

Friday 8th November 2013

Message from the Head

Family Supper

Thanks to everyone who came to the family supper yesterday evening. It is always very rewarding for me to see so many teachers, support staff and parents all working and relaxing together to make it such a great occasion. I would like to say a special thank you to Sue Dunbar – who does so much planning and preparation behind the scenes to make the occasion such a success.

Pond

I have been told that some parents are complaining that the pond is unsafe. I think it is important that we teach our children from a very young age that they need to know how to keep safe. The pond was sited in a place that was a garden area before; it is away from the path and is there for everyone to enjoy. We all need to make sure the children keep back from the water. We hoped that parents would support us in our aims to provide a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy. All the children love the pond and we must make them aware of being careful. I do hope parents will agree with me that life is full of risks – and we need to teach our children to face them and behave sensibly.

Children in Need

Next Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need. **We are asking children to come to school dressed in Rainbow colours – as many as possible and as crazy as you like.** All they have to do is bring at least £1 (or more if you can afford it) to donate to Children in Need.

Birthdays in school

Please can you bring in small individual cakes or biscuits to celebrate birthdays. Large cakes are very difficult to share out and extremely messy. Thankyou

WEBSITE – should be up and running next week, I will let you know when it goes live.

Please let Valerie khaval@gmail.com 07796760614 know if you would like to be a class parent rep (relaying information between Parents Association and the parents in your child's class and attending some or all meetings) and make the morning/evening playground an even more friendly place.

Don't forget:

Parent Consultation meetings next week.

Please make sure you get an appointment. There will be a crèche on Thursday.

I would be happy to meet with any parent throughout the week. Just let me know what time.

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

7th-13th November	Book Fair in Entrance Hall
27th November	Somerset House Ice Skating—Year 5 & 3M
3rd December	Y5 Science Workshop
3rd December	Y6 Anti-Bullying Drama
9th December	Y6 Thames Explorer Trip
11th December	Bench Ball Tournament for Y3 & Y4
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-6pm
20th December	End of Autumn Term—Christmas Holidays
6th January	Spring Term Starts

Science in Year 5

This week Year 5 children were given the task of creating a 'Tree Spotting Nature Walk' for Year 1. In order to do this they had to learn a few things about the leaves that will help to identify the trees, and they had to have a go at identifying them on their own nature walk in Caledonian Park! The children used a leaf identification key to help them spot and identify the leaves of the following trees: Beech, Birch, Holly, Field Maple, Oak and Hawthorn. Each time they identified a tree they had to mark it on their map and add it to the key. They also collected samples of the leaves for various sorting activities back in the classroom. Their next job will be to design a map and branching database to present as a resource for Year 1 to use. Year 5 also found out that trees are plants, did you know that!?



Fundraiser- Grand Bazaar

London Irish Centre, Murray

Street Entrance

Saturday November 9th 12-4pm

Come and stock up for Christmas and raise money for a great cause—The Motor Neurone Disease Association. Admission is free and there will be stalls selling good quality China, glass, silverware, picture, ladies good-as-new designer wear as well as tea, coffee, jam, marmalade, home baking and home made dog biscuits, tombola and much more.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term—week ending 25th October

Attendance KS1: **2B—94.07%**

Attendance KS2: **4M—97.65%**

Early Bird: **Rec L, 5M, 6G & 6M — 0 lates**



The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 15th November — Children in Need



They had a fantastic time, and although very wet and muddy underfoot, by and large the weather was kind to them with some beautiful blue skies on display, especially for the hike in the South Downs. It even stayed dry so they could have a fantastic campfire with scary stories provided by the children themselves!

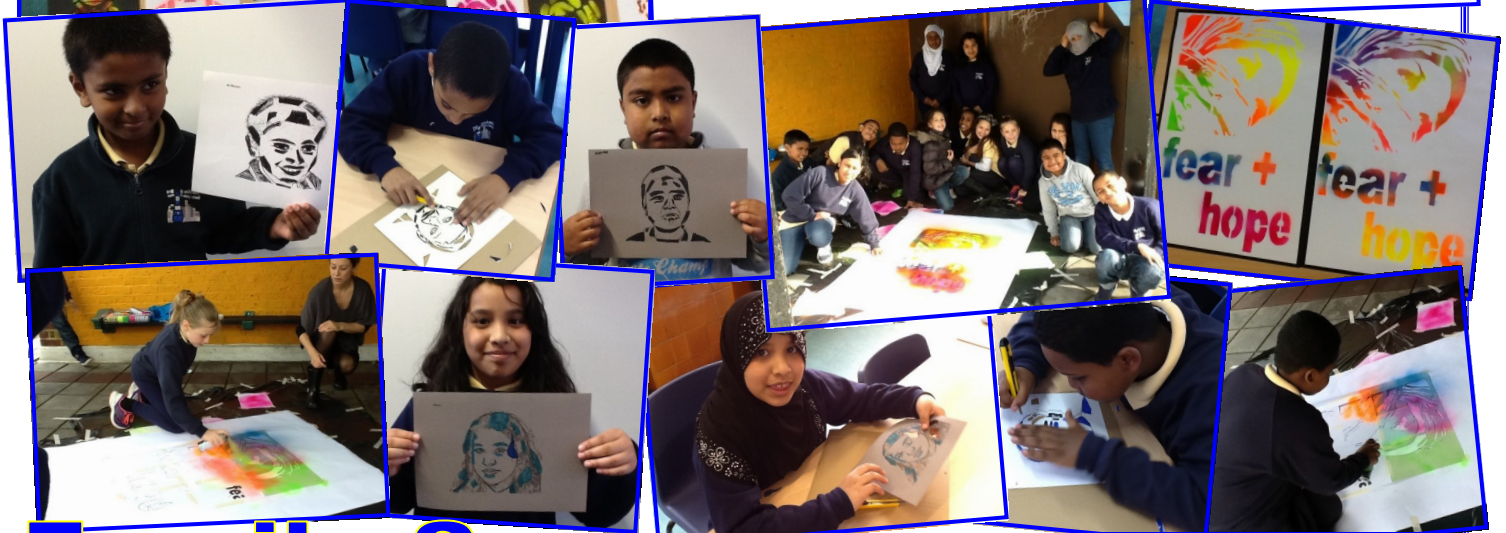
Well done Year 6 and thank you to the staff who went with them and spent time away from their own friends and families so the children could have this experience. From what previous year groups who come back to visit tell us it's one that is cherished and will stay with the children for a very long time.



Art in Year 5

5M used their topic 'Moving People' as the inspiration for their hall art display. Linked to article 22 of the UNCRC which states: 'You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee...'

Influenced by the street artist 'Blek le Rat', children designed stencils of their own faces and also helped to create a large stencil of a refugee alongside the words 'fear and hope'. Using craft knives, the children carefully cut out the stencils ready for the really fun part...graffiti spray painting! On the roof they worked as a team to create two large pieces of stencil art as well as 2 different versions of their faces. The children thoroughly enjoyed the art project and feel their final pieces have impact and send an important message about human rights.



Family Supper

The first big event of the term was on Thursday evening, Family Supper, and was a roaring success. Thank you to everyone who came along and brought a dish to share. As you can see, everyone there had a great time.



Nursery

Nursery have been having some messy fun making firework pictures. They splattered, sprayed and squirted paint and talked about the sounds fireworks make 'whizz, bang, fizz, pop, wheeeee, pom pom pom'.

Brecknock Parent Governors

The school governors are volunteers who help set the priorities for the school, approve the budget and support the headteacher to provide the best possible education for children at Brecknock. There are seven parents on the school governing body. We are the representatives of Brecknock families and aim to reflect the school community's experiences of the school. It is not the role of governors to deal with individual problems parents and their children may be experiencing - parents should always talk to their class teacher about their own children. But by hearing the experiences of Brecknock families we can help plan for the school's future more effectively. Please feel free to approach any of us at any time and if you are interested in becoming a school governor we would be very happy to tell you more about what it involves.

Parent Governors and Chair—Who are we...



Ali Farkhunda-Jabeen
(Tauheedah—Year 6)



Polly Curtis
(Ivy—Year 3)



Kelly Edwards
(Chloe—Year 5 & Jemma—Year 3)



Geethika Jayatilaka
Community Governor & Assistant Chair of Governors
(Shalin—Year 3)



Chair of governors:
Paul Smith



Syeda Miah
(Syra—Year 6, Thyra—Year 3 & Aayaz—Year 1)



Emma Stockton
(Charlotte—Year 3)



Tanya Gibson
(Isaac—Year 1 & Dylan—Reception)

Email address for the chair of governors: chair@brecknock.camden.sch.uk

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



Majida & Erin—1B, Sienna & Hadil—1T, Soraya & Jaycee—2B, Anna & Nikita—2H, Maya—3M, Alima—3N, Habib—4A, Vanessa—4M, Vivian—5C, Rhiannon—5M, Berie—6G, Amelia—6M