

Friday 23rd May 2014

Message from the Head

It has been a whirlwind week at Brecknock. We started off with a gloriously sunny Sports Day on Monday at Parliament Hill Fields—Thank you John. We then came to school on Tuesday to discover a strange egg invasion had happened over night—and for the rest of the week we have been celebrating the joy of imagination and being able to use it to create stories of our own. We ended the week with Brecknock Book Day and the children and staff have dressed up as their favourite book character (I was the narrator so wasn't allowed to dress up!) It has been the best Brecknock Book week ever, and I would like to thank Az, Kate and all the staff for the spirit they have shown in inspiring Brecknock children to become lifelong readers and writers. **I wish you all a very exciting half term!**

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Summer Term—12th-16th May
Attendance KS1: **2B—99.2%**
Attendance KS2: **6G and 6M—100%**
Early Bird: **Rec S and 5C — 0 lates**



Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks
www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who came along to last weeks cake sale. Year 4 raised £31. Well done.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 6th June—Year 3



Dates for your calendar

3rd June	Year 1 @ Kew Gardens
4th June	Year 6 Citizenship Day @ Coram's Fields
5th June	1B to the CLC
6th June	Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament @ Coram's Fields
6th June	Debate Day
9th-13th June	Brecknock Programming Week
11th June	Nursery Induction Evening @ 4pm
16th-20th June	Work Week
18th June	Reception Induction Evening @ 5pm
20th June	Community Festival
26th June	School Council to Parliament
2nd July	Year 3 to Open Air Theatre in Regents Park
4th July	Reception to the Adventure Playground
11th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay
18th July	Last Day of Term—school closes @ 2pm

Sports Day Winners...



In assembly yesterday the trophies were given out for Monday's Sports Day. The team award for Fair Play went to Team Hope and Ziad came out to accept the trophy, while the overall prize for most points went to Team Courage and was collected by Adi. We'd also like to congratulate Zion's dad who won the dad and teachers race and Shelley in Year 6 who won the mum/teacher/pupils race!



Claiming for Free School Meals

Some of you may not be aware but a lot of school funding is worked out using the number of people eligible for free school meals. Eligibility does not mean you have to take the meal as we know many people who are eligible want to provide their children with packed lunches and that is absolutely fine. However, It is really important that if you are eligible that you fill in the form with Camden so that you are registered. This helps to school to ensure we receive the correct level of funding for the children's learning.

So who's eligible? Once your child has a full-time school place you are eligible for free school meals if you receive the following: Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-based Employment and support Allowance, Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit, The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

The form that is needed can be downloaded from the school website or you can collect one from the office. You can also apply online at: <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/schools/pupil-benefits-and-allowances/free-school-meals.en?page=2>



School Uniform

The agreed school uniform consists of gold polo shirts with a school logo, and navy blue sweat shirts and fleeces. These are all on sale from the school office. Boys can wear **navy blue** trousers or shorts and girls wear **navy blue** trousers, **navy blue** skirts, pinafore dresses or shorts. Girls can wear any yellow dresses. Also, Children spend at least an hour each day playing outside; with the hot weather starting we encourage you to supply hats and apply sun cream before school. Children should always wear strong well -fitting shoes that they can run and jump in. Flimsy sandals and shoes with heels are dangerous. If you would like to see more detail in the school uniform policy as copy is available on the school website. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day 2014



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children and also to John Clark, our PE co-ordinator for organising such a great day. The children were fantastic and really embodied the spirit of the teams names: Hope, Courage, Bravery and Determination!

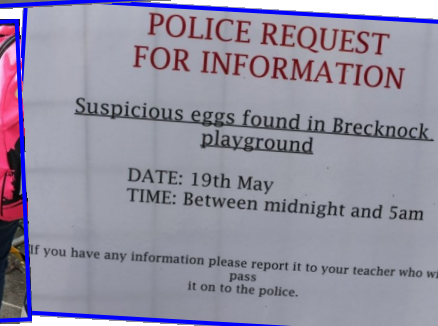
What Eggs-actly is going on?



Anyone who came in to school on Tuesday will no doubt have been as surprised as we were to discover we had had some mysterious visitors overnight who had left what can only be described as 'Giant Eggs' in our playground. What looked like a nest with two very large eggs were on the playground along with two further eggs up the trees. Not to mention footprints of various sizes (all very big!) crossing the playground and around school. Whatever creatures left them they had had a good look around the school – both inside and out!

We have no idea how the creatures got here or what they were. We were lucky to have the quick response of the local police on hand to take witness statements and carry out investigations. We were also given some 'guidance' by scientists from the 'University of Weird Science'! Every class helped in the investigations and some had some valuable information they were able to pass on. There was lots of fabulous discussions taking place and superb writing sparked by the incident. The eggs remained through the week with no sign of whatever layed them. When we came in on Thursday morning, the eggs appeared to have hatched, but all that was left other than the shell were some feathers. Perhaps we'll never know what they were!

If anyone heard or saw anything and can shed some light on this strangest of mysteries, please let us know!



The Great Brecknock Egg Mystery!

On Wednesday we had a visit from the fantastic children's author and illustrator, Simon James. He spent time with every class from Year 1 to Year 6 reading some of his stories and telling us stories about his life. If you haven't read any of his picture books we would recommend them. His talks were very interesting and funny and the children loved hearing how he came up with his book ideas and seeing him draw. Thanks to Kate in 3M for organising this for us.



Simon James Visit

Brecknock Book Week - Dressing Up Day!

All the fabulous activities for Brecknock Book Week this week have been organised by Az, our literacy co-ordinator and we'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to him. It's been a lot of hard work but we're sure you'll all agree he did a superb job. Thanks too to all the parents who helped their children dressing up for today's special assembly and helped to raise money by bringing in a £1. This year's Book Week has certainly been one to remember, we wonder what Az has up his sleeve for next year!



While the main sports day was happening up on Hampstead Heath the Nursery children took over the main playground and held their sports day. As you can see the children had a great time!

Nursery Sports Day!

