

Friday 17th January 2014

Message from the Head

Curriculum evenings: Thankyou to all the parents who managed to come to the Curriculum Evenings this week. We had a very good turnout in most year groups. It is so much easier for the children to understand the reason and the importance of working hard in school, when they can see their parents encouraging them and taking an interest in all the things they are doing at school. Thankyou.

Scooters and bikes in the playground: Lots of children now come to school on scooters and bikes. This is great exercise as well as being good fun. However, it is quite dangerous when children are racing around the playground on them before school, as it can be potentially really dangerous as there are lots of parents with buggies and small children. Please can parents make sure the children park their scooters or hold onto them so children are not riding them both at the beginning or end of the day in the playground. Thankyou.

Parent governor nominations: So far we have only had one nomination. Please make sure you get any nomination forms into us by the end of the day on Monday.

Help to respond to new headteacher questionnaire:

If you would like some help in responding to the questions about the kind of person you would like as the next headteacher, there will be lots of parents and teachers around at the end of the day in the dining room, on Monday, to help you. Your views are a very important part of this process.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 24th January — Year 6



Dates for your calendar

22nd January	Family Maths in Reception—9am-10am
27th-31st Jan	Maths Week
29th January	4A to the CLC
3rd February	Reception to the Golden Hinde
3rd February	6G to the CLC
7th February	6M to the CLC
12th February	Year 2 to the London Eye
17th-21st Feb	Half Term Holiday Week
6th March	Year 3 to Viking Exhibition
14th March	World Poetry Day
14th March	5M to the CLC
14th March	Cross Country competition @ Parliament Hill
17th-21st March	Science Week
18th March	5C to the CLC
4th April	4M to the CLC
4th April	Last day of term—close at 2pm
22nd April	Summer Term Starts

Camden Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to Jasin, Syra, Tauheedah, and Amelia who were chosen to represent Brecknock at the recent Primary Maths Challenge held at Eleanor Palmer School. They have worked hard all year and they put on a great showing on the day. We're very proud of them!



Search for a new Head Teacher

As you will all know, I will be leaving her post as head teacher at Brecknock in July, after a very successful period leading our school. The search is now on to find the right person to pick up the mantle and drive the school forward. The governors met last night to consider the process for finding our next head teacher and are very keen to ensure that all stakeholders in the school community, parents, children and staff, are heard and considered when thinking about the sort of person we want to lead the school in the next phase of its journey. You should have received a consultation paper today with some questions about the qualities and experience you feel are important—if you haven't received one please let us know. We would ask as many of you as possible to fill these in and return them to the school so that governors can consider them before finalising a person specification and to help inform the interview process. There will be parent governors and staff in the playground over the next few days handing out forms and on hand to help you complete them should you need it. Staff and children will also have an opportunity next week for their views to be expressed. By considering everyone's opinion the governors hope they can best represent the views of the wider school through this process. We would ask that any completed forms be handed back by Thursday 23rd January at the latest so that there is time to analyse the responses and bring the results before the next governors meeting on the 25th. We will of course keep you all updated throughout this process through the newsletter and website. 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 & www.bugclub.co.uk

School Calendar 2014

Stuck for a gift idea? This year's School Calendar is on sale now in the school office for £2.50—perfect for the person who has everything!

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.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—7th-10th January

Attendance KS1: **2B—99.00%**

Attendance KS2: **5C—98.53%**

Early Bird: **3N — 0 lates**



Nursery Stay & Play



'We've had a busy building week in Nursery! Throughout the week we've been learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and have been building our own houses from different materials and writing letters to the Wolf asking him to be nice. We had our first 'Stay and Play' which was a lot of fun. Thank you to all the parents who attended.



Writing in Year 4

Tito and Chloe have been doing some extra work on their writing Francine. This week they were given the task of creating their own planet and describing it. Here's what they came up with.

The fire world is a medium sized planet which is near the Earth. The person who discovered this fiery planet was the scientist Chloe Harkins (in they year 2200). She said, "This is the best planet I have ever discovered!"

In the sky at night stars that look like fireworks twinkle. As well as this you can see an orange aura which shines around the sun. In addition there is a river of flaming fire that makes fire drops.

On this flaming, rosy planet you can hear volcanoes bubbling, techno-planes zooming around the sun and the rumbling of the solar system.

But how do plants survive? Well they suck up special soil and they have waxy, spiky leaves. The pink aliens can survive in any weather!

When the double sun is high in the sky it makes a bitter smell because it burns the clouds. As a result the clouds dissolve!



By Chloe

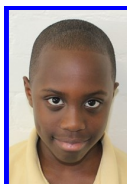
The Diamond Ring planet is incredibly close to the planet Earth. It is a massive planet which shines like a beacon day and night. Why is it so bright? Because this exciting planet is made out of diamond!

On the Diamond planet you can see: reflections from the ten moons, hard and transparent surfaces and an enormous turquoise sun. When the sunlight shines on the Diamond planet it is an amazing thing.

The tremors from the Diamond Volcano make the sphere shake quickly. The humans and aliens are inspired by the rare sounds and the glittering gems.

The equator of the planet is really hot - 75°C! The Diamond planet is a peaceful planet however some are busy. The roar of rockets visiting and rumbling of the machines.

Furthermore supersonic bells ring softly in the morning. This is when the sweet smell of the flower crystals travel through the air.



By Tito

Debate Day

Last Friday was our day for debate with every year group in the school involved in discussion topics agreed on by the Ambassadors. The standard was very high and the arguments put forward very high. Videos of the debates will be available on the website soon as are pictures taken on the day. We had motions such as the monarchy should be abolished, children should be banned from eating fast food, computers are good for us, there should be shorted school holidays to name just a few.



Mission to Mars in Year 5



This week Year 5 went to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich as part of their new IPC topic 'Mission to Mars'. They started the day with an exciting talk from an expert about the sun, earth and moon, before looking round the space galleries, which were full of amazing activities.

Finally, they were lucky enough to go to the planetarium, where they looked up on a large dome-shaped projection screen which had scenes of stars and planets. Check out Year 5's page on the website for more photos of the day.



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



Mahir & Sayed—Class 1B, Ryan & Kinglsey—Class 1T, Cheyanne & Ilyas—2B, Berat & Olti—Class 2H, Ziyad—3M, Fred Junior—3N, Suraya—4A, Zoe—4M, Denzil—5C, Zahra—5M, Imaan—6G, Fahmida—6M