

Friday 30th January 2015

Message from the head:

I have spent the last week observing teaching and learning around the school. It has been heart-warming to see how much children learn and develop through their time at Brecknock. I have found children proudly showing me how they have written their name independently in Reception and also children reading their marvellously atmospheric pieces of writing using juxtaposition and metaphors in year 6 – it is quite a journey! Please note that we will be holding Parent Conferences in the week beginning 9th February, you will be receiving a letter about this next week. This will be a fantastic opportunity to come and talk about the progress that your child is making and ask any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and baked for last weeks charity cake sale. Year 2 have been working hard to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Charity. The sale raised £120! Together with other money they have raised so far they are getting close to their target of £200. If you would like to help them reach their target amount you can donate through the office. Thanks again for your help so far—the children are rightly very proud of their achievements so far. With you help they can hit their target!

Next weeks sale, on Friday 6th February is the Year 4 sale.



Nursery 2015-16

Please fill out an application form if you are going to require a place for a child in the nursery for this coming September to avoid disappointment. The last few years we have been oversubscribed so it's good to get things arranged early to avoid disappointment. There's more info on the website or ask the office.

Dates for your calendar

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| 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 | 4M to the CLC (change to previously published) |
| 4th Mar | 4W to the CLC (change to previously published) |
| 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

- Blue and Green Group—Tuesday 3rd February—9am-11.30am**

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

New Parent Academy Courses

Don't forget the extra courses being run for those unable to attend during the working week. These are being held at **Richard Cobden Learning Centre on Camden Street, NW1 0LL**.

There is free pizza and refreshments provided!

Thursday Evenings 6pm-8.30pm or Saturday Mornings 10.30am-1pm



Collecting Children

We are asking for your support in the playground after school. It can get very busy as you collect your children. In order to keep them safe and ensure they are collected by the right person please don't take your child without letting the teacher know personally you are there and have them. Thank you for your help with this.

Healthy Packed Lunch Workshop

Monday 2nd February 2-3pm—Dinner Hall

Don't forget about next weeks Packed Lunch Workshop delivered by the Camden Health Improvement Team to 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/children's centre packed lunch policies



February Holiday Play Scheme 16 – 20 Feb

NW5 Community Play Project, The Play Hut, Islip Street, NW5 2TU.

The opening times will be 10am-6pm. However, for families that need it, they will also be running a breakfast club between 8am-10am. The charge for attending the play scheme breakfast club will be £3 per child per day and will include a healthy breakfast. The fee for the play scheme itself between 10am-6pm will be £12 per day (concessions £6 per day). A half day option is also available for children that attend for four hours or less between the hours of 10am and 6pm. The fee for the half day will be £6 per child per day (concession £3 per child per day). For more information, request a programme or to register a child with the Play Project, please call David or Sharley at the Project on 0207 485 8165.

Lost Property and Clothing

As the weather is getting colder, children are rightly bringing in more hats, scarves and gloves. We encourage children to keep their gloves in the pocket of their coats and if there is space, their hat too. Despite this we are collecting quite a selection of lost items joining the sweatshirts, fleeces and other items of clothing. We are currently growing a huge pile of lost property in the box outside the office area. If your child has lost some clothing please look there first and if your child has some uniform without a name on, please write it on in indelible pen. This means if it is found, we can return it to the right person. Thank you for your help in this.



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

Spring Term: 19th—23rd January

Attendance KS1: **2H—98.93%**

Attendance KS2: **5W—96.84%**

Early Bird: **6C—0 lates**



Thank you Arsenal!

After hosting our year 2 last week at the Emirates stadium we had more Gunner fun this week! We'd like to say a huge thank you to Adam and the other coaches at Arsenal for training with our year 2,3 and 4 children this week at Market Road. The children were put through their paces and learnt lots of new football and hockey skills and, as you can see in these photos, had a great time. The Arsenal Community Outreach Team do a fabulous job, and as one of their local schools we are very lucky. As Az and Toni would say Come on You Gunners! p.s. This is written by a Spurs Fan!



London Eye and Tate Modern



Year 2 ventured into central London recently for a flight on the London Eye. The children saw first hand a number of the famous buildings they have been learning about in topic, including The Shard, The Gherkin, St Paul's, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. They enjoyed drawing in their sketch books and experimenting making different shades and lines. After lunch they walked along the South Bank to the Tate Modern Gallery. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the paintings and sculptures and having a go at drawing what they could see. It was a brilliant day. The following day the children wrote an account of the day and the quality of their writing was excellent. Well done Year 2!

Recently all of our Year 1's have visited the Camden Learning Centre (CLC) based at Regents High School for technology workshops. Camden is very lucky to have Gillian and her team to support schools with using technology in education. They also have a lot of equipment and software individual schools don't have access to. Our children used a programme to design their own toys using it. They all had a great time. Over the next few months all the children in the school will have the opportunity to visit the CLC (for nursery and reception they will come to us!) Thanks to Gillian and her team for hosting us. Keep an eye on the calendar

Year 1 at the CLC



Fantastic learning with Ruth!

Over the past few weeks Ruth has been very impressed with all the hard work that the children that work with her have been doing. They are working hard to



improve their reading and writing. Well done to them all and keep up the good work!

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Charlie & Najma—Class 1M, Donya & Tomor—Class 1T, CeCe & Ayman—2B, Freddy & Mahir—Class 2H, Naila—3F, Sahra—3N, Aimee—4M, Ben—4W, Jennifer—5M, Suraaya—5W, Sumia—6C, Dominik—6G