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Community Festival
Now on 20th June

Brecknock Newsletter

School back Tuesday
22nd April

Friday 4th April 2014

Message from the Head

It has been an exciting term, with so many brilliant learning opportunities for the children. The year 3 and 4 shows were testimony to the drive and commitment teachers and staff at Brecknock demonstrate to go that extra mile, maximising opportunities for our children to thrive and shine in every possible context. Please take advantage of the many exciting opportunities this holiday in London. There is so much to do, absolutely free; no couch potatoes at Brecknock please!!!

Have a wonderful Easter holiday—See you on 22nd April.



China Project in Year 6

On Thursday, Bob Fermor and his team from the National Academy of Martial Arts came in to work with Year 6. They did Tai Chi, Kung Fu, the Lion Dance and the Dragon Dance. Everyone had a great time. We'll bring you more pictures after Easter or you can look on the website.



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 25th April — for charity (Cancer research)



Dates for your calendar

22nd April	Summer Term Starts
25th April	Brecknock Poetry Day
28th April	Circus Skills Workshop for Year 2 and 3
29th April	3N to the CLC
1st May	3M to the CLC
7th May	Year 3 to Hampstead Heath
12th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week
19th May	Sports Day
20th-23rd May	Brecknock Book Week

Firebrigade in Nursery!

On Friday morning nursery had some very special visitors! A he thanks to the local Fire Brigade Officers who took time to show the children what they do. As you can see from the pictures below the children loved every minute of it. There will be more pictures up on the web-site soon.

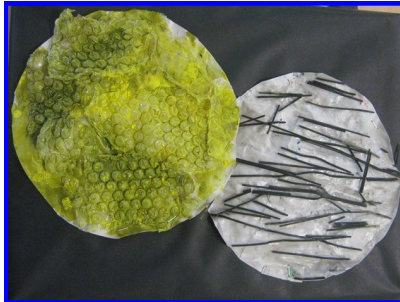




Science Week Art Competition!



Nursery Collaboration 1



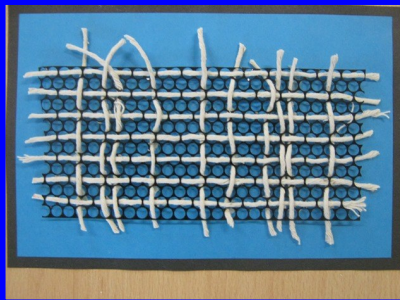
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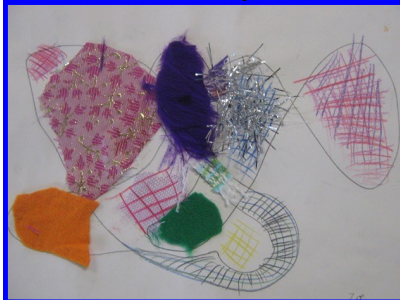
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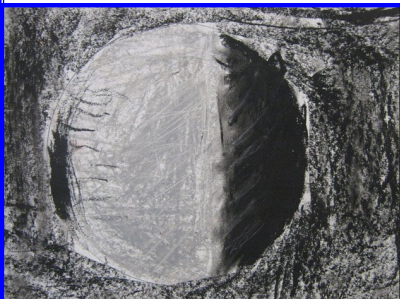
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Melia - Year 1



Zoe - Year 2



Ziyad - Year 3



Emily - Year 4



Zahara - Year 5



Oliver - Year 6

A few weeks ago, during science week, all of the children had the opportunity to observe things under a microscope. The microscopes were lent to the school by The Francis Crick Institute who are running a Camden wide art competition, the school also ran it's own competition. The children's challenge was to re-create what they looked at in a piece of artwork. A winner was then chosen from each year group based on their enthusiasm when using the microscopes and the artistic skills they displayed in producing their art. Nursery submitted a whole class piece and Reception had 2 winners. Teachers found it extremely hard to choose as there were so many wonderful, detailed and well considered pieces. Here are the school competition winners for you to enjoy, they have all won a microscope which was presented to them this week at school. The artwork will be displayed in the middle hall if you would like to have a closer look!

Sue, Beth and Ella then had to judge the winners of the school competition and select just three to be submitted to The Francis Crick Institute for the Camden competition. This was open to entries from KS1 and KS2 only. The winning submissions are: Mellia (Year 1), Ziyad (Year 3) and Emily (Year 4). We will find out in a few more weeks if a Brecknock entry has won the competition, fingers crossed everyone!

Year 2

This week Year 2 had a fantastic day visiting The Monument to end their Great Fire of London topic. Everyone climbed the 311 steps up to the top and enjoyed the fabulous view over London. The children were eager to point out the iconic buildings they knew and sketched some of them into their books. Afterwards they walked to the Tate Modern and enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sunshine. Before exploring the gallery focussing on art-work by surrealist artist Joan Miro (keep an eye on the website for a film they made recently in school based on Miro's work). It was a great day and the children returned to school exhausted.



Year 3 - Viking Rock!

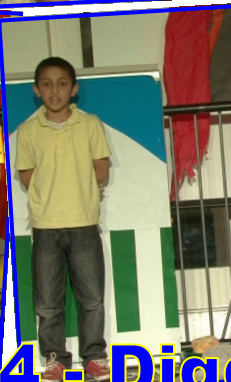


End of Term Shows!



On Monday, Year 4 took us on a journey back in time to find out all about the Romans, volcanoes and Pompei. A few Gods even put in an appearance! The children worked very hard on this show and the didn't miss a cue as they amazed us with all they had learnt. DVD's of the show are available from the school office and it will be up on the website to view soon.

Just when we thought we'd seen the best the school could offer in terms of acting along came Year 3!. On Wednesday, they transformed the middle hall for their show 'Viking Rock'. They took us on an adventure through time and space with Dr. Who leading the way. Their energy and enthusiasm were outstanding. Every single child performed to their very best and we were extremely proud of all their hard work. The video is available on the school website and you can purchase a DVD for £1 from the school office.



Year 4 - Digging Up Pompeii!

Golden Book for the Term

One child from each class who has been outstanding in a particular area all term is chosen. We are very proud of these children and want to share their achievements with you.



Year 1



Year 2



Class 1B—Nikita: Nikita has been a wonderful pupil to have in 1B. He has made tremendous progress in Literacy, particularly with reading and been a role model, always making sensible choices. He will be sadly missed at Brecknock but we wish him every success on his new adventure.

Class 1T—Penelope: Penelope has made progress in all areas of her learning, contributing to class discussions with interesting ideas and is thoughtful towards others. She perseveres when she finds things tricky and has become a fantastic independent learner. Well done!

Class 2B—Nima: Nima has worked so hard this term and made progress in all areas of the curriculum. Her concentration and positive attitude in the classroom is great. I am so proud of you Nima, you are a star!

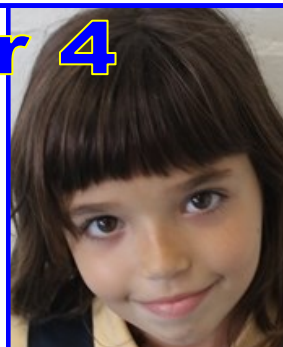
Class 2H—Ryan: Ryan has made great improvements in reading this term. He has been reading at home, applying what he is learning in phonics and always contributes to guided reading sessions. His positive attitude towards his learning is key to his excellent progress. Well done!



Year 3



Year 4



Class 3M—Ivy: This certificate is long overdue. Ivy, your dedication and passion for learning have not gone unnoticed! Your enthusiasm for our show this week was delightful too. Well done Ivy, yet another wonderful term!

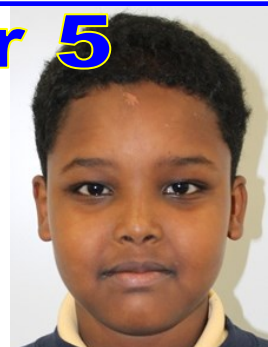
Class 3N—Gideon: Gideon has made tremendous progress this term across all subjects and he thoroughly deserves the praise he gets. As he gets ready to take on new challenges in Rwanda, I hope that he will always believe in himself and keep caring for others. He is such a big part of this class and school, and will be sorely missed. Good luck for the future, Gideon.

Class 4A—Zakhi: Zakhi is an outstanding learner and a fantastic role model. He always tries his best and is dedicated to improving his learning in all areas and is making good progress. He always challenges himself to do better, and in doing so sets a great example for his classmates too. Keep flourishing Zakhi!

Class 4M—Maria: Maria started not only in a new school this year, but a new country and language - a huge challenge, but she has impressed us with her ability to rise to it. She gives 100% and that is why the progress with the language she has made has been extraordinary. Keep it up!



Year 5



Year 6



Class 5C—Demi: Demi is demonstrating all the signs of a fantastic learner. She scored excellently on her recent maths and reading tests, which is down to the hard work she has put in this term. Her literacy has improved greatly too. I am sure she will continue to improve.

Class 5M—Ali: Ali is a shining example of the class charter, works extremely hard and this is evident in work he produces and his recent reading and math test scores. He consistently takes on board new ideas to help him *and* brings his own, imaginative ideas into his writing. Well done Ali!

Class 6G—Berie: Where does one start to tell you how amazing Berie is? She is always positive, helpful, kind and gives 100% to everything she does. She is constantly striving to do her best and think of others. She is a credit to her family and our school and we feel blessed to have her. Well done Berie - we think you're a star!

Class 6M—Amelia: Amelia was chosen because she's a superstar. She has put so much effort in this term, ignored distractions and most of all, had fun whilst achieving really well. Keep it up Amelia and you will go far. Great work Amelia.