

Friday 5th July 2013

Message from the Head

The Community Festival: was a great success last week and we raised over £900 for the school. Many parents worked so hard to organise everything and we all had a great time. Thank you to everyone. Have a look at the pictures on the back.

Sports Day: is next Wednesday 10th July at Parliament Hill. The weather promises to be really good—why not join us? Reception and Yr1 will be going by coach and the rest of us will walk up.

Bastille Day (see below): Katie has organised lots of lessons, activities and games as well as croissants and cheese for the children to try. Steve will be making a special French lunch for us as well.

Open Evening will be from 5.00 till 6.30 next Thursday evening 11th July. This will be a great opportunity for you to see your child's work from this year and meet their teacher for next year.

Right Respecting School: Our ambassadors are working with Laura at the moment to write our **Brecknock Manifesto**. This is going to be our rights and values expressed in children's language. It will be ready by the end of term to launch in September.

Condolences

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Abdullahi family who lost their son, Mohamed, older brother of Sahra and Suraya in a tragic incident last weekend. He was an ex-Brecknock pupil. Our thoughts are with them at this very difficult time.

Bastille Day—12th July

Next Friday we will be celebrating Bastille Day with lots of French-based activities going on across the school. To get the children into the spirit we are asking that for that day they come in dressed in the colours of the French flag—red, white and blue.



Online Payments Trial

We are looking at moving to an online payment system for parents to transfer funds to school for things like school dinners. We would like to trial a system with some parents to see if the system would be of benefit to you. If any parents are interested in being part of the trial please see Tracy in the office and she can give you more information. Tracy works on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 12th July—Charity Cake Sale



Dates for your calendar

8th July	Selected children Y3-5 Science Trip
10th July	Sports Day @ Parliament Hill Rec-Y6
11th July	Open Evening - meet new teachers
12th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay
12th July	French/Bastille Day
16th July	Class 3KM to the CLC
16th July	Year 6 End of Year Show @ 7pm
17th July	Whole School Picnic
18th July	Year 6 Leavers Book Presentation
19th July	Last day of term for children - close at 2pm

Help the PTA at the Sunday Market...

The PTA will be holding a stall at the Brecknock Market on Sunday July 7th (10am-2pm). Any help is welcome especially baking cupcakes. If we are not placed next to the entrance we will also need a volunteer to stand at the entrance door on York Way to sell cotton bags to shoppers. They also need a volunteer to help on the stall between 12pm and 1pm. If you have any questions about this or want to offer help either on the day or making things to sell please contact Valérie Baudry (Naji and Anis' mum) via the office.

Karate Summer Camp

For those of you thinking of holiday activities for the children this summer we thought you would like to know about a Karate Summer Camp that is being run by the same instructors who have been running the school's karate club with our younger children and gave such a fabulous demonstration at Friday's community festival. It's not just karate, there will be origami, sushi making, karate quiz, calligraphy and much more.



It runs 10am—2pm each day and is for ages 5-12 years. The cost is £150 per week and the classes take place at Highgate Road Chapel, Chetwynd Road, NW5 1BU. The camp will run for the following weeks:

29th July—2nd August

5th July—9th August

For more information see www.dojovanrel.com or call 07707 061 382.

School Council

This week school council decided on the colours for the new toilets that are being refurbished over the summer. They have chosen bright rather than dull colours and hope that the girls and the boys will approve of their decisions. The idea is for the toilet doors to look rather like a paint box of different colours.



This week's merit winners...

Gold—150 Merits

Bronze—50 Merits



Abdiziz—4S



Ayesha, Priam and Remy—all 2B

Mathlete of the Week

Well done to Ben in Year 5 who has been chosen as this week's Mathlete of the Week! Please encourage your child to practise their maths skills online at:

www.mathletics.co.uk



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term—week ending 21st June

Attendance KS1: 1B—97.14%

Attendance KS2: 5C—98.33%

Early Bird: 5C — 0 lates



Community Festival 2013

Last Friday we had our community festival and despite the poor weather forecast you all came along and helped make it a great success. In the end we were lucky with the rain holding off and we raised a fabulous £958. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents involved in making the day such a huge success. We couldn't do it without your help.



Year 5 Band

On Tuesday night the year 5 band played at the Camden Primary Bands night at Regents High School. It was a great evening and all the children performed fantastically. We're very proud of the music provision the children get at Brecknock as well as the hard work they put in. Well done to the whole band—Syra, Lydia, Chloe, Amelia, Aneeka, Aisha and Levi and also to Rod who does such a fantastic job teaching and supporting them.



China Project

This week year 6 finished their project on China. They had a fantastic exit point day with a visit from Bob Fermor and his team from the National Academy of Martial Arts. During their workshop the children saw demonstrations of some beautiful Tai Chi as well as having a go themselves. They then saw and had a go themselves at the Chinese Lion Dance and the Chinese Dragon Dance. Seeing demonstrations from a 3-time world champion in Bob, and 2-time world Champion in his wife Jo, was a fantastic experience and the children had a great time. They followed up their active morning with a Chinese Banquet, complete with chop sticks! This has been a fabulous project and we've been very lucky to be working with Professor Harriet Evans from the University of Westminster and we'd like to say a big thank you to her. The children have really worked hard and learnt a lot. Look out for a display around school soon.

