

Friday 23rd January 2015

Message from the head:

With the Spring Term underway the children have been reflecting on their class charters and our pride in being a rights respecting school. Behaviour around the school has been impressive and it has been a pleasure to congratulate children who receive merits and other awards in the weekly Golden Book assemblies. Six of our Year 6 ambassadors will soon be attending a mini-conference at Parliament Hill School where some Year 9 children will host a debate and talk about their charter. This will provide an excellent opportunity for secondary and primary pupils to meet and share their approach to respecting the rights of children.

Please take time to have a look at the school website often. It is updated regularly and full of useful information, as well as photographs and news about children's learning. We have a busy term ahead of us so please also take note of the key dates. There will be more trips and visits, Book Week and Science Week and of course the Year 3 and Year 4 shows at the end of term – we have lots to look forward to!



Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Thanks

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

Friday Cake Sale

The next cake sale will be for Year 5 on Friday 30th January.



Dates for your calendar

26th Jan	PE Activity Morning @ Market Rd. with Arsenal Coaches
30th Jan	Year 3 to Oliver Jeffers Exhibition @ Discovery Centre
2nd Feb	Healthy Packed Lunch Workshop: 2-3pm (Dinner Hall)
5th Feb	Camden Primary Maths Challenge—team of 4 from Y6
13th Feb	2B to the CLC
16th-20th Feb	Half-Term Holidays
25th Feb	2H to CLC
2nd-6th Mar	Brecknock Book Week
3rd Mar	3N to the CLC
4th Mar	3F to the CLC
5th Mar	World Book Day
11th Mar	Year 4 to the theatre
13th Mar	Comic Relief Day
16th-20th Mar	Brecknock Science Week
23rd Mar	Year 2 to London Monument and St Pauls
3rd-17th Apr	Easter Holidays
20th Apr	INSET Day
21st Apr	Summer Term Starts—Children Back
4th May	May Day—School Closed
25th-29th May	Half-Term Holidays
1st June	INSET Day—School Closed
21st July	Last Day of Term

Parent Academy

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



- **Red Group—Tuesday 27th January—9am-11.30am**
- **Orange Group—Friday 30th January—9am-11.30am**

Should any parents be unable to attend a session you are welcome at any other school running the academy but must attend the matching colour at those schools.

New Parent Academy Courses

It's been recognised that a number of parents chosen for Red, Orange, Blue and Green groups have been unable to attend the daytime sessions. To enable those parents to not miss out there will be evening and a Saturday morning courses starting from next week. Parents selected for the groups are welcome to attend either of these as an alternative to the weekday sessions. These will be held at **Richard Cobden Learning Centre on Camden Street, NW1 0LL**.

There will be free pizza and refreshments provided!

Thursday Evenings 6pm-8.30pm—starting from 29th January
or
Saturday Mornings 10.30am-1pm—starting from 31st January

Healthy Packed Lunch Workshop

Monday 2nd February 2-3pm

Would you like to get some inspiration about how to prepare a healthy packed lunch for your child? Or would you like some advice on ensuring your child eats their packed lunch? Our Packed Lunch Workshop delivered by the Camden Health Improvement Team will help you:



- Make your child/ren's lunches healthier
- Encourage them to eat their lunch and more vegetables
- Identify healthier yoghurts and drinks
- Understand the school's and Children's Centre's packed lunch policies

Speak to office to book a place by Wednesday 28th January. Thank you.

Camden Dodgeball Festival at UCL

Well Done Brecknock—Champions and runners up!

1st Place: Brecknock Dream Team & 2nd Place: Brecknock Unbeatables



School Nurse Service

We have been asked if the school would like any workshops/drop in sessions about particular health or medical conditions. Sessions would be in the children's centre in the afternoons. Please let the school office know if there are any particular topics that you feel would be of use.

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 12th—16th January

Attendance KS1: **1T—97.59%**

Attendance KS2: **6C—98.99%**

Early Bird: **6C & 3F—1 late**



Year 2 at the Emirates

Year 2 are learning all about different buildings this term in their topic and we were given the exciting opportunity to have a tour of the Arsenal football stadium. The children (and staff!) were excited to find out more about this special local building and were not disappointed! We visited both changing rooms and spotted some interesting differences, sat in the directors box, compared stadiums new and old and even had a visit from Gunnersaurus! Following this visit the children have created their own booklets full of facts and information about the stadium. We can't wait for our training session with the Arsenal coaches next week!



Art in Year 5

Having started a brand new book, Art and Max by David Wiesner, the children in year 5 have been learning about how different colours and perspective affect the mood of the pictures. They'll be using these as a platform for some writing over the next few weeks.



1M's Winter Scavenger Hunt

As part of the new science curriculum, Year 1 children will be looking at 'Our Changing World', including looking closely at the natural changes that happen as the seasons come and go. On Monday, 1M went to The Clock Tower Park to find evidence that it is indeed Winter! They were using their senses to closely observe the natural world and using their scavenger hunt checklist to help them. They collected evidence in plastic bags for our new seasons display and table, and they used magnifying glasses too! The children noticed many things such as long shadows, bare trees, less insects, holly and ivy growing and much more! We are already predicting the changes that might happen and the things we might see when we go on our Spring scavenger hunt...



Here's some of the interesting things the children said on their scavenger hunt...

"There are less insects because the plants have died, so there is nothing for them to eat." - Jago

"The leaves started to change colour in Autumn, now they have fallen off and the trees are bare." - Dylan

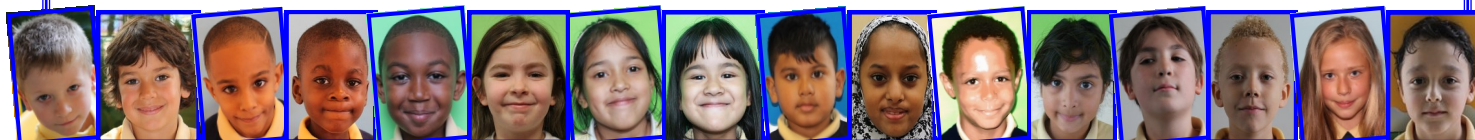
"We can see the birds and squirrels better because there are less plants and leaves to hide them." - Drew

"I know it's winter because there is frost and ice on the grass because it is so cold." - Memati

"My evidence shows it is winter because there are lots of dead things like leaves and trees and snail shells!" - Zahra



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Christopher & Memati—Class 1M, Mustafa & Djibril—Class 1T, Kingsley & Nicola—2B, Dina & Jubaira—Class 2H, Sameer—3F, Khadija—3N, Remy—4M, Thyra—4W, Ruben—5M, Morgan—5W, Freya—6C, Ronnie—6G