

Friday 10th October 2014

Message from the head:

Parent Academy: Over the next couple of days, you will be receiving a letter in the post about **Parent Academy**. This is a project that many Camden schools are running. The aim is to help parents to help their children to succeed. We hope that many Brecknock parents will take part in this project. It will be a great opportunity for parents to learn together, have some fun and share ideas. There will be a crèche and refreshments provided for every session. On 21st October there will be a drop-in in the dining room at 9.00 for you to find out more. I will remind you again next week.

Unison strike postponed: We heard yesterday that the Unison strike has been postponed so school will be open as usual on Tuesday 14th October.

Warm clothes: Autumn is definitely on its way; please make sure your child has a warm waterproof jacket as the weather is so unpredictable at the moment, but it is definitely getting cooler.

Extra help: At Brecknock we have fantastic opportunities for children to receive additional support with reading volunteers or specialist teachers. We have been quite disappointed that a number of parents are refusing this support. Please support your child's future success by encouraging that extra help when it is offered.

Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks

www.mathletics.co.uk & www.bugclub.co.uk

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Autumn Term: 29th September—3rd October

Attendance KS1: 2H—99.23%

Attendance KS2: 6C—99.47%

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



Friday Cake Sale

The next Friday Cake Sale is...

Friday 17th October—Year 3



Dates for your calendar

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
7-12th Nov	Book Fair
10-14th Nov	Parent Conference Week
12th Nov	Family Literacy Session in Reception @ 9am
14th Nov	Religious Education Day
17th Nov	Parent Reading Day in Reception @ 9am
8th Dec	Christmas Shows for Nursery
8th Dec	Year 1 to Arts Depot to see 'Beegu'
9th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 1
10th Dec	Christmas Shows for Year 2
11th Dec	Christmas Shows for Reception
12th Dec	Christmas Fair
17th Dec	End of Year Music 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

Say hello to our new Ambassadors...

The standard of the applications for our Rights Respecting Ambassadors this year was the highest yet and we had a record number of children wanting the role. This made the task of choosing who to pick even more difficult than usual. This week the successful candidates were welcomed to the role in a special assembly and then had a small celebration party with last years ambassadors. Here they are. We hope next week to bring

you some quotes from their applications to share with you the wonderful statements they made in support of their applications. Full List:
Y2—Valery & CeCe.
Y3—Zoe, Ava, Sahra & Jaycee.
Y4—Sam, Wei-Keat, Akram, Remy, Priam & Ivy.
Y5—Zakhi & Hamid.
Y6—Henna, Riya, Rhiannon, Reece & Vivian.
Rhiannon is our 'Lead Ambassador'



Parents' Association

Lovely to see so many parents getting involved in the PTA. Before the end of term we would like to appoint the parent reps for each class.

We would like 2 parents per year (1 in each class). Parent reps will be the link between school, PTA and the other parents. Please send your nomination to:

parentsassociation@brecknock.camden.sch.uk

Or you can speak to Valerie. If you can't find her in the playground leave a message with the school office and they will get it to her.



Great Brecknock Bake Off...sort of!

Year 2 returned from Freightliners Farm with some produce they harvested themselves, including many bags of apples.

The children then got to don their chef hats once again, and prepare a classic dessert of apple crumble.

They followed instructions and used their maths skills to weigh out the correct amount of flour, butter and sugar for the topping. Getting messy, rubbing the ingredients together was fun, and each child took their own individual crumble home. (Although after speaking to the children the next day, they weren't around for long!)

Ahmed's recount of the trip and making the apple crumble is shown here—he worked really hard on this and we're very proud of him. Well done Ahmed!

On Tuesday we went walking to the farm. I was happy because I never been to Freightliner's farm before but I would like to go again. We went there to learn about food. The chickens were soft. I was scared to touch them because they kept flapping their wings. When I saw the goats I was feeding them. I felt nervous. The goat bit my hand and it was all tickly.

Later on we had lunch in the park. I was playing with my friends happily.

We went back to the farm and we had some apples.

Finally we went back to school and we made apple crumbles for everyone. It was so tasty.



By Ahmed



Year 5 Music Makers!

You may have heard some strange sounds coming from our dining room on Monday mornings but worry not. It is only our year 5 musicians learning to play trumpets and trombones. They are doing very well getting to grips with getting a sound out of them, which is difficult enough, let alone a tune!

We're hoping they might be ready to share a tune with us in time for their next class assembly and certainly in time for the Christmas music concert. Well done to them all for working so hard to pick up a new skill.



Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones!

On Friday, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum as part of their IPC topic. They were looking at different geological processes, in particular, fossilisation of dinosaur bones. It was a very interesting day and the children were able to really get their hands dirty examining real bones and pretending to be archaeologists! They learnt a lot. As you can see, they really enjoyed themselves.



Year 1 Poetry

Children in Year 1 have created their own version of the poem 'The Magic Box' originally by Kit Wright. Here are some of their own ideas:



In my box I will put...

Fire from a breathing dragon—Martins

A pile full of bricks—Yaqub



A little pinch of pixie dust—Djibril

The crunchiness of an apple and the juiciness of a pear—Zara



The height of a kite and the softness of a cloud—Gabriela

The smell of smelly socks and clean clothes—Diego



The glittering sparkle of a magnificent flower and a diamond tooth—Chloe

The sparkle of a star and the coldness of ice—Hanna



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Maxwell & Hadi—Class 1M, Chloe & Daniel—Class 1T, Greta & Teo —2B, Yoseph & Ahmed—Class 2H, Ahmed—3F, Ryan—3N, Abakash—4M, Mohammed—4W, Habib—5M, Mehtib—5W, Kidus—6C, Lamya—6G