

Friday 6th September 2013

Message from the Head

It was so good to see you all in the playground on Wednesday. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the holiday. It has been a really happy return to school this week, with the glorious warm sunny weather which has been such a blessing. I would like to thank all the staff, ably supported by Curtis and Glen, who have been shifting furniture, cleaning, dusting, vacuuming and getting themselves very dirty with the sole aim of getting things as good as they could be for the children's return on Wednesday. The classroom furniture has arrived today and looks magnificent. Most of the finishing and making good of the toilets will be completed this weekend—and the windows are being cleaned. Once the storage walls are installed—KS2 will be a beautiful and spacious learning environment. There is on-going work to install close circuit security cameras, sustainable lighting and a new fire alarm system, but everything is safe and will be done after school, or at weekends and half term. We think parents will love the new toilets and are hoping to bring Nursery and Reception toilets to the same standard at half term.

My pride and joy is the new pond outside the front entrance. Water is so vital and so life affirming - and I have been dreaming up the plan over the past couple of years. It will soon be ready for fish—and then it will be a tranquil and beautiful spot in the middle of a busy and bustling school. I hope you will all attend the curriculum meetings next week—details on the back. It is a chance to meet your child's new teacher and find out what children will be learning about this term and their weekly timetable. We will provide a crèche for younger children in the bottom hall. I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings and will be available if you have anything you would like to talk to me about.

I WISH US ALL A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL TERM.

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

We are in the process of updating Mathletics and Bug Club with the new class information. Next week children will be able to log on again from home and practice their reading and maths. If your child has forgotten their usernames and passwords just ask.

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

Dates for your calendar

11th September	Curriculum Meetings—Y1,3&5 3.45-4.15pm
12th September	Curriculum Meetings—Y2,4,6 3.45-4.15pm
12-13th September	Artist in to make tiled wall mural
10th September	Year 6 to London and Tower Bridges
24th September	Year 3 to the Zoo
1st October	Year 3 to the Zoo
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

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 for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils 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

Each Camden secondary school also holds its own open events. These are listed below.

School	Open Events
Acland Burghley School	Open Evening: 2nd October 6-8pm Open Mornings: 24th, 25th & 26th September 9.15-10.30am
Camden School for Girls	Open Evening: 24th September 6-8pm Open Mornings: 18th & 20th September 9-11am
Hampstead School	Open Evening: 17th October 6-8pm Open Mornings: 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd October 9am
Haverstock School	Open Evening: 9th October 5-7.30pm Open Mornings: 2nd, 18th & 24th October 9.30-10.45am
La Sainte Union	Open Evening: 26th September 4-7pm Open Afternoons: 2nd, 3rd & 17th October 2-3.30pm
Maria Fidelis School FCJ	Open Evening: 19th September 4-7pm Open Mornings: Any Tuesday 9-11am
Parliament Hill School	Open Evening: 3rd October 5-7.30pm Open Mornings: 8th, 9th & 10th October 9-11am
Regent High School	Open Evening: 1st October 4.30-7.30pm Open Mornings: 18th, 19th, 24, 25th September & 3rd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 17th, 22nd October 9-10.30am
UCL Academy	Open Evening: 24th September 4-6pm Open Mornings: 26th September 10am-12pm
William Ellis School	Open Evening: 3rd October 6-8pm Open Mornings: 8th, 9th & 10th October 9-10.30am

Key Stage 2 at Hampstead Heath



Years 3 to 6 enjoyed the last days of summer on Thursday with a day of sports and a picnic on Hampstead Heath. There was dodgeball, tennis, as well as a chance to have a go on the adventure playground. It was a tiring day but great fun and fabulous way to enjoy the new classes and encourage teamwork for the start of the new school year.

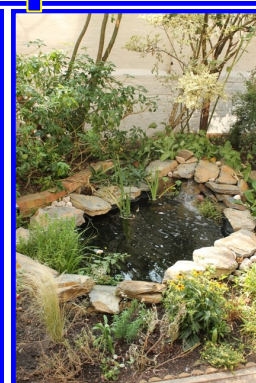


Signing up with a difference in Year 3!



Class Charters were agreed and written by every class this week. 3N came up with a novel idea for decorating theirs by painting each others feet, and printing them directly to it! That's an interesting way to sign off the charter, wouldn't you agree?

New Improved Brecknock!



As you may know, we have had some rather extensive building works carried out over the summer. The KS2 corridor has been completely transformed with new bigger and brighter classrooms. We also have a lovely new pond and water feature in front of the school which will be having fish in it very soon as well as some fabulous new refurbished toilets throughout the building. As well as this we had a new sound-dampening roof fitted in the dinner hall. We still have media/storage walls to be fitted to the KS2 classes. Take the opportunity to

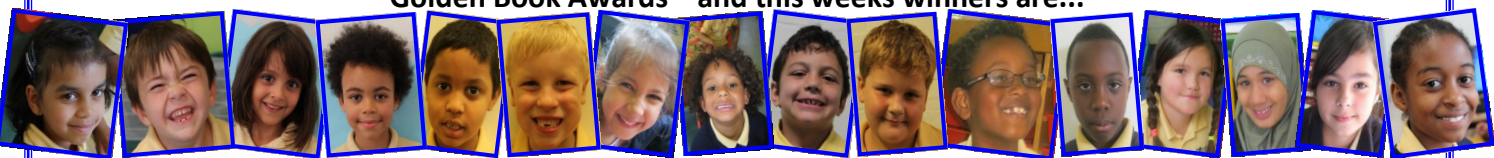
check out the new improved Brecknock at next week's curriculum meetings.

Important

Curriculum meetings will be taking place after school next week. The meetings for years 1,3 and 5 are on Wednesday and the meetings for 2,4 and 6 are on Thursday. Each meeting is from 3.45pm-4.15pm in the classrooms. The office will also send out a reminder text on the day. These meeting are very important for meeting the class teachers and finding out all the information you will need for the coming term/year. Please try and come along if you can.

Curriculum Meetings

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



Valery & Riley—1B, Isabella & Makhae—1T, Ilyas & Dean—2B, Sharnelle & Jaime—2H, Hadi—3M, Samuel—3N, Hamid—4A, Tito—4M, Demi—5C, Sumia—5M, Catia—6G, Shameem—6M