

Friday 28th February 2014

Message from the Head

Trip to France

We are all very pleased and excited to be undertaking our first ever Year 5 trip to France next week. The children will leave on Monday morning and spend 4 days in a chateau just outside Paris. They will be doing many exciting day excursions—to places like The Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, a trip down the River Seine, a French market and I have heard a rumour that they might even be squeezing in a trip to Disneyland. The children will be accompanied by Henry, Beth and Sarah; Patrick will be leading the trip.

Tile Relief sculpture in the playground

Please have a good look at our beautiful tiles on the walls in the big playground and at the front of the school near the pond. Pedro Kalache worked with all the children across the school—they imprinted leaves into the soft clay of the tiles. After they were dried and fired every child painted a tile with subtle glazes. They are so delicate—look closely and you will see amazing detail and beauty. It is a truly collaborative piece of creative work.



Using positive language

We are working together as a school to ensure that children do not swear and also show good manners at all times; please can you also encourage this at home.

Parent governor election

You will receive a ballot form on Monday. Please cast your vote and return the form to the office by the end of next week.

Dates for your calendar

3rd-7th March	Year 5 to Paris, France
4th March	3N to the Cutty Sark
6th March	Year 3 to Viking Exhibition
7th March	School Council to Camden Debates
11th March	Year 3 to Hampstead Heath for Orienteering
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
25th April	Brecknock Poetry Day
29th April	3N to the CLC
1st May	3M to the CLC
12th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week
19th-23rd May	Brecknock Book Week

School Council

Next week our school council will be going to the annual Camden Debates at the town hall. They met this week to discuss and prepare their topic. They have voted and chosen the following proposal:

“All children, who are new to a school, should be properly helped to get to know it and not just left to get on with it.”

We wish them luck and look forward to seeing the photographs of the event and hearing how they got on. We'll share their experience with you in the newsletter in a fortnight.

Creative Year 4!

Over half term Year 4 were set some homework based on this terms Roman topic. The homework was very open ended and called on them to use their creativity to create a poster, picture or model based on something they know about the Romans. We wanted to draw your attention to three children in particular who produced fabulous pieces. Robert who spent hours crafting a Roman Galleon; Vanessa who produced an incredible Roman Coliseum from a shoe box; and Maria who used her fabulous art skills to draw a beautiful picture of a Roman Aqueduct. Three very talented children we're sure you'll agree.



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 7th March — Year 1



Bikes and Scooters

We'd like to remind parents and carers to please help us keep the playground safe before and after school by making sure children are not riding bikes and scooters when in the playground. We've had a number of near misses recently where people have almost been knocked over. The playground gets very busy with parents and often very young children and pushchairs which makes it unsafe to have bikes and scooters zooming around. It's very important that children walk their bikes and scooters around when inside the school grounds.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—10th-14th February

Attendance KS1: **2B—97.2%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—97.33%**

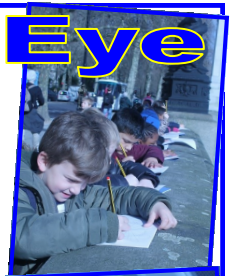
Early Bird: **5C — 0 lates**



Year 2 at the London Eye

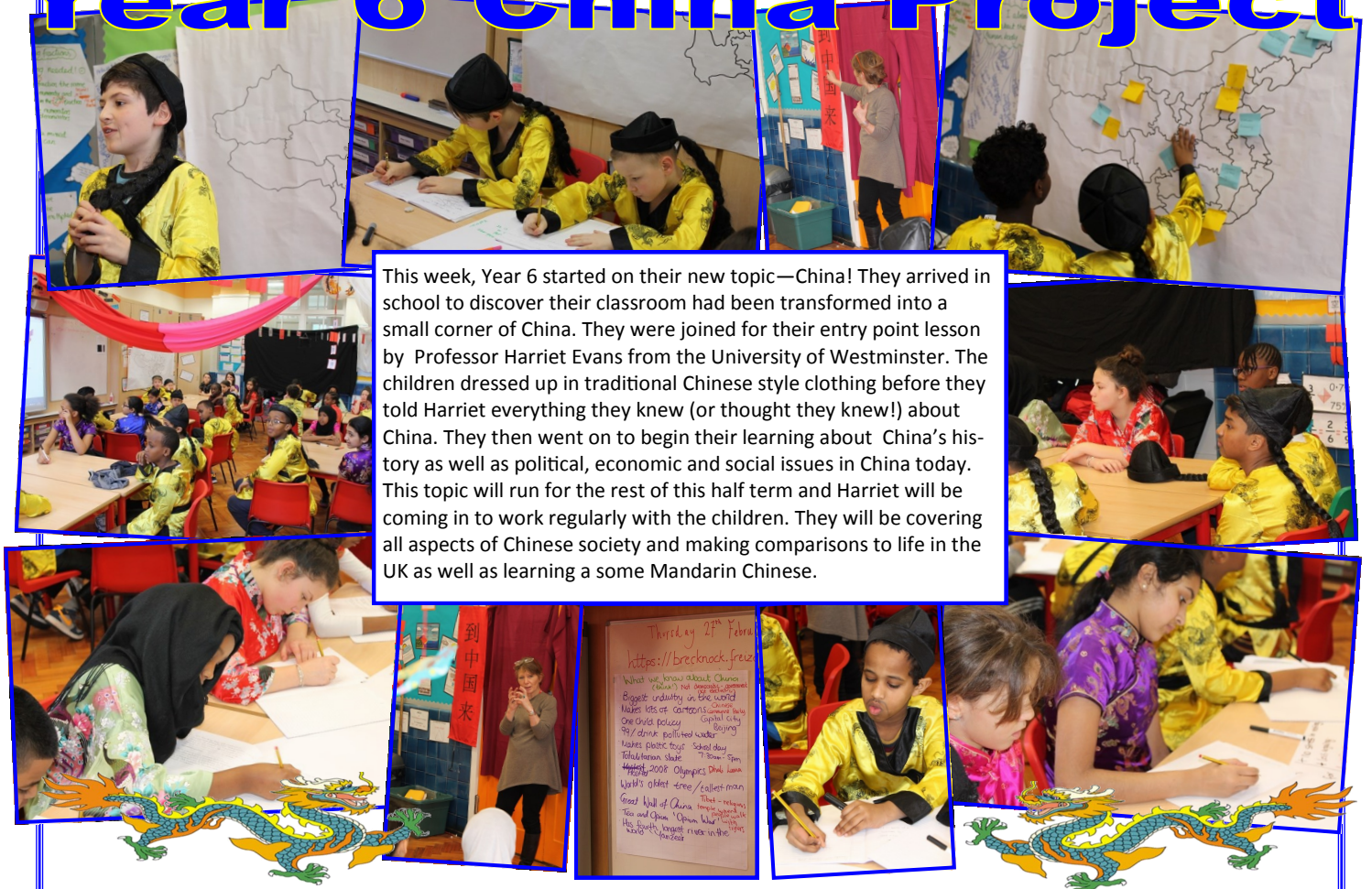
On Wednesday, Year 2 ventured into London to sketch iconic buildings and to take a 'flight' on the London Eye for a birds-eye view of the city. The sun was shining as they sketched the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben from the Southbank and even got a wave from the police boat.

There were a few nerves before boarding the pods of the London Eye but they soon disappeared as the guide talked us through the sights of the city along with lots of interesting facts. It was a fantastic day and the children were a credit to Brecknock School.



Year 6 China Project

This week, Year 6 started on their new topic—China! They arrived in school to discover their classroom had been transformed into a small corner of China. They were joined for their entry point lesson by Professor Harriet Evans from the University of Westminster. The children dressed up in traditional Chinese style clothing before they told Harriet everything they knew (or thought they knew!) about China. They then went on to begin their learning about China's history as well as political, economic and social issues in China today. This topic will run for the rest of this half term and Harriet will be coming in to work regularly with the children. They will be covering all aspects of Chinese society and making comparisons to life in the UK as well as learning a some Mandarin Chinese.



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



Valery & Zainab—Class 1B, Emma & Sonny—Class 1T, Ilyas & Eram—2B, Abdulrahman & Sahra—Class 2H, Naji—3M, Ayesha—3N, Amina—4A, Robert—4M, Demi—5C, Kamran—5M, Shelley—6G, Ilhan—6M