

Message from the Head

We now have the total raised for the Philippines Crisis and it stands at **£359.70!**

Thank you very much to all those that contributed in time, effort and money. I realise that this can be an expensive time of year for families but the chance to think about how lucky we are can make us appreciate what we have all the more.

In that vein, we will now be collecting dried and tinned food items from 2nd December to 6th December to give them to the Camden Food Bank, so they can get to those in need by Christmas. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Don't forget: Nursery to Year 3 have performance dates for their shows below, so get them in your diary.

School Council

School Council have been working on letting children know how teasing can make others feel. They created a comic strip style presentation which they showed in assembly (it's also on their display board). Hopefully this will make people think before saying something that upsets their classmates. They have also created a series of posters for the toilets to encourage people to leave as soon as they have finished at playtime, so other children can use the toilets in relative privacy too. School Council felt that even when it is cold, the toilets are not really the place to stay and chat and hope these will act as reminders. They will be going up next week. They are currently gathering ideas for their next task - to create an information leaflet for new children arriving into classes, full of all the things the children feel would help them settle in most quickly.

Change of date: Book Fair

The date of the forthcoming book fair has changed. They will now be open from Tuesday 3rd of December (next week) until Friday. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this fair will be selling all its books at half price so there will be plenty of bargains on offer.



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

3rd December	Y5 Science Workshop & Y6 Anti-Bullying Drama
3rd-6th Dec	Book Fair in Entrance Hall
9th December	Y6 Thames Explorer Trip
11th December	Bench Ball Tournament for Y3 & Y4
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6pm
16th December	Year 2 Christmas Show—2pm
17th December	Year 1 Christmas Show—2pm
18th December	Reception Christmas Show 2pm
19th December	Nursery Christmas Show—2pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

MP Surgery—Frank Dobson

Frank Dobson, Local MP will be holding a surgery here at the school on Friday the 31st of January 2014 from 9.00 – 10.00am. Please contact the Office for an appointment.



School Dinners

Unfortunately we are unable to accept parents as entitled to FSM unless we have formal notification from Camden. Therefore could you please ensure that you contact Camden – Free School Meals Department to confirm your entitlement, who will inform us, the school on a weekly basis. If you are in the process of applying for Free School Meals until you are authorised by Camden you will have to pay for the meals. Should you receive a letter from us showing that you owe money for school dinners and feel that you are entitled to FSM, please query this with the School Office. They will look into the query and get back to you.



Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch in the dinner hall will be held on Wednesday 11th December. The menu can be found on the school website under the 'Dinners' page in 'School Info'. If any parents of children who are packed lunch would like to have a school dinner that day please can you let the office know by Wednesday 4th December (next week). The price of the lunch is £2.10. Thank you.



Bikes and scooter in the playground

Can parents please not let their children scoot or cycle around the playground before or after school. There have been a number of occasions lately where children have banged into people or knocked other children over and can be dangerous in such a crowded place. There is the bike park by the dinner hall where bikes and scooters can be left until you leave the school grounds. Thank you.



Thank you...

In recognition of the fabulous job they do we'd like to take this opportunity on 'National TA Appreciation Day' to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful TAs. We all recognise what a great job they do to support teachers and children across the school and help make Brecknock the fabulous school it is, but maybe we don't all take enough time to say so. From supporting the children's learning, creating fabulous displays, helping organise and put on school shows, to just being a person children can turn to in a time of need, they truly are multi-skilled. So from all the teachers and children let us shout out loud to all our wonderful teaching assistants, both old and new, THANK YOU!

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term—week ending 22nd November

Attendance KS1: 2H—99.23%

Attendance KS2: 5M—98.67%

Early Bird: 5C — 0 lates



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 6th December — Year 1



On Friday, the second half of nursery went to the farm. They met the rabbits called Princess and Duchess and they got to stroke lots of animals. They learned about the differences between boy and girl chickens and a naked necked chicken, it felt very soft. It was a cold day but they kept warm by doing lots of jumping and wriggling!

Nursery



This week Year 5 and one of the Year 3 classes were lucky enough to go to Somerset House for the winter ice rink. They all had a great time with lots of smiles on display, despite the cold and falling over more than once! Well done to them all for giving it a go with such enthusiasm. If you would like to see more pictures they are on the school website.

3M & Year 5



Year 1

S.O.S. Hello...is anybody there? Please can you help me. My beautiful pea green boat has crashed! The fluffy owl was playing the guitar. I am on the land where the bong tree grows.

By Adam

The children have been reading the story 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and doing lots of fabulous learning around it. They have produced their own art work inspired by the book as well as writing S.O.S. messages. As always, they have been working very hard and we're proud of their achievements.

S.O.S. Hello. Please can you help me. I am too scared. We dined on slices of quince. A pigwig had a ring at his nose. We crashed our boat.

By Kyleene



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



Saki & Kyleene—Class 1B, Emma & Teo—Class 1T, Jaiden & Abdel Kerim—2B, Hayley-Jade & Megan—Class 2H, Maya—3M, Ramla—3N, Zakhi—4A, Jamaal—4M, Laura—5C, Anisa—5M, Mohamed—6G, Yasmin—6M