

Friday 6th March 2015

## Message from the head:

What a fantastic week this has been! On Tuesday Ella took the choir to perform at the Camden Choir Festival at the Camden Centre. They sang with nine other schools and, of course, the Brecknock children were amazing; they sang out loud and clear and gained a huge round of applause at the end.

Just when I thought the week couldn't get any better .... World Book Day happened! We have been enjoying Book Week since Monday when Guy Bass (author of Stitch Head) came into school and children have been busy reading and writing all week. Yesterday everybody celebrated books and reading by making props and dressing up, it was wonderful to walk around the school and bump into The BFG, Mr Saucepan Man, Rita Skeeter and hundreds of other characters from the world of books.

As you might expect at Brecknock, despite the excitement of this week, the learning continues unabated and the quality of the writing produced has been quite simply remarkable, as you can see over the page.

## Dates for your calendar

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—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—Bottom Hall @ 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

## Pick Up Times

We have had a number of children being picked up late over the last couple of weeks and want to check everyone is clear on the finish times for the different parts of the school and after school clubs in case anyone is unsure.

**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.



## Parents' Association Gardening Club

Thanks to all the parents who came along on Tuesday to the Parents' Association meeting and then stayed for the gardening club. It's great to see so many of you involved. If you haven't been yet but would like to, you're more than welcome. Gather every Tuesday outside the school office from 9am.



## Parent Academy



- Red Group—Tuesday 17th March—9am-11.30am**
- Orange Group—Friday 20th 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**

## 6G Superstars!

We all know how important it is to be in school and on time to the success of children's learning so we wanted to recognise the fantastic achievement of the children in Class 6G. Last week, not only did they have perfect attendance of 100% but not one child was late! Well done! Can any other classes match them this term?

## 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](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) & [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

**Friday Cake Sale—Reception on Friday 13th March.**

## Champions!

Well done to the Brecknock Boys football team who this week won the Camden South Primary Football league. They secured a draw in their final fixture which was enough to give them the title. This is the first time we have won this league. (Well done to John too for coaching them!)



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



**Spring Term: 23rd—27th February**

Attendance KS1: **1T—97.24%**

Attendance KS2: **5W & 6G—100%**

Early Bird: **Rec R, 1M & 6G—0 lates**





# Amazing Brecknock's

This week's 'Book Week' has been a huge success. From Guy Bass' (award winning author of *Stitch Head* and other brilliant books) fabulous assembly for key stage 2 on Monday right up to Thursday's 'World Book Day' dressing up the children have been enjoying themselves. We must say a huge thank you to Az for organising this brilliant event and to the teachers for managing to make things come alive for the children. We'd also like to thank you all for supporting your children in the different competitions that have been running and in the costume finding—we really appreciate your support. We look forward to next year already! Below are the names of the competition winners and on the next page some of the winning pieces of writing. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did.

## Guy Bass Visit



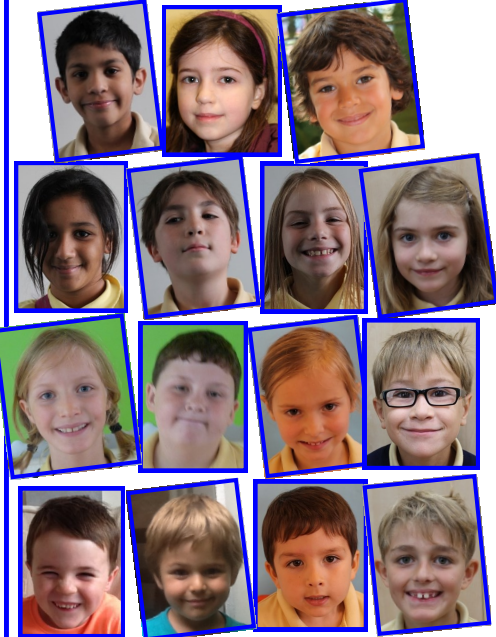
## Stories and Puppets in Year 2



## Competition Winners...

Not all the classes have finished their entries for the various competitions being held this week but here are a selection of the winners announced so far...

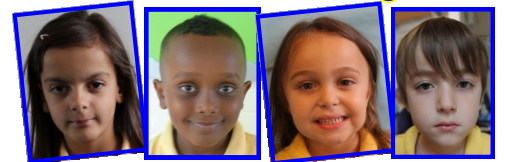
### Best Costumes



### Best Handwriting



### Bookmark Design



### Writing



### Book Quiz



This is by no means **ALL** the winners but those known at the time of printing...keep an eye on the website for more winning announcements!

## Camden Choir Festival



On Tuesday, the Brecknock took part in the annual Primary Choirs Festival at the Camden Centre. They worked extremely hard to learn the words to some very tricky songs and sang beautifully alongside the other schools. Their individual item was a hit and had the audience whooping and cheering. Morgan's dancing was also very entertaining! A massive well done to involved. Don't forget that children can audition for Camden Youth Choirs.



## Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Hannah & Maxwell—1M, Sean & Ayub—1T, Maisie & Sienna—2B, Dina & Jubaira—2H, Soraya—3F, Zoe—3N, Sam—4M, Naji—4W, Habib—5M, Nasra—5W, Ali—6C, Denizil—6G



# Brilliant Book Week!

## Extract from story by Cosima (Y1)

Once upon a time there were 2 children. One was called Lysander and her brother was called Thomas. Lysander had blue eyes and blond hair. Thomas has orange hair and it was spiky. One rainy morning they went to a grand toy shop in Kentish Town. It had a scooter, a teddy, a football, a castle, a drawing pad, a doll and lots of building blocks. The toys kept disappearing but they didn't know what to do so they decided to call another toymaker. And he ran all the way. And he made it. Soon they were saved. They all cheered for him. Soon they had bought their toy and they and told their mother all about it. She said, "Wow! I love my present. Thank you my dear. I love it. But now it is bedtime." "Ok", they said and she turned the lights off. And that was the end of that story.



## Extract from story by Jaime (Y3)

"A flying saucer! It's a flying saucer!" gasped Tom. Suddenly, two black figures walked slowly towards Suraj. Suraj was frightened and shell shocked. He shivered like a penguin. They took him to their spaceships to tie him in a cage. He was so tired he fell asleep. The alien's eyes were as black as a chalk board. Suraj felt glum, uneasy and frightened. Eventually he woke from his slumber and as soon as he awoke the alien was shaking him to wake him. "It's time for breakfast. Wake up." "Okay. I'm awake." This was the perfect time to try and escape. ..



## Extract from 'The Empty House' by Alima (Y4)

"Do you think we dare go inside?" Billy suggested nervously. Looking excited, Cara answered him, "Oh come on, let's go in. I'm sure it's empty." "What do you think we will find?" "You never know, there might be treasure!" Cara grinned. Billy and Cara carefully opened the gates and pulled off planks of wood gently. Suddenly the door swung open and hit the wall. They walked in and the house was old and damp, the house had cobwebs everywhere like a vampires house. The house smelt of old cabbage soup. There were humming noises. Billy and Cara froze. Billy and Cara went upstairs slowly. They heard creaking noises. They went into a room. In the room was an old lady with a hunched back knitting a blanket. She was humming an old tune in a rocking chair, beside the old lady was at least 15 red eyed cats which were running about purring. Billy suddenly started humming with the old lady. Cara asked Billy quietly, "Do you know this tune?" "Yes I do. My grandmother used to sing this to me whenever I couldn't go to sleep," said Billy, "Only my grandmother knew this tune!" he hissed. The lady turned around and said, "Hello my dearie. I am your grandmother!" Billy was confused. "My Grandmother died seven years ago," Billy said. The lady grinned and grabbed Billy's arm trying to hug him. Cara ran out of the house because she knew something was wrong and Billy was never ever seen again...



## Extract from story by Raia (Y5)

The two octopi cuddled. Gazing into each others eyes, the octopi hugged each other. Everything was under control. Suddenly, an unexpected surprise happened. The fishmonger captured the violet octopus by her head and threw her onto the scale. "This will make a wonderful feast for tonight," exclaimed the fishmonger. The orange octopus twitched one eye. "Oh no, this is bad, this bad, this is very, very bad, this is really bad! They're going to kill my mother. I have to save her!" thought the orange octopus. The orange octopus waddled like an orange jelly and jumped onto the van. He dragged himself to the window. At first the driver didn't see him but then he turned around and tried to catch the orange creature. Luckily, the orange octopus opened the box which his mum was in and managed to pull the brake handle and the van spun out of control. Feeling dizzy, the driver shouted out of the window, "I will get you you little creeps!" So he pushed the go peddle towards the two octopi. Luckily, they were faster than the van and they dived into the nearby pool...



## Writing from Charlotte (Reception)

To Foo Foo,

You must stop. I don't like your attitude. Scooping the field mice and bopping them on the head.

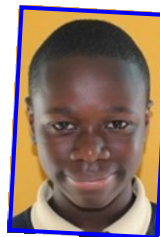
From the fairy



## Extract from 'Dream Giver' by Kwadwo (Y6)

...The moon was high in the sky when the glass window opened. A mysterious creature slowly emerged from the nightly darkness, carrying a dusty rag. It was illuminating a glow of light which could be spotted in the inky, black room. He slowly fluttered his wings towards the children, writing and ticking all sorts of stuff in his booklet. He slowly laid his rag on the children's bed making sure not to break it. The cloth slowly unravelled to show a gathering of golden, glowing eggs full of magic and wonders. The egg looked very delicate and could easily be broken. The creature smashed one of the eggs. The golden, glittering liquid slowly oozed out on to an artificial glass slipper, a bit like Cinderella's. The slipper transformed from glass to gold in an instant. A magical and majestic ballerina emerged from the slipper dancing and twirling elegantly. The creature flew to a boy who was in a deep sleep. Just like before, he cracked another egg cautiously spilling a drop of magic on to his book. Twinkles erupted from the book, filling the bedroom wall with illumination. A holographic boy swam through an ocean of stars and planets. One by one the eggs disappeared as all sorts of wonderful and magical dreams were had....

...After rubbing the sleep in his eyes and having wondered what went on, he knew it was a dream. But he was puzzled how he could switch from one dream to another in an instant. He was so busy thinking that he hadn't noticed the silhouette in the corner of his eye, the fairy has made another tremendous escape!



Here are some extracts from some of the winning pieces written independently as part of this weeks writing competition. We hope you enjoy them.



As always, you supported us this week by helping the children come in dressed up as book characters. As you can see the children looked amazing. Thank you. Here's a game for you....**Where's Wally?** Clue: There's 1 with a beard and 1 without!