

Friday 14th February 2014

Message from the Head

Proposed NUT strike Wednesday 26th March

There is a proposed NUT strike on Wednesday 26th March. I am not sure yet how many of our teachers will be involved in this. As you are aware from before, the majority of Brecknock teachers are NUT members and it is very likely we will have to close the school on that day. I will confirm when I know more – but just wanted to give you plenty of warning.

Parent governor vacancy

We have had 3 nominations for parent governor – elections will take place the week after half term. We will send out a ballot form.

Camden Professional Partner (CPP)

Our CPP – Stephen Fisher was in school yesterday and did a leaning walk across Early Years, KS1 and KS2. He was very complementary about the quality of learning and teaching and the classroom environments. We looked at all the assessment data and discussed next steps. It was a very helpful and productive visit.

Free School Meals

We get extra funding for children on FSM and that means we can offer more trips or clubs free even if your child does not have a school lunch. To check if you are eligible apply to:
www.camden.gov.uk/fsm

Very Important Information!!!!

Please make sure you always inform the office if you change either your address or phone number. We may need to get hold of parents urgently for a variety of reasons, and occasionally we do not have any number where we can reach you. Please check with Jackie and Sue that all details are up to date.

Picking children up on time—we are getting more and more children in the office who have not been collected on time. Occasionally things happen which mean a parent can not get here on time and that is understandable, but some parents are regularly late picking up children—and this is unfair on the children and on the office staff who have to supervise them. Thankyou for your support.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable half term break.

Dates for your calendar

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
17th March	Royal Albert Hall Choir Performance
18th-19th March	New Head teacher interviews
18th March	3M to the Cutty Sark
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

Materials in Year 1

Children in year 1 have been investigating materials this week. They began by saying what the material was and then used scientific language to describe it's properties. They had to use language such as hard/soft, rough/smooth, flexible/rigid, shiny/dull and opaque/transparent. They also made up actions to describe the properties. They have been excellent scientists all week. See the website for more photos. Well done to them all!



Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks

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

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 28th February — Year 2



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and KS2 had an assembly celebrating all the wonderful things that the internet can be used for and discussed how we can make it even better. We carried out a survey with the children about how they use the internet and we'll share the results with you soon. We'd like to remind parents of all the wonderful creative and learning opportunities that can be found online whether through your computer, laptop, smartphone, tablet or games console while also remembering that there are also dangers. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing when they are online, the apps and websites they are using—especially any messaging apps. Like other areas of life, children need to be taught what is appropriate and what is not. Remind them never to use their full names as usernames, or publicly post their address as well as think carefully when they post photos. If you are concerned over any aspect of your child's digital life, or want help or advice of how best to use the internet with them you can visit these websites, or speak to your child's class teacher.



www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.safenetwork.org.uk

www.childnet.com

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—3rd-7th February

Attendance KS1: 2B—96%

Attendance KS2: 3N—99.26%

Early Bird: 6M & 3N — 2 lates



Mission to Mars in Year 5...

Year 5 have been tackling some 'weighty' concepts as part of their topic 'Mission to Mars'. They have been learning about gravity, weight and mass and the relationship between them. Using the equation '**mass (kg) x gravity (N/kg) = weight (N)**' they worked out how much a 2kg mass would weigh on every single planet in the solar system! In addition, they wrote a summary explaining what they know about the new concepts they have been learning, and even became professors, students and observers in an activity to help them consolidate what they have been learning. Not satisfied with keeping this knowledge to themselves, they also put on a class assembly to share their learning with the whole of Key Stage 2! The Year 5 children really could be from another planet, they are so smart!

LO: To write a summary

- SC:
- Key vocabulary
 - Explanations and examples
 - compound and complex sentences

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Growing is e
a pulling. Every planet has a different gravitational pull for force and
example Jupiter is a big planet so it has a bigger gravitational pull and Mercury is smaller so it has a weaker gravitational pull. Weight and Mass are different because if you were on a different planet like Saturn you will still be yourself but your weight will change because of the gravitational pull on that planet.

Space Assembly by 5M!

5M wowed their audience during their Space Theme Assembly on Thursday. Stealing the show was Rhiannon in her silver space suit; Ahmed with his explanation of gravity, weight and mass; Henna and Ali with their amazing persuasive letters to David Cameron; and Freya and Al-Mumin with their Powerpoint presentations about the physical features of Mars. Everyone did a fantastic job at sharing their learning. Well done 5M!



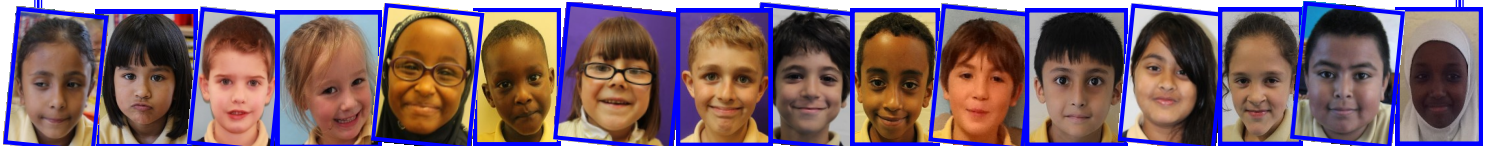
Science Club



Science Club began this term with Beth (Y5) and Kelly (Nursery) as the lead scientists. The club has attracted an enthusiastic bunch of aspiring

scientists from Year 2 to Year 5. So far this year they have built rafts, made lava lamps, inflated a balloon without even blowing it, tested gyrocopters and investigated ice balloons. Science club is almost full, but there is definitely room for up to 4 more children. Let Beth know if you are interested!

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



Majida & Jubaira—Class 1B, Teo & CeCe—Class 1T, Nima & Said—2B, Emily & Plator—Class 2H, Mohammed—3M, Nabil—3N, Ruben—4A, Umar—4M, Riya—5C, Rhiannon—5M, Imran—6G, Ilhan—6M