

Message from the head:

School review: Yesterday we had our termly local authority review. We were congratulated on the school being in a very strong position. We are rated in the 1st percentile of all schools nationally for mathematics progress, and in the 2nd percentile for overall progress in all subjects. When I first started at Brecknock, the school was in the bottom 24% of schools nationally on this measure so I am very proud of the leaders, staff and children of Brecknock for our great success as a school and the huge progress we have made over the years.

Heads' meeting: I am hosting a breakfast meeting next week Tuesday for other Camden heads to come and visit Brecknock. Many of them have booked to come as they have heard such great things about the school.

Come and meet Marianne: On Tuesday at 10.30 our new head, Marianne will be in the Children's Centre to meet parents and have coffee. Please come along any time between 10.30 and 12.00 for a coffee and a chat with Marianne

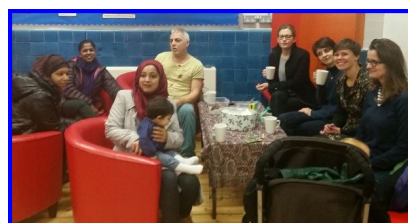
Christmas Fair: This promises to be our best ever. Please come along and help or just come and enjoy yourself and spend some money. I have heard that Father Christmas will be there. Thanks to all the parents' association for their effort in organising the event. It's on Friday 12th at 3.45pm – 50p to come in and your entry is a raffle ticket. It's going to be great!



Christmas Lunch: The 17th of December is our Christmas Lunch in the dinner hall. If your child is usually packed lunch and you would like them to have Christmas Dinner please bring £2.50 in to the office and let them know.

Coffee Mornings

The first coffee morning in the reception area was a huge success. Keep your eyes peeled for posters with details of upcoming coffee mornings. We hope to make these a regular occurrence.



Beth's African Adventure comes to an end...

It's almost the end of term and Beth's term in Uganda is at an end. You can catch up on the final instalment of her African Adventure on the website. We are all looking forward to seeing her again. She will be back into school before the end of term to say hello to everyone before starting back with us in January in Year 1. We look forward to welcoming her.



Parent Academy

Don't forget about Parent Academy this week...

- **Red Group—Tuesday 9th December 9am-11.30am**
- **Orange Group—Friday 12th December 9-11.30am**



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: 24th—28th November

Attendance KS1: 2H —95.56%

Attendance KS2: 3N—96.55%

Early Bird: 6C—0 lates



Thank You!!!

Friday Cake Sale is...

Last weeks cake sale—Nursery raised £85



Dates for your calendar

8th Dec	Year 1 to Arts Depot to see 'Beegu'
9th Dec	Christmas Show for Year 1
10th Dec	Christmas Show for Year 2
11th Dec	Christmas Show for Reception
12th Dec	Christmas Fair
16th Dec	Christmas Show for Nursery
17th Dec	Christmas Lunch
17th Dec	End of Year Music Concert (Goodbye to Sue!)
19th Dec	Last day of term—school closes @2pm
5th Jan	INSET day—school closed
6th Jan	Spring Term starts—children back

Widen Cliff Villas Campaign!

If any of you are not aware of the current campaign being run by our school council to have the pavement on Cliff Villas widened please visit the school website to find out more and support them by signing the online petition below and sharing it with your friends. Thank you.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/widen-our-pavement>



Christmas Shows

Next week (and the week after for nursery) our Christmas Shows will be performed. The children and staff have been working very hard to learn their lines, sing the songs, and get costumes and decorations ready. We really hope you will be able to come along and share the occasion with us. There will be an afternoon performance open to parents, family and friends for each show. Please try to arrive on time and remember to switch off your mobile phone! We will be filming the performances and a DVD of them will be available from the school office before the end of term—so there is no need to miss anything by filming it on your mobile.

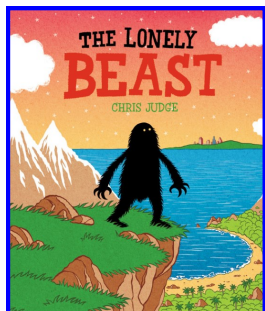


- Year 1 Performance—Tuesday 9th December @ 2.30pm
- Year 2 Performance—Wednesday 10th December @ 2.30pm
- Reception Performance—Thursday 11th December @ 2.15pm
- **Nursery Performance—Tuesday 16th December @ 10.15am**
(please note the Nursery date has changed from that previously in the newsletter)



Fantastic CeCe!

In year 2 they have been reading the brilliant book 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. The children have been doing lots of discussion and writing based on what they have read and we wanted to share with you a piece of writing that CeCe did completely independently. She has been working really hard in literacy this year and her writing has come on leaps and bounds since September. We are very proud of you CeCe—keep it up!



The Beast came to the Beautiful City by CeCe

Last week a beast came to the beautiful city because he wanted to find another beast like him. The beasts like nothing more than tending his beautiful flowery garden but he just wanted to find another beast. Early one morning he crept down a dark cave and stumbled down a rocky mountain. When the beast reached the city the people ran away, but when the beast just stopped the people came back to say hello. Not everyone likes the beast. One nasty neighbour complained about the beast living in the park.

"The people have been friendly but I still feel lonely," said the Beast.

The beast likes drinking tea, reading a good book, walking in the snow, standing in the rain, baking cakes and of course eating them.

"Please help me find a beast!"



The Beast's are very rare

Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona, where we lay our scene...

As you may have read a few weeks ago in the newsletter Year 4 have been working with Jon McCraw, a professional performer from the National Theatre. They have been delving into the world of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. They have developed skills in mime, dance and acting. Everyone has given 100% and we are very proud of their progress. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their workshops, as you can see from the photos below. Today was the children's last session as part of the project and they performed what they have come up with so far to their parents. Thanks to all those who managed to come along and see it. I'm sure you were as impressed as we were. They are a talented bunch. We'd like to say a huge thanks to Jon for all his hard work in helping us deliver this fantastic opportunity to the children.



Super Scientists!

The fantastic enquiring scientists of Year 3 have been at it again this week. This time looking at sunglasses, and their importance. They learned that staring at the sun directly, burns your retinas (at the back of your eye), and could lead to blindness! Further to that, they also learned about which materials would make the best lenses (out of opaque, transparent and translucent). So what did they find out about these fantastic words and the materials they describe? Well, Transparent would help you to see clearly (cling film), but be awful at keeping out light. Opaque would be great at keeping out light, but you wouldn't see where you were going! The best materials were...TRANSLUCENT!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Natasha & Oscar—Class 1M, Kaiziar & Lok—Class 1T, CeCe & Nicole—2B, Adam & Sam—Class 2H, Kawthar—3F, Zoe—3N, Rhyanna—4M, Aleya—4W, Amina—5M, Phuk—5W, On—6C, Iffat—6G