

Friday 24th April 2015

## Message from the head:

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you all had a lovely holiday. The children have come back refreshed and eager to learn and we are all looking forward to a productive and exciting term. Teachers will be holding Curriculum Meetings next week to tell you about planned learning and we will be sending out letters about these this week. Do make a note of the time and come along so that you can be fully involved. This term we have a storyteller in residence. His name is Phil McDermott and he will be working with all the classes in the school and also running assemblies and hopefully family workshops. He began working with us on Tuesday so do ask your children if they have met him yet.

Next Friday the Parents' Association will be organising a school disco. The event is open to all children and will run from 3:45 until 5 o'clock, all children will need to be accompanied by an adult so look out your dancing shoes, we look forward to seeing you there!



Check out Phil the Story Teller's website to learn more about him and the project:  
[www.thestoryemporium.co.uk](http://www.thestoryemporium.co.uk)



## Mini-beast Classification on the Heath with Year 4

Class 4M went to Hampstead Heath this week to do a wildlife walk and mini-beast classification workshop in the education centre. The children learned to look for wildlife with binoculars as well as magnifying glasses and even took part in some quadrant sampling like real naturalists. They learnt about all the different groups of mini-beast, some Kate had never even heard of! Do

you know what type of creature would be

considered an **Annelid**?

Here's a clue: birds, anglers and gardeners like them! Ask someone in 4M for the answer!



## Parent Academy

- Red Group**—Tuesday 28th April—9am-11.30am
- Orange Group**—Friday 1st May—9am-11.30am
- Blue & Green Groups**—Tuesday 5th May—9am-11.10am



## Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Please encourage your children to use 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics'. These online learning tools really help support the learning being done in school. If your child has lost or forgotten their login details please ask their teacher.

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

## Ready to teach?

- Do you want to be a primary teacher?
- Do you want to train in some fantastic Camden schools?
- Do you want to gain a PGCE qualification awarded by the Institute of Education—UK's leading teacher training provider?

If the answer to the questions above is yes then you might be interested to know that the Camden Primary Partnership Teaching School Alliance, of which Brecknock is a partner school, is recruiting now for places to start this coming September. If you want to know more please look on our website front page in the carousel at the top or contact Sarah Ewins on 0207 485 2155 or by email on [sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk](mailto:sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk)



## Medical advice from the school nurse

We have recently received some new guidance from our school nurse regarding the bout of sickness and diarrhoea that has been going round. Previously we have advised that children should not return to school until 24 hours after their symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea have left them. As the current strain going around is particularly virulent the nurse has advised us that children should not return until 48 hours after the symptoms have left them. If you are unsure please contact your GP or speak to the office for advice. Thank you.



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 30th March—2nd April

Attendance KS1: 2H—96.12%

Attendance KS2: 6G—96.53%

Early Bird: 6C—0 lates



## Curriculum Meetings

Next week teachers will be holding their curriculum meetings to go through the topics and events happening in each year group this term. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along.

**Year Nursery, 1 & 3 will on Tuesday 28th @ 3.45pm**

**Year Reception, 2, 4 & 6 will be on Thursday 30th @ 3.45pm**

Year 5 will be arranged for after they return from France

## Spring Disco: Fri 1st May 3.45-5pm

Hello from the PTA! Don't forget our Brecknock Spring Disco is approaching fast. Friday 1st May at 3:45pm.

We need help to prepare and at the event. Please contact Valerie at [parentsassociation@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@brecknock.camden.sch.uk) or leave a message with the office if you can volunteer. Look for meeting dates update on the PTA communication board opposite the Dinner Hall. There will be no Friday Tea that day. Admission is free but hopefully glow sticks and refreshments will be available to buy at the event. Children, start practising your dance moves!



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Next Meet Marianne

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 5th May

9.15am—Bottom Hall

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## Lost Property

Please check lost property if your child has misplaced any items of clothing this week. In just four days we appear to have almost filled the basket! Thank you.



Thunder roared menacingly. Darkness overwhelmed the sky. There was nothing but gloomy shadows, clouds descended closer to the flying monstrosity. A mysterious figure stepped out of the shadows. It was an unknown man, who hadn't been seen before. "Crrrrck", The furnace was running short as a green ray of light grew bigger. There was a sense of danger, clouds gathered together, no one was aware of it. A ghastly shadow flew over the dark figure...



By Al-Mumin

A beam of light shone through a crack in the sky. He walked over to his compass to locate where he was. All of a sudden he heard a bolt of lightning in the sky. Quickly and cautiously he went and filled the furnace with coal. Out of the corner of his eye he spotted an old jewellery box. Inside it, it contained an eye, but not any eye. It was the eye of the storm! But not only that it could do, it had total control of the weather and could change it at any time! Attentively he approached the old jewellery box and went back to the top deck, he stood there for a second and dropped it! "It is not worth it," he muttered depressed. Just then drips of rain ran down his bony cheeks. Lightning bolted down covering his body with gloom. He bolted towards the steering wheel to avoid steering into a cloud...



By Saara

This week Year 6 have been doing some writing based on a story called 'Eye of the Storm'. Their task was to describe what happened as the character went through the storm. Here's some extracts of what the children came up with.

## Year 6 writing

### Dates for your calendar

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
8th May	Class Photos
8th May	Y3 Boot Camp on Hampstead Heath
11-14th May	Y6 SATs Week
18-22nd May	Brecknock Maths & Programming Week
18th May	Brecknock Puzzle Day
18th May	Reception B to Camley Street Gardens
21st May	6C to the CLC
21st May	Reception C to Camley Street Gardens
22nd May	6G to the CLC
25th-29th May	Half-Term Holidays
1st June	INSET Day—School Closed
2nd June	Reception B to Camden Garden Centre
3rd June	Reception R to Camden Garden Centre
4th June	5M to the CLC
9th June	Year 5 Show
10th June	Sports Day at Hampstead Heath
11th June	Y6 & Rec Medical Checks by School Nurse
12th June	5W to the CLC
15-19th June	Brecknock Work Week
16th June	Reception to London Transport Museum
16th June	School Council to Houses of Parliament
17th June	Reception Induction Afternoon @ 5pm
18th June	Year 1 to Kew Gardens
26th June	Brecknock Community Festival
29th June	Reception to Kentish Town Farm
10th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay
15th July	Year 6 Show
16th July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation
20th July	Year 6 Disco
21st July	Last Day of Term

## Shaping Up in Year 3!

Year 3 began their new topic this week, 'Shaping Up!' They will be learning about the human skeleton, organs and muscles, as well as health and fitness and the importance of taking care of their bodies. The children learned about their pulse, and were taken to the clock tower to measure their heart rate after exercise. They made a mini Sports Day of it! The children recorded their pulse after each exercise, and put their results into tables, which they will later represent as graphs.



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



Halima & Akhenatan—1M, Cosima & Donya—1T, Ismaeel & Benet—2B, Sayed & Alyssia—2H, Isra—3F, Hayley-Jade—3N, Zaki—4M, Zaynab—4W, Jennifer—5M, Mehtib—5W, Ayub—6C, Anisa—6G