

Friday 26th September 2014

## Message from the head

We are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the PQSM Silver award for science education. It helps us significantly beyond getting a certificate by helping to raise the profile of science in the school. It was a central focus for reviewing our science curriculum and how we can promote even better science learning. Well done to Beth and all the teachers who worked so hard to help with this.

Recently there has been an increase of sticky chewing gum in the playground, often left from before school. It is causing a real problem particularly as it is so hard to get off the soft surface. We all know how difficult it is to remove from clothing and how unpleasant it is to accidentally sit on some that has been brought in on the bottom of somebody's shoe. Please can parents and children make sure that all gum makes it into the bin before school and children do not bring in any to school.

## 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



**Autumn Term: 15th—19th September**

Attendance KS1: **1M—97.93%**

Attendance KS2: **5M—99.44%**

Early Bird: **Rec B, Rec R, 1M & 6G— 0 lates**



## Friday Cake Sale

Last weeks sale for Year 5 raised £33.39! Thank you to all the parents and friends who donated items for sale.

**The next Friday Cake Sale is...**

Friday 3rd October—Year 4



## Dates for your calendar

29th Sept	Reception Curriculum Meeting—Bottom Hall 3.45-4.15pm
30th Sept	Year 2 to Freightliners Farm
30th Sept	Year 3 to Cutty Sark
1st Oct	Class 2B to Pizza Express
1st Oct	Nursery Curriculum Meeting—Nursery Class 3.45-4.15pm
2nd Oct	National Poetry Day
3rd Oct	Year 4 to Natural History Museum
9th Oct	Year 6 to Theatre for War Horse—6.30-11pm
10th Oct	EID Celebration Tea in the Bottom Hall @ 3.45-5.45pm
15th Oct	Year 2 to Freightliners Farm
20-24th Oct	Year 6 school journey to Kent
27-31st Oct	Half Term
3rd Nov	2nd Half Term starts—children back to school
6th Nov	Family Supper in the middle hall—6-8pm
8th Dec	Christmas Shows for EYFS
9th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 1
10th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 2
12th Dec	Christmas Fair
17th Dec	End of Year Concert (Goodbye to Sue!)
19th Dec	Last day of term—school closes @2pm
5-6th Jan	INSET days—school closed
7th Jan	Spring Term starts—children back

A reminder for any parent of a child who brings a packed lunch to school, a copy of the packed lunch policy is available from the school office.

I hope everybody, who can, will join us at the Eid tea in the bottom hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, I know it does get very crowded in there but it is so nice to see all our school communities join together in celebration. An advance thank you to all those organising the event.

## Beth's African Adventure!

Hello Brecknock! I hope you have all had a fantastic start to the new school year? As you know I am away this term, volunteering with an education charity in Uganda, Africa. I am working with 8 schools that are spread across the Masindi district, just like our school is in the Borough of Camden. One of my schools is a 20 minute walk along a dirt road, another school I travel to on a motorbike, the driver is known as a 'Bdoa Boda'. The rest of the schools I work in are at least a



30 minute drive from where I live, so I have to take a taxi to visit them. The roads are mainly wide, dirt tracks with many holes and bumps! When it rains here (which it does very often, and very heavily at this time of year) the roads get flooded and water-logged. Not quite the same as getting to Brecknock in the morning! The Ugandan people have been very welcoming and friendly, and they call me a 'muzungu', which means

'white person'. When they say this to me, it is in a friendly way, so I say hello to them in their language (Runyoro) and introduce myself, then they just call me Beth. The schools here are very different to Brecknock as they do not have very much money to buy nice resources and repair their buildings. They also don't have TAs, caretakers and dinner ladies like we do, so we are very lucky indeed! The teachers and children do share something in common with the teaches and pupils at Brecknock though, they are very passionate about education and strive to do their very best! I hope to update you again soon.





As part of their 'You are what you eat' IPC topic, Year 2 visited Pizza Express in Euston. They learnt about the importance of hygiene when preparing food and had to wash hands and wear chef hats and aprons. Then they met the pizza chef, and got to help make the dough into bases. After that, they added the mozzarella cheese before they were baked in the oven. The smell was delicious, and when we returned to school, the children loved eating their pizzas together in the classroom. The adults loved it too. To link the visit with literacy, the class ended they day by writing their own instructions for making a perfect pizza.



## Pizza Chefs!



## Senses in Year 1

Year 1 have had a great week identifying senses. We tried a range of foods, such as honey and lemon and we had to smell some very strong cheese! We used all our senses to explore different objects and foods. Here are some pictures that show what we got up to.



## The Madagascar Boogie!

Reception R and Reception B have been learning about amazing Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa. We watched the teachers perform the Madagascar Boogie and then in groups, we all performed to each



Year 3 have been studying the author Anthony Browne. They have been reading 'Voices in the Park' and writing their own versions of it. The example below is from the part in the story where Charles meets Smudge in the park. It is by Cleo and we are very proud of her whole story. We hope you enjoy it.



*As we bounced up and down on the see-saw I never wanted it to end. I was having the best time of my life. Even the bright colourful sun came out. It made me feel warm on the inside. It melted my miserable life away. It brought in happiness instead.*

*"What do you wanna play next?" I asked.*

*"The monkey bars," Smudge suggested.*

*"OK," Charles said.*

*"Last one there's a rotten egg!" Smudge shouted.*

*She beat me there but I didn't mind. Smudge was the nicest girl I've ever met. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a beautiful red rose. I plucked it from the soil then handed it to Smudge.*

*"I lov...", I began to say when suddenly I heard a familiar screeching voice.*

*"Charles come here this instant! We're going home!" mum screamed. We walked home in silence. Maybe Smudge will be there next time.*

## Fantastic Writing in Year 3

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Sameer & Nilima—Class 1M, Djibril & Mustafa—Class 1T, Emma & Ayman—2B, Timur & Alyssia—Class 2H, Dean—3F, Zoe—3N, Zaki—4M, Naji—4W, Zakariye—5M, Morgan—5W, Sucdi—6C, Kwadwo—6G