p>	<p><u>Parent Workshops</u> Please see the weekly newsletters for upcoming parent workshops.</p>

### [Extra - Curricular Clubs Flyer](#)

Clubs start on Monday 11th September. Children have been allocated spaces - please contact the office if you have any queries around this.

### 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

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School starts	9:00
School ends	15:30
Clubs end	16:30 (some later clubs end at 17:30)
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 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, Chloe and Lulu



## Designated Safeguarding Leads



**Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
Laura Lien - Director of Inclusion  
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**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**  
Helen Bruckdorfer – Executive Head Teacher  
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**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**  
Marianna Slovackova - SENCO  
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**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**  
Natalie Reilly – Deputy SENCO  
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**Nominated governor for safeguarding:**

Name: Alex Gardiner and Paul Smith  
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**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):**

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**Camden MASH**

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Out of Hours Contact Details: 02079744444

**Islington MASH**

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