

Friday 9th May 2014

Message from the Head

It is hard to believe that Year 6 SATs are starting next week. These children were in Nursery when I first started working at Brecknock! The children and all their teachers have worked so hard to make sure everyone performs their very best. To help the children relax, we will be providing our usual free SATs breakfast for every child. If there is any year 6 child who usually comes to school with a younger brother or sister then siblings are most welcome to join us for breakfast as well. The children can come anytime from 8.00. We've found this really helps the children to relax and achieve to their best in the tests so we hope you will encourage your child to come. The following week is Sports Day on Monday 19th at Hampstead Heath and then Brecknock Book Week. Friday 23rd will be the dressing up day for the Book Week. The theme this year is 'Heroes and Villains' and we ask the children to dress up as either a hero or a villain from any story. I can't wait to see them all.

Class Photos—Friday 16th May

Next Friday is the day for class photos. Please ensure your child is in uniform and on time so they do not miss the opportunity to be included in their class photo. Thank you.

Brecknock in the last week...

It's been another busy week at Brecknock. While year 6 have been busy revising for their SATs next week, other classes have been learning too! Year 4 visited Borough Market, while Year 3 had a trip to Hampstead Heath for a boot camp. As well as each year 3 class visiting the CLC to have a go at some programming. Year 1 has been doing more work on their traditional tales while in year 2 they continue to learn about circuses. With more trips and exciting topics to come for all classes it's going to be a busy term!



Dates for your calendar

12th May	Reception to London Zoo
12th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week
16th May	Class Photos
19th May	Sports Day
20th-23rd May	Brecknock Book Week
20th May	School Council to Parliament
22nd-23rd May	Nursery to Hampstead Heath - half each day
4th June	Year 6 Citizenship Day @ Coram's Fields
9th-13th June	Brecknock Programming Week
20th June	Community Festival
18th July	Last Day of Term—school closes @ 2pm

Creative Writing in Year 2

Recently Year 2 were doing some creative writing. They used the work they had been doing looking at the frog spawn and tadpoles they had in the class for inspiration. Esther blew her teacher away with a fantastic piece of writing she did completely independently. She used some great description and similes and above all used some fantastic imagination to come up with her story idea. Well done Esther, we're very proud of you.



It was a day like any other in Pond City. Pond City was as beautiful as a sunset. The old folk sit in the fresh air reading a nice book. The tadpoles were waiting for the bus to get to tadpole school. All they do is have fun and play a lot. Everybody in Pond City was as happy as the bright shiny sun.

During the daytime Pond City was brilliant but...at NIGHT...it was a very different place!

Up from the deep dark depths green slimy horrid monster's call out from stinky slimy bins. The creepy slimy monsters go into old ladies houses and they steal their tadpoles. There were scary haunted toads in that team.

"Enough is enough!" cried little Frank. He huffed and puffed until he was as big...as big...as big...as possible! He did a huge dive to the watery underworld. Little Frank saw spooky alleyways, frightening shadows and then Frank spotted the big boss. A fat ugly spotty goblin gobbling little tadpoles with a silver spoon.

Frank crept closer and closer and then he blew all the air out from his small bottom and...ZOOMED like a motorbike! He crashed right into the big fat boss and hit him in his fat belly, KAPOW! The big boss burst like a bubble gum bubble. Millions of little tadpoles escaped in an explosion of freedom.

Frank led the wriggly tadpoles up and up towards the light until they were up to the top and they swam with the beautiful stars. A little girl came up and said "Super Frog, you are my hero!" She didn't kiss him in case he turned into a frog prince.



By Esther

Mathletics and Bug Club

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

Charity Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents who came along to last weeks cake sale. Year 6 raised £57.41. Well done.

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 16th May — Year 4



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Autumn Term—28th April-2nd May

Attendance KS1: 2H—96.3%

Attendance KS2: 6M—98.95%

Early Bird: 5M — 0 lates



The Norman Invasion

4A have been preparing exciting sentences and paragraphs to use in a story about the Norman Invasion in 1066. They shared some with us in their class assembly this week. Here are some for you to enjoy.

"Proud Normans! Come to battle and help me fight for our crown and gold."

As I listened to William's wise words, I felt my knees get heavier and heavier and I felt like dropping to the ground. My forehead's cold sweat rinsed me out with nerves.

"Come on, I can't hold this shield anymore," I muttered.

"Move out!" grunted William.

At once, I heard the clashing of swords and armour as we marched towards the enemy.



By Zion

"Hail, Normans! We will slaughter the Saxons to reclaim what was rightfully ours: the Crown! So charge and conquer the puny Saxons, because we are the invincible Normans."

As William babbled and roared, my legs seismically tossed my body and my heart was causing havoc in my chest. "To battle!" he said, as we approached the Saxons.



By Morgan

Class 4A

Ruben composed a number of complex sentences to describe the battle. When he writes his story, he will have a range of exciting ideas to choose from:

He felt frightened yet brave, nervously waiting for the battle.

As the Normans rode to battle on their horses, inside they could see Heaven already.

Quickly, he took a knife from his pocket and threw it at the Saxon's heart.

As Firebrand charged into battle at full speed, Rollo shot Saxons with a bow and arrow.



By Ruben



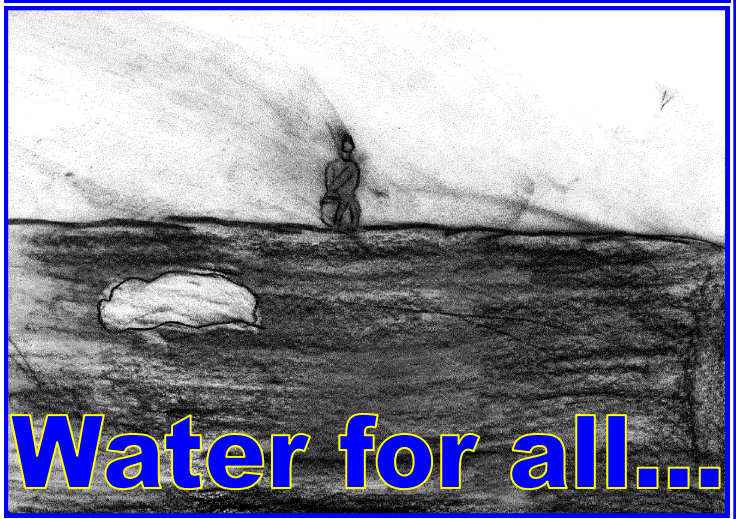
Art in Year 1



Year 1 have been working hard in Art this week. The children were looking at various pictures by famous artists and then had a go at recreating them using different mediums. The results were fantastic. This is Zainab's interpretation of 'Moonlight' by Joseph Turner in charcoal and Majida's interpretation of Red Boats at Argenteuil by Claude Monet in coloured pastels.

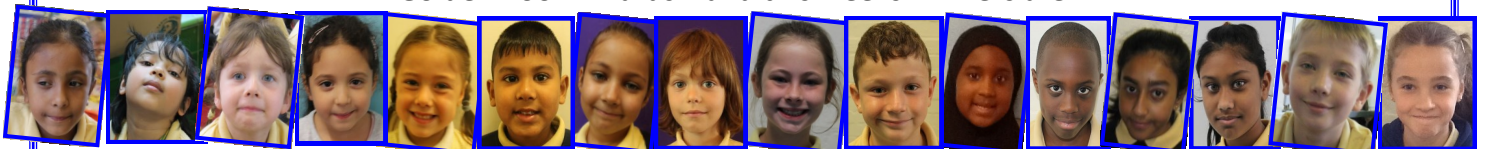


While preparing for our recent Poetry day on the topic of 'Water for all'. Year 5 created some artwork to go with the poetry. This fabulous piece was created by Haythem. Along with the other work produced by the class, it was used as a backdrop during their performance. The effect Haythem has managed to create of the solitary figure sitting on the waters edge is very powerful and his use of charcoal is superb. Well done Haythem.



Water for all...

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



Majida & Dina—Class 1B, Greta & Tesnim—Class 1T, Casey & Sameer—2B, & Sharnelle & Olti—Class 2H, Terri-Less—3M, Wesley—3N, Amina—4A, Tito—4M, Iffat—5C, Zahara—5M, Oliver—6G, Amelia—6M