

Friday 27th February 2015

Message from the head:

I hope you all had a restful half term break. The children have settled back into school really well and are already engrossed in their learning and looking forward to the events which are planned for the rest of this term.

I would like to invite you to 'Meet Marianne' on the first Tuesday of every month. At these events I will be joining the regular Tuesday Coffee Morning arranged by the Parents' Association to talk to you about school life. The first of these events will take place in the Ground Floor Hall next Tuesday, 2nd March, at 9.15am so do please come along. This month I will be explaining about Assemblies and Collective Worship at Brecknock and also answering any questions you might have about this. I will be joined by Tiggy who will be updating you about the pavement widening campaign. Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee - we look forward to seeing you there!

Mathletics and Bug Club

Please encourage your children to use these from home. Please note that the Bug Club login web address has changed. This is because it is now able to be accessed from an iPad which is great news—usernames and passwords are unchanged. Also, don't forget there is a free App that can be downloaded so you can also access Mathletics from an iPad. Thanks

www.mathletics.co.uk & www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Dates for your calendar

2nd-6th Mar	Brecknock Book Week
2nd Mar	Meet Marianne in the Bottom Hall—coffee morning
3rd Mar	4W to the CLC (change to previously published)
3rd Mar	Camden Primary Choir Festival
4th Mar	4M to the CLC (change to previously published)
5th Mar	World Book Day
6th Mar	Half of Nursery to Kings Cross Library
11th Mar	Year 4 to theatre—Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
13th Mar	Comic Relief Day
16th-20th Mar	Brecknock Science Week
23rd Mar	Year 2 to London Monument and St Pauls
30th Mar	Year 3—End of term performance
1st Apr	Year 4—End of term performance
3rd-17th Apr	Easter Holidays
20th Apr	INSET Day
21st Apr	Summer Term Starts—Children Back
27th Apr—1st May	Year 5 to France
27th Apr	3N to the CLC
30th Apr	3F to the CLC
4th May	May Day—School Closed
25th-29th May	Half-Term Holidays
1st June	INSET Day—School Closed
21st July	Last Day of Term

MISSING

Please Help



5W's Tamagotchi

A much loved Christmas present to the class.
Last seen: Mid January in 5W
If you have any information on its whereabouts, please let Ella know!
The children miss it very much...

Parent Academy



- Red Group**—Tuesday 3rd March—9am-11.30am
- Orange Group**—Friday 6th March—9am-11.30am
- Blue and Green**—Tuesday 10th March—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. Don't forget the courses being run for those unable to attend during the week at **Richard Cobden Learning Centre on Camden Street.**

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

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Meet Marianne Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3rd March
9.15am—Bottom Hall

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Come and meet Guy Bass

2nd March @ 3.30pm (bottom hall)

Next Monday, we are really lucky to be having a visit from Guy Bass. He is a very successful children's author—most famous for his 'Stitch Head' series of books. He will be doing a special assembly to KS2 in the afternoon. After school there will be a chance to buy some of his books and meet the man himself. He will happily sign any books you want to buy.



Book Week—Fancy Dress Day

Thursday 5th March

As part of our own Brecknock Book Week, we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday. This year's theme is 'Magic' or 'Funny'. We are asking all children to come to school dressed as a funny or magical character from a book. We expect that costume shops will be very popular next week—most schools will be dressing up—so would advise anyone who wants to buy something as part of their costume to shop early. We can't wait to see the wonderful and wacky costumes your children will wear—be creative! This is always one of the most popular events in the Brecknock calendar.



Friday Cake Sale—Year 1 on Friday 6th March.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 9th—13th February

Attendance KS1: **2H—97.23%**

Attendance KS2: **4M—97.78%**

Early Bird: **1M—2 lates**





Year 3 have been learning about the fruits of the rainforest as part of their topic work. They talked about the parts of each fruit - the skin, flesh, stalk and seeds and made predictions as to what they thought the insides of some unfamiliar fruits looked like. After finishing the still-life artwork and labelling the fruits, they got to have a smell, feel, and taste! Yum yum!

Tasty goings on in Year 3!

Year 2 CLC Visit

Writing in Role in Year 4

In literacy, Year 4 have been reading the fabulous story 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells. This week they looked in particular at the character of Starjik and how he was described. Below is a piece of writing by Firdows that we wanted to share with you. Firdows we're very proud of you.

His beard was a thin branch that hung down from his neck. The tip of his beard was as pointy as a sharp knife. On the back of his head were icicles that gripped onto his hair and took over his whole head.

Starjik's nails were dirty and crooked, they scratched deeply into his throne. 'SCHReeeeeCH!'

I wanted to close my eyes and I held my ears but his grotesque face forced me not to. When he smiled I felt like running away. His broad yellow stained teeth were rusty nails sticking out from rigid rotten wood.

After 9 minutes later he spoke to me. His voice sounded like a croaking frog. He told me that, "Whoever comes to Starjik's land will die..."



By Firdows

On Wednesday 2H visited the CLC to learn more about computer programming.

The children enjoyed playing a variety of programming games and practiced giving directional instructions including forward, backward, left and right.

Following from this the children had to write algorithms to direct a Beebot from one place on a map to another. The children did superbly well at this. After

lunch, the children learnt how to use a new app on the iPad. They used Scratch Junior to create their own animated cartoons. They had to apply what they had learnt in the morning,

to write algorithms for their own characters, getting them to move and speak according to their instructions. They all had a fantastic day and can't wait to continue building on our programming skills. Scratch Junior is a free App for iPad. If you have an iPad we would definitely recommend downloading this app for your children.

Year 1 have been doing lots of amazing learning this week. They have been measuring out sand and thinking about the concepts of full and empty. As well as that they have been learning all about positional language and giving instructions using assault courses (with eyes open and blinded folded!), mazes and beebots. They even had a visit from 5 teachers from other Camden schools to see the learning they have been doing on? Algorithms! Very impressive for year 1s. Well done to them all.

Our Amazing Year 1s!



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Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Ninilomo & Saabir—1M, Tanisha & Sumiyah—1T, Teo & Makhae—2B, Isaac & Maryama—2H, Alex—3F, Mohammed—3N, Abakash—4M, Firdows—4W, Lou Lou—5M, Keleigh—5W, Sumia—6C, Laura—6G