

Friday 27th September 2013

## Message from the Head



**Building Update:** Everything is almost back to normal in KS2 and the children are settling down in their classrooms. They are beautiful and I think we are all thrilled with the job that has been done. Hope fully you will all get to see on our next open day. There is still a lot to be done in terms of plumbing, lighting etc – but all that will be done in the evenings and at weekends.

**School meals:** On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will be offering a taster session for parents to see how good and nutritious our school meals are. Steve are chef will be there and it will be an opportunity for you to ask questions about how the food is cooked and where we source it. Put that date in your diary – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.



**Pond:** The fish are now in residence in our pond – but apparently the reason we can't see them is that they have to be there a while before the water will clear. – but they really are there and very happy.

**Computers at home:** We are aware that some of our children have no access to computers at home and would like to provide them with at least one lunchtime club where they can access learning on Fronter, Mathletics and Bug Club. Please ensure you or your child lets the class teacher know if they need this extra learning opportunity in school.

**Access:** We are now opening the Early Years gate at 8.55am to try and reduce the congestion in Cliff Villas. It is a very difficult school to manage in terms of access – and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and consideration of others in getting in and out of school.

## Safe Internet Usage Agreement and Image Consent Letter



Thank you to all the parents who have signed and returned the consent and safe internet use agreements. Anyone who has not yet returned them can you do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy please let the school office know. Thank you.

## Arts Audit

A big thank you to all the parents who returned the Arts audit to Ella. It's really amazing to see how many skills you all have. Ella will be in touch soon to discuss how we might be able to use your talents in the new curriculum.



## Online Payments to the office

Any parent who wishes to pay for any school dinner money/trips using an online payment system please email Tracy in the office on [SBM@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:SBM@brecknock.camden.sch.uk) giving your name and the name and class of your child/ren and she will email details to you. Thank you.



## Mathletics and Bug Club

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

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) & [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)

## Dates for your calendar

1st October	Year 3 to the Kew Gardens
11th October	2B to Surrey Docks Farm
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

## Homework support

We will be sending home a letter about Homework club soon. Last year attendance was very limited so we would like your opinion on when is best to have this and how best to run it so you and your children can make the best use of support with homework.

## KS2 Storage Walls

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters the extensive building works that have taken place in KS2 have included building complete storage solutions with built in interactive whiteboards in each key stage 2 classroom. If you get a chance to have look we are very pleased with the finished articles now all the classes have been finished.



## The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 4th October — Year 4



# Year 3 Rainforest Topic

This week year 3 have become 'Rainforest Explorers' as part of their topic 'Saving the World'. On Tuesday they went to London Zoo to identify different species of rainforest animals including gorillas and tigers. They recorded the temperature and humidity of London Zoo's very own rainforest and learned about adaptation with a member of London Zoo's staff. Then they returned to school on Wednesday to discover their classrooms had been transformed into Brecknock's very own rainforest experience with tigers, gorillas, toucans, tapirs and snakes hiding in the undergrowth and monkeys swinging from the vines. If you have a chance come and see our rainforest but watch out for the tarantulas!



## Year 5 Literacy



Anisa and Ali produced an excellent piece of work based on their Literacy book 'Grandpa Chatterji'. They used description, dialogue, speech punctuation, words for said and wrote in the style of the author 'Jamila Gavin'. Not only that, they typed and edited their work beautifully! Well done both of you.

*As they approached the immense, dazzling rocket ride, their jaws dropped. The rockets zoomed over their heads, flashing as bright as fireworks and dashing into a dark and gloomy tunnel. Sanjay gulped as it came to a rest back in its place.*

*When people got off they groaned and moaned; none of them smiled. Although they were whimpering, they never admitted that it was horrible.*

*They boasted as they were picking their rocket.*

*"What are they all whimpering about?" asked Grandpa Chatterji, with a confused face.*

*"What colour rocket shall we choose?" exclaimed Sanjay looking at all the colourful, blazing rockets.*

*"It doesn't matter which one" Grandpa replied as he clambered into one of the biggest rockets. The rocket went faster and faster and when 1 minute was over Sanjay's face was buried into Grandpa's shoulder and he cried "GET ME OF! GET ME OF!" But there was no getting off. It was only 3 minutes, but it was 3 minutes of hell!*



By Ali & Anisa

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



Isaac & Sayed—1B, Mellia & Oliver—1T, Kawthar & Chika—2B, Zoe & Tanim—2H, Marwan—3M, Priam—3N, Mia—4M, Reece—5C, Henna—5M, Ali—6G, Adi—6M