

Friday 18th July 2014

## Message from the head

And finally..... **SATS 2014:** I wanted to share with you all the headlines of our fantastic SATs results:

- 90% of our children achieved level 4 in combined reading and maths
- 37% of our children achieved level 5 in combined reading and maths
- 39% achieved Level 5 in Reading
- 85% of our children achieved level 4 and above in Spelling & Grammar, with 63% getting level 5 or above, and 12% getting a level 6.
- 95% of our children achieved Level 4 and above in Maths
- 59% achieved Level 5 in Maths and 17% achieved level 6

We are very proud and would like to acknowledge every teacher who has played their part.

I hope everyone will read as much as possible over the summer holiday. We have 3 great libraries nearby – Kentish Town, John Barnes and Swiss Cottage and they have great programs free throughout the summer.

Remember: "Every book will teach you something – whether it is something about the world you live in, about you as a person, or just about the kind of books you do or don't enjoy; Books give you access to emotions and experiences you've never had – so, you can go places you've never gone, and be people you'll never be; **And reading makes you smarter**"

Have a wonderful summer everyone

## Term Dates 2014-15

The term dates for next year are up on the website. Please note that not all INSET days have yet been planned. As soon as they are the information on the website will be amended. The first day back for the children in the Autumn Term is Wednesday 3rd September. The office will be open 10am-2pm on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd if you would like to buy any school uniform.

## Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks  
[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) & [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)

## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

For Whole Academic Year 2013-14

Attendance KS1: **2H—95.91%**

Attendance KS2: **3M—96.15%**

Early Bird: **5C — 38 lates**



## Friday Cake Sale

Last Friday's Cake Sale for Reception raised £41 towards the costs of their leaving disco. Thank you to all the parents and friends who donated items for sale and came along to buy something.

First week back in September the cake sale will be for Richard House Children's Hospice.



## Dates for your calendar

1st September	INSET DAY (no children)
2nd September	INSET DAY (no children)
3rd September	Autumn Term starts—Children return to school

## Goodbye from Patrick

To Brecknock parents and children, I would like to thank you all for the many inspirational times that we have shared over the years. Brecknock is an excellent school where teachers, children and parents join together to provide the very best educational experience. It has been a privilege to work with you and be a part of this wonderful community. As I move on to a new challenge, a part me will always remain at Brecknock - and I will certainly take a lot of the Brecknock spirit with me to my next school!



## Well done Ben and Oliver!

Ben and Oliver in Year 6 were recently shortlisted for a national animation award for a short animated clip they created in Code Club. The 'Animation 14' competition, organised by the university of Manchester, received more than 1300 entries from over 180 schools. The award ceremony was held in Manchester on Friday and we are very proud to announce that Ben and Oliver's film, entitled 'Champion for Change' and based on the 'I have a dream' speech by Martin Luther King received the 'Highly Commended' award in the KS2 Group category. Well done boys. If you would like to see the film it can be found in the Year 6 News section of our website. We'll be entering again next year through our Code Club so if your child is interested get their name down for Code Club starting again in September!

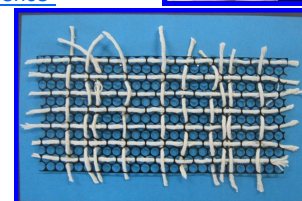


## Well done Mellia!

We're delighted to announce that Mellia from 1T was chosen as the KS1 Microscope Art completion winner by the Francis Crick Institute! 3,000 children across Camden took part in this competition, so this is a wonderful achievement. Mellia's work, along with all other submissions from across the borough can be seen at:

<http://www.crick.ac.uk/engagement/science-education/education-activities/>.

Mellia was presented with her prize and certificate in today's end of year celebration assembly. Well done Mellia, we're very proud of you!





# Science Trip to London Zoo

Last Wednesday, 27 of Brecknock's gifted scientists from Years 2 - 5 were chosen for an extra special trip to London Zoo. As invited guests, the children took part in a brand new educational workshop about 'Endangered Animals' and had plenty of time to explore the zoo too. They met JJ the tiger, visited Penguin Beach and got up close with the creepy crawlies! On Monday they became the first children in Brecknock's history to take part in a lesson via skype. There were a few glitches with the internet, but it was a great experience for us all. Well done super scientists! You can view the full photo album on the school's website.



# Bastille Day at Brecknock

On Monday July 14th Brecknock celebrated Bastille Day. We learned all about the storming of the Bastille prison and the following revolution. The whole school was involved from Nursery to Year 6. We built Eiffel towers, made Matisse inspired art work, played Boules, drank chocolat chaud with the morning paper and ate fresh croissants. We also tried frogs' legs!



## Our New Brecknock Sign!



This week you may have noticed our new tiled sign outside the school office. These tiles were made by Pedro and the children from our children's centre. We are really pleased with how they have come out—thank you Pedro and all the children who helped design and make it. If you haven't seen it yet check it out.

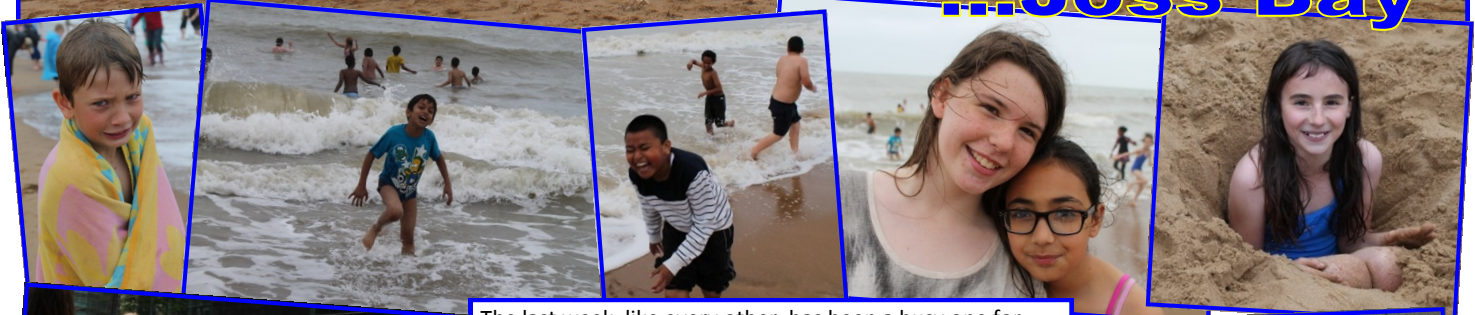


# Year 6 Special...

We say goodbye to our year 6 children as they close the book on their Primary School career. They have worked tirelessly this year to achieve to the best of their ability while at the same time being able to enjoy themselves and their learning. We are immensely proud of them all and know they really worked their socks off! We will miss them, but as well as being a sad time to say goodbye we know we will see many of them again as they come to visit and to pick up little brothers and sisters—they never really leave us behind! We look forward to hearing all the wonderful things we know they will go on to and hope they will look back on their time with us fondly as well will.



...Joss Bay



The last week, like every other, has been a busy one for year 6. They went to Joss Bay and frolicked in the water under grey skies (what total troopers!), their artwork was installed at Regent's Place as part of the 'Reverberate Art Project', the put on an amazing performance of 'A Midsummers Night Dream', had their leaving assembly and book presentation and disco. All this as well as finding out that their SATs results were fantastic! They truly are superstars!



...Reverberate Art Project



...A Midsummer Night's Dream

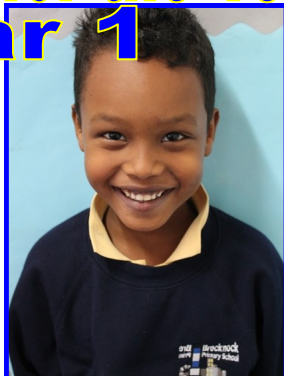


# Golden Book for the Year

One child from each class who we feel is, quite simply, amazing has been chosen. We are very proud of these children and want to share their achievements with you.



## Year 1



**Class 1B—John:** John is a gem! His attitude towards learning is absolutely fantastic. He puts 150% into everything that passes his way as well as having fabulous manners. A brilliant Brecknock learner and an excellent role model. What else can we say...A true superstar!

**Class 1T—Yussuf:** Yuusuf has made excellent progress this year in all areas of learning. He is now a confident and able reader and this is due to his hard work and determination. Well done Yussuf, we are all really proud of you.

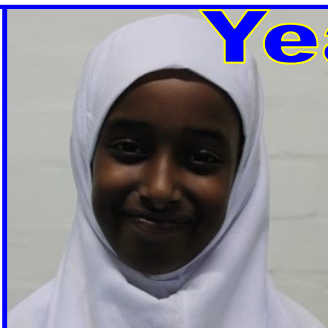


## Year 2



**Class 2B—Naila:** Naila has worked so hard all year and made lots of progress. She has been a role model in 2B for her wonderful behaviour and hard working attitude. She is a super friend always smiling and there to cheer everyone up if they are feeling sad. Naila you're a star—well done!

**Class 2H—Bradley:** All year Bradley has got on with his work, tried his best and as a result, he has made fantastic progress! He is a good friend, doesn't fuss and has excellent manners. Well done Bradley! We're all very proud of you.



## Year 3



**Class 3M—Ruwayda:** Ruwayda has been a dream to teach this year! We've watched her grow into a mature young lady and are so proud of her work. She is an eloquent speaker, a caring friend and has a super giggle that always brings a smile to our faces. When faced with a challenge she always tries her best. Keep pursuing your goals Ruwayda!

**Class 3N—Ayesha:** Ayesha has worked so hard this year. She has progressed across all subjects, but what we're most impressed with, is her tireless effort to continually improve herself. Her commitment to hard work is second to none, and her end of year levels reflect the outstanding job she has done! Well done, Ayesha you have been a joy to teach!



## Year 4



**Class 4A—Erona:** Erona you have been fantastic this year! We're very proud of the effort and hard work you put in every day. You are a kind and considerate member of 4A and the other children in the class follow your example. You always approach everything with a can-do attitude and a cheeky smile. You're great!

**Class 4M—Maria:** Maria has been an amazing addition to 4M. She has demonstrated an amazing resilience and commitment throughout the year and has the progress to prove it. In addition, she has brought a cheerful personality and warmth to the class! It is a great sadness that she won't be returning in September but we're all sure she'll have an impact wherever she goes. Best of luck back in Spain.



## Year 5



**Class 5C—Denzil:** Denzil is enthusiastic, positive and always gets on with tasks well. His maths has steadily improved, which is mainly down to hard work and perseverance. He's even asked for extra maths tests to take home showing how committed he has become to learning. We've also been really pleased with the care and attention he pays to his writing.

**Class 5M—Anisa:** It was a very easy decision to choose Anisa. She displays all of the qualities of an excellent learner: enthusiastic, hard-working, diligent and accurate. She also demonstrates through her actions and behaviour towards others, that she fully understands what it is to be a rights respecting person. Anisa has an outstanding attitude to life and learning, which means she is bound to succeed in whatever she puts her mind to. Well done.



## Year 6



**Class 6G—Jasmin:** Jasmin you have been an absolute pleasure to teach! You are amazing: you put 100% effort into everything you do, you know how to have fun and are an extremely kind and caring person. Monica feels very lucky to have taught you and we will all miss you very much. Good luck at Acland Burghley, we know you will do very well.

**Class 6M—Aneeka:** Aneeka has been a superstar this year. She has tried her very best in everything she has done. She has gained confidence with her friends and is always extremely helpful. She has been an absolute pleasure to have in 6M and we'll all really miss her when she goes. Well done Aneeka and good luck for the future.