

Friday 20th March 2015

Message from the head:

Thank you all for your generosity and support on Comic Relief Day last Friday. The children had a great day and through a combination of selling red noses, cake sale and children dressing up we raised £543. Well done Brecknock! The next school event will be the DISCO after school on Friday 1st May so please put the date in your diaries. More information will follow next term.

We break up for Easter at **2 p.m. on Thursday 2nd April**. Some of you may have noticed that Camden schools have different holidays from neighbouring boroughs so please make a note of our final day. There are so many wonderful things to do in London over the holidays so do take advantage of the time to take your children out. We return to school on **Tuesday 21st April**, the gates will open as usual at 8:50 as usual and we will look forward to hearing about all the exciting things your children have been up to over the holiday.

Parent Academy



- **Blue and Green Group—24th March**
- **Red Group—Tuesday 31st March—9am-11.30am**
- **Orange Group—Friday 2nd April—9am-11.30am**
- **All Groups—16th April—trip to British Museum**

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

School Council

School council have been gathering information from their classes about what is working well and what they would like to see improved at lunch.

3 Top Triumphs:

1. It is good to be able to sit where you like and chat with your friends
2. The food is good
3. Having clean trays

3 Pet Peeves:

1. Being the last class to go in. (Many classes felt it was them most often)
2. Some of the food options
3. Buddies sometimes doing the wrong thing.

This information will be fed back to all those involved in school lunches.

Stay and Chat!

We understand that some parents are missing the opportunity to meet and chat with other parents due to the 'Soft Start' in the morning. While the 'Soft Start' has been fantastic in terms of getting the children settled into class and ready to learn we recognise that some parents feel they now miss out on the morning chats with each other which used to happen while you waited for the children to be collected by the teacher. Please be assured you are welcome to remain in the playground after your child has gone up to class and chat with other parents. Don't forget too, there is also the Parents' Association Coffee Mornings every Tuesday which we'd encourage you to join.

Bug Club changing to Reading Eggs



We will very shortly be sending home logins for 'Reading Eggs', our new online reading resource which is to replace 'Bug Club'.

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

Parent's Association

Please have a look on the Parents' Association page of the school website (under 'School Info') for a great new recipe book with some fabulous 'Healthy Packed Lunch Ideas'. Thanks to Franco and Margaret (Theo and Lia's parents) for this new resource. Also, don't forget the great cook book that has been there for while with recipe ideas for making for our Friday Cake Sales. Remember if you want to get involved come along to the next Association coffee morning, every Tuesday morning in the reception area outside the office.



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

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

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Friday Cake Sale—Nursery on Friday 27th March.



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term: 9th—13th March
Attendance KS1: 2H—97.59%
Attendance KS2: 5W—100%
Early Bird: 6C—0 lates



Brecknock's Science Week 2015!

Lots of science activities were seen all around school as part of this years Science Week. If you managed to come along to the parent workshop after school on Thursday we hope you enjoyed it. Thanks to Beth and all the teachers for their hard work making Science Week happen!



Year 4 kicked off their science week with the question: Are spaces really empty? They had a lot of fun observing the behaviour of air and learning about particle theory. Look at the pictures from the playground, can you guess which state of matter they are in? Are they solids, liquids or gases?



The children in year 1 had the best time this week learning lots about animals in science. They have learnt about the different classifications of animals and their features. They also linked in their art with science and created clay models of reptiles and amphibians. We have some budding Rodin's in the year!



On Thursday, Tony Charles did some fantastic 'Magic Science' workshops for every year in the school. His 'tricks' were brilliant and he explained the science behind them in a clear way. Special mentions must go to Vera and Hadi who showed off their own fantastic science knowledge by explaining some of the concepts they knew behind his tricks.

Camden-South-League Champions 2014-15

Our triumphant boys team picked up their trophy this week while playing in the Camden North-South Playoffs. Well done to them all (and John!) on their league victory!



Reception have been looking after some Giant African Land Snails. They've been learning lots of facts about them and discovered they can grow to 25 centimetres in length! They've learnt how to pick them up and to make sure their hands are clean and damp. They've been feeding them everyday with leafy greens. Some of the children went on to make a snail booklet where they wrote what their snail looks and feels like.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Natasha & Jago—1M, Yaqub & Zara—1T, Maisie & Kingsley—2B, Zakiya & Mahir—2H, Saki—3F, Ikram—3N, Priam—4M, Rabiic—4W, Mia—5M, Tito—5W, Anisa—6C, Istarlin—6G