

Friday 13th March 2015

Message from the head:

This week Spring has been in the air. Well done Ann and Syeda and their enthusiastic band of parent gardening volunteers for getting started with planting at the entrance to the school. Gardening volunteers meet every Tuesday morning in the foyer at the parents' coffee morning, why not come along and join in next week! Daire and the children's gardening club have also been busy planting on the roof. We are really looking forward to seeing the fruits of everybody's labours in the summer.

All week we have been holding Pupil Progress Reviews to check that all children are making the leaps forward in their learning that we expect. It has been really reassuring to find that so many children in all year groups have made better than expected progress in the core skills reading, writing and maths. As well as congratulating the children I would like to thank all of you who work so hard to support children with their learning at home. Families are children's first and most enduring educators and we really value working in partnership with you.

Parent Academy



- **Red Group**—Tuesday 17th March—9am-11.30am
 - **Orange Group**—Friday 20th March—9am-11.30am
- Alternative: **Richard Cobden Learning Centre on Camden Street.**
Thursday Evenings @ 6pm or Saturday Mornings @ 10.30am

Dates for your calendar

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—SCHOOL CLOSED
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
5th May	Meet Marianne Coffee Morning @ 9.15am
8th May	Y3 Health and Fitness Boot Camp on Hampstead Heath
11-14th May	Y6 SATs Week
18-22nd May	Brecknock Maths & Programming Week
18th May	Brecknock Puzzle Day
21st May	6C to the CLC
22nd May	6G to the CLC
25th-29th May	Half-Term Holidays
1st June	INSET Day—School Closed
10th June	Brecknock Sports Day at Hampstead Heath
15-19th June	Brecknock Work Week
26th June	Brecknock Community Festival
21st July	Last Day of Term

Get Ready for Brecknock Science Week!

Next week is Brecknock Science Week 2015. Our theme this year is 'Working Scientifically' which

involves observing, classifying, pattern seeking, fair testing and researching. Your child's teacher will plan a week of science based activities linked to their topic and / or the new science curriculum. There will also be a school wide poster competition and a science week blog on the web site.

This year there is also an exciting parent and child science workshop being run on Thursday 19th March after school from 3.45pm - 4.45pm in the bottom hall by Tony Charles who is coming in all day on Thursday to run workshops for every year group / phase. The workshop is free to attend and open to all, so please do come along! Have a great science week everyone!



Bug Club changing to Reading Eggs

Please note that we are about to change to a new online reading resource called 'Reading Eggs'. If you are having any problems using the existing 'Bug Club' that is why. We will very shortly be sending home logins and instructions for 'Reading Eggs'. We're very excited about this new resource and think once you see it you will be too. In the meantime do try and use 'Bug Club' for as long as the accounts remain active.



Mathletics

Please encourage your children to use this from home. Don't forget there is a free 'app' that can be downloaded so you can also access Mathletics from an iPad.
www.mathletics.co.uk



Pick Up Times—correction!

Last week some of the newsletters that went out had the finish time for nursery wrong. Please note finish times are shown below. Sorry for any confusion caused.

Nursery—3.20pm Reception—3.20pm KS1 & KS2—3.25pm

All clubs finish at 4.45pm except for dodgeball and football which finish at 4.30pm.



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Next Meet Marianne
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 5th May
9.15am—Bottom Hall

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Friday Cake Sale—Reception on Friday 20th March.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 2nd—6th March

Attendance KS1: **1T—100%**

Attendance KS2: **4W—99.6%**

Early Bird: **Rec B, Rec R, & 6C—1 late**



Brecknock's Amazing Children's Centre...

Last Friday the parents and children from the Children's centre visited Freightliners farm as part of their topic of animals. They met and fed various animals from the farm, such as, chickens, cows, rabbits, sheep and goats. The children had a great time petting the animals and talking about their coats, sounds and colours.



Then on Tuesday they had a visit from the vet with her pet cat as part of their topic "Animals". Rebecca bought her cat Wilba to meet us and they learnt how to handle the cat, what the cat likes to eat and play, how a vet helps animals and even got to hear Wilba's heart beat!



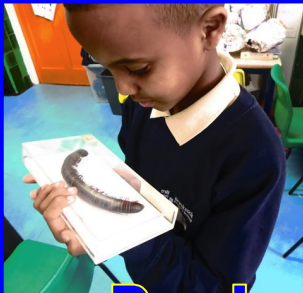
UCL Habitat Workshop in Year 4



On Tuesday, Year 4 were visited by Joe, a scientist from UCL. He taught us all about habitats and adaptation by showing us real scientific specimens such as a hedgehog, starfish, frog skeleton, mole skeleton and a dogfish.



Science Spring-Scavenger Hunt in 1T



Red Nose Day!



Golden Book Awards Winners are...



Saida & Nilima—1M, Kaiziar & Diego—1T, Nicole & Yuusuf—2B, Sam & Erin—2H, Cheyanne—3F, Jaime—3N, Wesley—4M, Ibrahim—4W, Tahmid—5M, Billy—5W, Al-Mumin—6C, Anisa—6G

So far we have raised £221 from non-uniform day and £180 from Red Nose sales. Cake sale still to come!