

Friday 15th May 2015

## Message from the head:

I have two big thank yous to say this week. Firstly, to the whole Brecknock community, for your generosity in the collection for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. As a result of the 'Bring a Pound' day and the Friday Tea last week we managed to raise £337.84. Just £55 brings clean water to five families so the money really will do a lot of good. This is a real testament to our Rights Respecting ethos and the empathy our children feel for others. I would also like to thank all of you, through the Parents' Association, for subsidising a fixed microphone system for the middle hall. As you know the shows at Brecknock are wonderful and it will be great to have a fixed system for recording them.



Cheque from Parent's Association being presented to Rod

Finally a huge WELL DONE to Year 6! Their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) finished yesterday and the children worked really hard to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired over the years at Brecknock. We are very proud of all of them.



## Dates for your calendar

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
22nd May	Reception R 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—close @ 2pm

## Ambassadors Project

The Brecknock Ambassadors are joining thousands of other schools in speaking up for every child's right to go to school and are taking part in the 'Send my Friend to School' Campaign. The national day of action is on the 26th June. They recently thought up actions they would like to take in the lead up to this important event. The came up with exploring the issues, finding out what world leaders need to do in 2015, creating their own 3D world leaders, inviting their MP to school, leading an assembly, designing posters, bags and banners and making a video to share with the school. They look forward to sharing what they have been doing with all of you over the next few weeks—watch this space!



## Online Safety

We have been made aware recently of issues some children have had at home regarding use of



online social media 'Apps' such as Viber and Facebook. All children should feel safe and happy when online. This is an area we cover in computing lessons in school. We would ask you to monitor your children's use of their digital devices. Guidance on these, and other social media apps that allow messaging, is that children under 13 should not be signed up or using them. If you want any help or advice, or your child encounters any problems online when at home, please don't hesitate to come to us and we will do what we can to help.

## Cycle training



Camden and Islington are running

cycle training sessions for children at half term, at Haverstock School. The courses are free but booking is required to secure a place.

Course 1: 26th and 27th May Course 2: 28th and 29th May

10am-10.45am: Beginners 11.15am—12pm: Beginners

1pm—3pm: Level 1 control skills for children who can already ride

Contact Michelle Jamieson or Richard Riddle in the Transport Strategy Team.

Telephone: 0207 974 5537 or 0207 974 5071. Email cycle.training@camden.gov.uk

There are no bikes available to borrow. Please bring your own roadworthy bike.

Friday Tea —Year 4 on Friday 22nd May



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 4th—8th May

Attendance KS1: 2H—97.41%

Attendance KS2: 3F—98.15%

Early Bird: Rec R, 3N, 5W—0 lates







# Science Club!

Science Club have been getting up to all sorts of science fun. Beth and the children are having a fantastic time exploring different chemical reactions in a very hands on way. If you have not checked out on the website here are some pictures of the things they've been up to. They have been looking at kitchen science and lava lamp reactions in the last two weeks.



## Working with Francine...

The children working with Francine have been working hard as always with the children lucky enough to have sessions with her. Here's a couple of examples—we particularly liked Firdows' (year 3) topical election cartoon speech writing.



This is an emotional moment for Labour, so please don't talk to me ! I am miserable because I lost all my seats in Scotland and I have nowhere to go now... people of Britain why did you not vote for our manifesto? It's not my fault that we lost so please do not make me resign my leadership role.

I am thrilled for my party! Thank you voters for giving me a high score in the General Election. You obviously listened to my pleasing and interesting speech, which made your heads fill up with words that I have been using all year! Everyone clap for me, because I am going to be Prime Minister again!



Kellycia (year 5) has also been working hard with Francine on her Greek myths and wrote this fabulous song.

### Song of Battle by Kellycia

I sing of the battle of the Greeks and the  
Trojans -  
Paris started to imagine the princess Helen  
with her golden hair...  
King Menelaus was as furious as an  
explosion!

I sing of Greek heroes shouting in the dark air.  
Killing and fighting, the soldiers were animals.

I sing of: Mighty Achilles, Nimble-Witted Odysseus and Paris, who died  
on the plains of Troy.

I sing of the golden gate...Crying tears.

Year 2 have been enjoying learning all about electricity as part of their 'It's Shocking' topic. To see how it has changed our homes, they visited the Geffrye Museum in Hoxton. The children explored the museum and were confident at spotting and explaining how the rooms were different and why. Although the 1990-2000 room may not have looked that modern to them, they could see clearly how electricity has changed how we live, and what we have in our homes.



## Year 2... It's Shocking!

Back in school they have been learning how to make circuits. The children explored using wires, crocodile clips, batteries and switches in order to get their bulbs to light up. Much fun was had by all!



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



Inah & Zahra—1M, Yayha & Ziad—1T, Sienna & Nicole—2B, Milly & Valery—2H, Eram—3F, Abdulrahman—3N, Wesley—4M, Will—4W, Mohammed—5M, Raia—5W