



Brecknock Primary School
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General information about the school

The school is located on the borders of Camden and Islington and is well served by public transport. Camden Children, Schools & Families division provide efficient services and effective school support.

The Brecknock building is a three-storey structure, with a roof playground. The school is traditional in style, with classrooms leading off central corridors. There are two large halls and a gymnasium. Meals are taken in a separate dining block. There are three playgrounds, including the one on the roof. We have mature trees, sitting spaces and planters and we are making further improvements.

The breadth of social, cultural and ethnic diversity enriches the curriculum. About 68% of our pupils have English as an additional language. Our pupils speak 30 different languages; currently our largest groups are Somali and Bengali speakers. We have Asian, African, Turkish, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Chinese pupils, and some with African Caribbean antecedents. We welcome parents as partners in their children's education, and involve them in visits and in classroom work. We have an engaged governing body that provides support and challenge.

In our recent Ofsted inspection, the school was judged to be good in every aspect. We have a Children's Centre and a large Nursery so are able to build strong relationships with parents and the local community from an early stage.

School Organisation

In addition to the classrooms we have a digital music suite, a library, ICT suite, and small bases for learning support work. There is a large staffroom, shared by all staff. Teaching assistants are attached to most classes. Others support children with special needs across the school.

Early Years is on the ground floor, with its own outdoor space for learning and play, KS1 is on the first floor and KS2 on the top floor. Over the last few years we have undertaken major redecoration and refurbishment of the building.

Staff

The headteacher, two deputy heads and a strong leadership team lead and manage the school effectively. Professional development for all staff is a strength of the school. The school has a strong office team, a residential Site Manager supported by a part-time assistant.

Curriculum

We have a rich and exciting International primary curriculum which includes many off-site visits and trips. The school organises an annual trip to France in Year 5 and an outward bound trip for Year 6. We encourage visitors from all professions and sectors to come and speak with the children and run Careers and Work Week, annually. We employ rigorous systems to monitor progression for all children.

We have leaders for curriculum areas and an experienced special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo) and Inclusion leader. We have instrumental music teachers for piano, guitar and recorders. Class teachers organise their own class music lessons, using our collection of instruments. We use Camden's Central Education Library to support our school library. We make use of Parliament hill for Sports Day and all children receive sports coaching weekly.

We have two parent consultation evenings a year and an open evening. We also have curriculum-focused parent consultation meetings and family learning sessions to explain our teaching.

Parent Liaison

Our family learning, parent support, breakfast club, and after-school activities make for a good example of an extended school. We employ a learning mentor and extra staff for activities with our most able children.

School Development

The leadership team carry out termly Pupil Progress Reviews, which runs alongside a three year development plan.

