

Friday 21st March 2014

## Message from the Head

It has been a very busy week. The children, teachers, staff and parents were absolutely brilliant throughout the whole of the two day head teacher recruitment process. They showed all the candidates every aspect of Brecknock at its best and I would like to thank each and every one of them. Please see the message below from our chair of governors.

### Science Week - Materials under the microscope

Thanks to Beth for organising Science Week - all classes have enjoyed different aspects of science week at Brecknock and learned many new things (see pictures overleaf).

**Easter Disco** - Next Friday - for the older children in the middle hall and the younger children in the dining room. See posters for details. Please let us know if you can help or donate. We hope everyone will come along and join in the fun.

## Message from the Chair of Governors

I am disappointed to report that at the end of the two day selection process the governors were not absolutely convinced that any of the candidates would be able to lead the school to the next level and so we decided not to make an appointment. I'd like to reassure you all that this decision was supported by our advisors who do not believe that we are setting the bar unrealistically high. We have decided to re-advertise and intend to hold the next set of interviews in June. If we do make an appointment in June it is unlikely that the new Headteacher would be able to join Brecknock until next January. However, I am pleased to tell you that Sue has agreed to stay at Brecknock for the autumn term if necessary. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and students who helped us with the selection process and hope that you will understand our decision.

Paul Smith—Chair of Governors

## Royal Albert Hall

A huge well done to all the children in the choir who took part in the Camden Choir Festival at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday. They were fantastic! Well done, and thanks too, to Ella and Kerry who have worked so hard to get the children ready. Also to the parents who came along, helped out and supported them, thank you.



## Next Friday is...

### THE EASTER DISCO!

### Dates for your calendar

1st 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 May	Sports Day
20th-23rd May	Brecknock Book Week

## Camden School Council Primary Debates

Recently most of school council took part in the Annual Camden Primary Debates. They went to the town hall and into the council chambers where 7 schools presented a topic that they felt was of great importance. Our proposal was about the induction of new children in the middle of a new term. The proposition was:

**"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."**

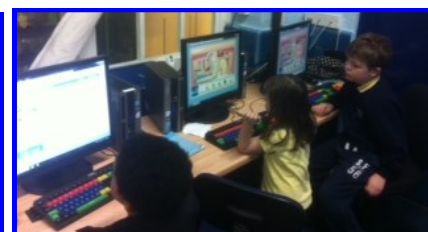
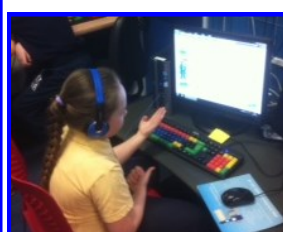
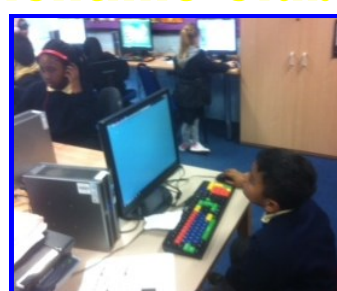
Alima and Charlotte in Year 3 presented our topic and Mohamed and Zakhi gave technical support on the computer. A few thought provoking questions from the other schools, were responded to by some of our other councillors. The other schools seemed concerned that giving too much support to new children might make them lack the independence and resilience they will need for later life.



The vote was close but just swung in our favour, we won.  
Well done to everybody involved.

## Mathletics Lunchtime-Club

Mathletics club is going well with lots of children choosing to give up a lunchtime and practice their maths skills. Don't forget it is accessible from anywhere with an internet connection and there is a free App for the iPad. If your child has forgotten their login details just ask their teacher and they will sort out a new login card for you.



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—10th-14th March

Attendance KS1: 2H—99.08%

Attendance KS2: 3M—97.6%

Early Bird: 5C — 0 lates





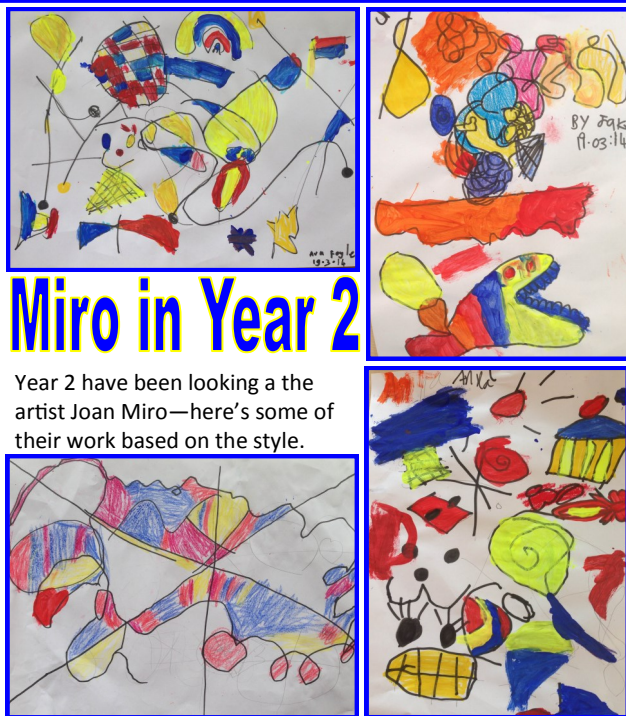
# Year 3 Adventurers!

This week 3N visited the National Maritime Museum and the Cutty Sark as part of their topic 'Explorers and Adventurers'. In these pictures you can see them learning about longitude and latitude on an enormous world map. On the Cutty Sark children spent a day in the life of an apprentice sailor scrubbing the decks, on-watch for icebergs and loading the cargo.



## Miro in Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the artist Joan Miro—here's some of their work based on the style.



# Science Week



Brecknock Science Week has been full of investigating, observing, exploring and questioning. Children from Nursery through to Year 6 had the opportunity to use microscopes to prepare for this year's science/art competition 'Materials under the microscope'; winners will be announced during the last week of term. Everyone was very excited, surprised and amazed by the way everyday objects and materials appear when magnified. Children, don't forget to write your comments on the science week blog on the website:

[www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk](http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk)

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



Alyssia & Callum—Class 1B, Penelope & Sienna—Class 1T, Beth & Redwan—2B, Tanim & Anna—Class 2H, Will—3M, Sumaiya—3N, Zakhi—4A, Jamaal—4M, Reece—5C, Kamran—5M