

Friday 13th September 2013

Message from the Head

Thankyou to all parents who came to the curriculum evenings this week. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces as well as new faces. I am so pleased that we were able to go ahead even though the KS2 classrooms are still not properly finished.



We are taking delivery of all the storage units on Monday and so classes will be a little disrupted next week. They are starting in Year 4 on Monday and Tuesday and hopefully will get to Year 3 by Wednesday and Thursday. Year 5 will be fitted on Friday and over the weekend and then Year 6 will be done at the beginning of next week. The bottom hall will be used as the storage base – and the middle hall and ICT suite will be the teaching base for classes whose rooms are being fitted.

Year 3 became Ofsted inspectors this week as their entry point to learning about the brain and how we learn – They gave me a very tough interview!! Year 5 were building emergency shelters in the hall as the entry point to their topic on “Moving People”. Children seem to be very engaged in all our new topics and we are seeing excellent results in the writing they are doing.

Look out for the fish in the pond next week.

Brecknock on Twitter!

If you are a twitterer (!) don't forget Brecknock has joined the Twittersphere! If you would like to follow us then look out for us at @BrecknockSchool. We will post updates of special events that happen.



Mathletics and Bug Club

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

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

Dates for your calendar

24th September	Year 3 to the Zoo
1st October	Year 3 to the Kew Gardens
17th October	Year 5 to Museum of London
21st-25th October	Year 6 School Journey
28th Oct– 1st Nov	Half Term Holiday Week
7th-13th November	Book Fair in Entrance Hall
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

Secondary Transfer for Year 6

Don't forget if you are a parent or carer of a child in the current year 6 that the Camden 'Moving On' event takes place this coming week. Parents applying to secondary schools in Camden can find out more at a free open event from 4 to 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18th September. The 'Moving On' event takes place at **ORT House, 126 Albert Street, Camden Town, NW1 7NE.**

This is your opportunity to:

- Find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer.
- Receive advice on how to apply and the admissions process from the Camden admissions team.
- Speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from each of the Camden secondary schools.

Please register your interest in the ORT House event by Monday 16 September. Email your name, address and your child's current primary school to:

MovingOn2013@camden.gov.uk

For more details about the event and how to apply for secondary schools visit the website:

<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/news/2013/august-2013/moving-on-to-secondary-school-event.en>

The latest guide to secondary schools is now published at:
www.camden.gov.uk/admissions



Safe Internet Usage Agreement and Image Consent Letter

We are sending home a new consent form for parents to complete about the use of digital images of the children. This consent is so we can use pictures of the children on the

website/twitter and for sharing at teacher and other professional events. We are very proud of the work we do at Brecknock and like to share it with others. Please can you read the form carefully, complete it and return to your child's class teacher. There is also a home-school agreement regarding safe internet use which the children will be signing in school and we would request your signature too. This is all part of our e-safety procedures. These are very important pieces of documentation that as a school we need to keep and as such the office will be chasing up any forms that do not come back promptly. Please check with your child if you do not receive one. Thank you.

McMillan Coffee Morning and Friday Tea

The Children's Centre will be holding a special McMillan Coffee morning on the 27th September from 9-11am. The children will be making tasty treats for the morning. Janet will also hold a special Friday tea after school that day to raise money for the McMillan charity.



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 20th September—Year 5



IPC Entry Points

It's been a busy week with classes getting started on their topics for this term. We have had some very exciting and interesting entry points. On Monday we had the Year 4 scientists with their clipboards learning about all things chocolate and tasting and testing different flavour combinations—garlic chocolate anyone?

Later in the week we were visited by some very short OFSTED inspectors, who bore an uncanny resemblance to our year 3 children. They explored the school, watching lessons and speaking to teachers about how learning happens as part of their topic on 'Brainwave'! Thursday afternoon saw year 5 building shelters AS PART OF THEIR 'Moving People' topic and earlier in the week year 6 had been to visit London and Tower Bridges as part of the work this term on their River topic. There are many more trips and exciting learning being planned for the rest of the term to help bring the curriculum alive and we'll keep you updated here in the newsletter.



IPC Topics this term

Nursery: All About Me
Reception: Family and Friends
Year 1: Who Am I?
Year 2: We Are What We Eat
Year 3: Brainwave
Year 4: Chocolate!
Year 5: Moving People
Year 6: Go With the Flow



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



Dina & Anas—1B, Ella-Rose & Marcello—1T, Cheyenne & Eram—2B, Plator & Mohammad—2H, Wei-Keat—3M, Mattis—3N, Suraya—4A, Jennifer—4M, Mia—5C, Jay—5M, Jada—6G, Albertine—6M