

Executive Head Teacher: Helen Bruckdorfer BA

Friday, 02 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you all back to the 2022-23 academic year at Brecknock. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, with the chance to spend time with family and friends. On **Monday 5th September**, we will welcome the children back to school. We are all also looking forward to settling in our new Nursery and Reception children over the coming weeks and are excited to welcome new families to our community.

In case you missed it, please see below our end of year evaluation newsletter from July 22.

[Brecknock SIP Newsletter](#)

There is lots more in the pipeline for 22-23 and we are excited to get started! The new school **improvement priorities 22-23** have been finalised. See the headlines below.

- *To increase leadership capacity and impact through the new federation leadership structure.*
- *To develop the new federation governing board.*
- *To improve children's spoken language and vocabulary.*
- *To continue to improve early reading, phonics and writing.*
- *To improve children's retrieval of skills and knowledge across the whole curriculum.*
- *To implement the new behaviour policy with children, staff and families.*
- *To improve attendance and punctuality.*
- *To increase parental engagement in school life and childrens' learning.*

### The Federation of Brecknock and Torriano Schools.

We are strengthening our relationship with Torriano Primary School through the newly formed federation, which came into effect yesterday, Thursday 1st September 2022. We will **continue to** share practice, curriculum and expertise to benefit the quality of education across the two schools. We have already learnt so much from each other and are excited about the opportunities ahead. The new federated governing body holds its first meeting on the Monday 5th of September. Our joint theme for the 2022-23 academic year, **'Together, Our Future Starts Here'**, supports the deepening partnership between the two schools.



### New Staff

It has been a pleasure to welcome new members of staff to the Torriano Brecknock team this week for **staff INSET days**. Please make our new teachers and support staff welcome; they are keen to get to know you and the community. You will have the opportunity to meet them next week.





## Summer Works

### The Sensory Pod

After some construction delays, we look forward to furnishing our sensory pod, ready for use. This space will be a dedicated area for children to experience sensory play and aims to provide a calming space, supporting regulation and interaction.

### Roof Garden

Over the summer holiday we were able to continue developing our new roof garden. We have planted many bee-friendly plants and Sean Roderigo, the local artist we have been working with, is ready to install our Tree of Knowledge! We can't wait to invite you to see what we have been learning and growing.



## Attendance

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 91.6% significantly below our 97% 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

There is a slight change to the school day for all children. School registration and learning begin at 9am and finishes at 3:30pm, for all children, from next week. Therefore, the school gates will continue to open at 8:50am and a bell will ring at 8:55am, allowing the children to be in class for a 9am start.



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. Please remember there is Breakfast Club provision from 8am.

The admin and inclusion team will be contacting parents regularly to support attendance and punctuality. We are pleased to introduce our new Child and Family Support Worker, Ashleigh Jones, who will be working across the federation, supporting families with attendance as part of her role. Ashleigh is looking forward to getting to know you.



### **HAF Summer Camp**



As you may have seen on Twitter @BrecknockSchool , the school continued to be a busy place in the first four weeks of the summer holidays, with our HAF summer school.

A huge thank you to **Young Camden**, who supported us through this process and enabled over 100 children from Brecknock and Torriano to attend the sessions.



The children kayaked on Regent’s Canal, bug-hunted at Camley Street Natural Park, animal-spotted at London Zoo and celebrated the victorious Lionesses at the Emirates Stadium. They took part in circus workshops, cooked healthy meals and snacks, learnt how to play wheelchair basketball and took turns at football tricks.

Teachers also kept the children reading throughout and Torriano’s Chef Amy and her team provided a hot meal each day. We would like to thank all of the members of staff across the federation, who supported with the camp and made the experience so special for the children. Enormous thanks to Sports Coach Carmen, who organised and led the camp for both schools.

The camp was celebrated as an example of best practice, with visits from Camden Council officials and the Department for Education. We will be working with Camden to plan further holiday camps throughout the year, so watch this space.



### Meet The Team

Following the summer break, we look forward to seeing you all again and meeting new families.

Your child's teacher will be inviting you to a 'Meet the Team' meeting to discuss the curriculum and year group expectations for this academic year. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the **whole year group team**, ask questions and find out about all aspects of school life. Meetings take place on the following days:

YEAR GROUP	DATE	LOCATION
Year 1	Tuesday 6th September @15:45	Year 1 classroom
Year 2	Wednesday 7th September @15:45	2A
Year 3	Wednesday 7th September @ 16:15	3C
Year 4	Tuesday 6th September @16:15	4U
Year 5	Thursday 8th September @15:45	5K
Year 6	Thursday 8th September @16:15	6J
Reception	Tuesday 20th September @15:45	Reception classroom
Nursery (Butterflies)	Tuesday 27th September @15:45	Nursery classroom
2YO ( Caterpillars)	Tuesday 27th September @15:00	2YO setting

You will have the opportunity to meet the senior leadership team at the beginning and end of the school day on the school gates. We will also be hosting **SLT (Senior Leadership Team) coffee mornings this term, details of which are below.**

<b>Year 1 to 6 parents and carers</b>	Thursday 8th September
<b>Reception and Nursery parents and carers</b>	Thursday 29th September

### Friends of Brecknock

The Friends of Brecknock parent group is a hugely important part of school life, bringing us together as a community, whilst also raising invaluable funds to support the children in their learning and experiences.

The team will soon be planning their autumn welcome activities, events and fundraising. Further information will be sent to you in the coming weeks.



### Beyond School Hours

**Breakfast Club** will start on Monday 5th September, with children in Year 1 upwards attending. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club from 8am, please contact the school office. Children in the Early Years can start Breakfast Club once they are at school full time, based on their staggered start dates.

The **extended hours provision for Nursery and Reception** begins from the time children are full time at school, again based on staggered start dates. If you would like to use the extended hours provision, please contact the school office.

Carmen and Abdi (Federation Sports Coaches), John and Lindsey have put together an extensive programme of **after school clubs**. They will be working across the federation to widen what is available for all children. Please look out for information from the team in the coming days about the clubs available. Clubs will start on Monday 12th September.

### **Safeguarding and Medical Needs**

If you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature over the course of the school year, please see below for information about our **Designated Safeguarding** Leads and their contact information.



If your child requires medication at school, this must be handed to the office and a form completed prior to administration at school. We will contact you if medication already in school has expired. If your child has any medical information which has recently changed, please ensure the office is informed and this can be recorded on our system.

Parent Hub is a really effective way of keeping up to date with home school communication. Please see the flyer below to know how to join our network.



We look forward to working together with you this term and throughout the year. Look out for key dates in next week's newsletter which will continue to be published on Thursdays.

Yours sincerely,

Helen and Conor



## Designated Safeguarding Leads



**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

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**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

Helen Bruckdorfer – Executive Head Teacher of Brecknock and Torriano Federation  
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**Nominated Governor for Safeguarding**

Paul Smith  
Contact: 02074856334

**Deputy Nominated Governor for Safeguarding**

Malcolm Wren  
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**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):**

Name: Sonia Forbes  
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**Children's Contact Service/MASH team:**

Name: Duty Manager  
Contact details: 020 7974 3317/4444



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