

Friday 11th October 2013

Message from the Head

Ceramic Tile installation: Next Monday and Tuesday, Pedro Kalache, who teaches pottery at Brecknock, will be working with the children to create a tile installation for our big playground. All the children will decorate a clay tile with a leaf or flower imprint. Later the tiles will be joined together to form a beautiful and lasting piece of art. Please encourage your children to bring in any interesting leaves that they find, or flowers if you have a garden. A wide variety of leaves will lead to an interesting range of designs.

Eid: Next week we are aware that our Muslim families will be celebrating Eid on Tuesday. This will be an authorised absence for 1 day. All other children must be at school. We will be working on our big Art projects for the middle hall as well as other interesting and exciting activities.

Eid Tea: We will be celebrating Eid with our families next Friday and hope that you will all come along to the delicious Eid Tea on Friday 18th after school. There will be a small charge for this.

School Closure: As you know from my letter, the school will be closed next Thursday due to industrial action. I apologise for the inconvenience for parents, and ask for your understanding in this matter.

We wish our families a Happy Eid.

Please let Valerie khaval@gmail.com 07796760614 know if you would like to be a class parent rep (relaying information between Parents Association and the parents in your child's class and attending some or all meetings) and make the morning/evening playground an even more friendly place.

Don't forget:

Halloween Tea Party on Oct 25 - Parents to organise
Family Supper – November 7th – all families bring a dish to share from 6pm – 8pm

Strike Action

School Closed on Thursday 17th October



You may be aware there is industrial action planned to take place on the 17th October called jointly by the NUT and NASUWT teaching unions. As the majority of our teachers are NUT affiliated and intend to strike we have no option but to close the school for the day. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Mathletics and Bug Club

Mathletics and Bug Club are now updated. Please encourage your children to use them. Thank you.

www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

Dates for your calendar

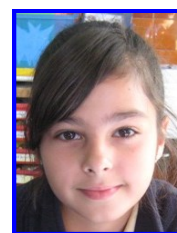
21st-25th October	Year 6 School Journey
25th October	Halloween Tea Party after school
25th October	Year 5 to Museum of London
28th Oct– 1st Nov	Half Term Holiday Week
7th-13th November	Book Fair in Entrance Hall
7th November	Family Supper Celebration 6pm-8pm
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

This week's merit winners...



Ali—6G

Bronze—50 Merits



Catia—6G

Mathletics Lunchtime Club

This week we had a full house for Mathletics Club on Thursday with Monica. Well done to all those children who came along. If your child didn't come and you would like them to have this extra learning opportunity, especially if you don't have internet access at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Well done 5C!

A huge congratulations to 5C who last week had 100% attendance and not a single child was late! It is so important to the effectiveness of your child's education that they are here everyday and on time. We thank you all for your support in improving our attendance and punctuality this year and well done again 5C—an example to every class!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term—week ending 4th October

Attendance KS1: 1B—99.31%

Attendance KS2: 5C—100%

Early Bird: 5C — 0 lates



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 18th October — Special Celebratory Eid tea



Fabulous learning in Year 1...

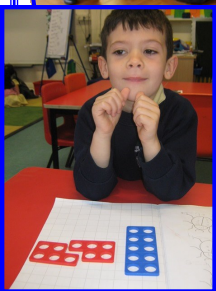


The IPC topic for Year 1 is 'Who am I'. As part of this, children in year 1 have been talking about how to stay fit and healthy. The year group were lucky enough to have a Zumba lesson with Nicola and learnt a routine called 'dancing as dinosaurs'. They had an amazing time! They also played a game called animal statues, can you guess which animals they were?



As well as all their lessons on their IPC topic, Year 1 have also been learning their doubles! They've practised all week and here is some of what they have learnt.

Year 4 Literacy



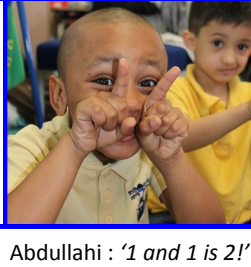
Ryan: 'Doubles is when you add the same numbers together'



Ella-Rose: '2 and 2 is 4.'



Dasha: '5 and 5 is 10'



Abdullahi: '1 and 1 is 2!'

In year 4 they have been studying the story 'Ahmed's Secret'. They have done a lot of work including using the idea of a secret to tell your parents as the idea for their own story. There have been some really effective and emotive stories written and we wanted to share one with you. This one is called 'Hassan's Story' and is by Jamuel.

Brecknock Code Club



Well done to Imran, Oliver, Jasim, Jada, Ben and Dion who have completed Level one of Code Club—they've already written the programmes for 4 great games! We still have a few places left for the club which runs on a Wednesday after school for Years 5 and 6. See Sue Dunbar in the office or Don if you want your child to have a place.

Booming and busy, crowded and chaotic the market started to wake. As I travelled through the vibrant market, I saw many interesting foods, rugs and clothing. The smell of shisha smoke filled in my nose. An old, wise lady was selling rose water in shiny, bronze kettles. The warmth of the desert mixed with the harshness of the river. It felt like the sand was jumping around me.

That day I felt proud to do my work because my father took the time and money to get me a job, it was my first day. I am pleased my father can rest while I sell succulent, tasty kebabs. While I was working, Ahmed, who sells furnace fuel around the city, just passed by.

"Ahmed! Ahmed!" shouted Hassan.

"Sorry. I didn't see you there," replied Ahmed unknowingly.

"Do you want some food?" I asked.

"Yes please!" he replied.

"Thanks. You're my first customer," I exclaimed. Then I left for my house to give my first earnings to my father.

After that I made my way home. I thought I might as well stop at the rich part of the city. The sunset was so powerful it was disappearing in the sky. I remembered my promise that I will one day live here, my father will rest in this house and I will sell in the streets where the tall, lush palm trees stand guard. They swayed back and forth. I smiled to myself as I continued the journey home.

On my way home I started to plan to tell my secret to my parents. At last I could go home as the burning, gold sun disappeared in the sky. I finally got near my house so I bought a kebab then went to the house. As I opened the door I could see my parent's faces.

"Father, please sit down," I asked affectionately.

"Why son?" my father replied nervously.

"I bought some kebabs," I said handing them over.

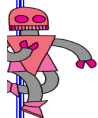
"Kebabs? Where did you get kebabs?" he questioned.

"I got it with this," I proudly stated showing him the money I'd earned.

"Well done son. I'm proud of you," my father responded.



By Jamuel



Golden Book Awards—and this weeks winners are...



Belle & Nikita—1B, Riaz & Dasha—1T, Ryan & Hiyaw—2H, Ruwayda—3M, Fred Junior—3N, Majida—4A, Tahmid—4M, Ronnie—5C, Zahara—5M, Layla—6G, Levi—6M