

Friday 1st May 2015

Message from the head: Thank you to everybody who came to the curriculum meetings this week. The teachers gave an overview of the planned learning for this term and a taste of the enrichment events in store. We also distributed parent questionnaires at the curriculum meetings and these were given out the next day to families who were unable to attend the meetings. Please take time to complete the questionnaire and ask for one if you haven't received it. We pride ourselves on being a community school and feedback from parents is an important part of our work, so do please use this opportunity to tell us what you think we are doing well as a school and what you think we could do to get even better. The closing date for completed questionnaires is next Friday, 8th May.

Dates for your calendar

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—close @ 2pm

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 20th—24th April
Attendance KS1: **2B—98.08%**
Attendance KS2: **4W—99.07%**
Early Bird: **Rec R—0 lates**



Finally, a reminder that aligning with the regular Tuesday coffee morning organised by the Parents' Association I hold 'Meet Marianne' sessions on the first Tuesday of every month. This time I will be talking about the parent questionnaire and running through this term's diary, and of course answering and questions and listening to any comments you might have. Following feedback from parents these sessions will alternate between a 9:15 and a 3:45 start. This month's session will take place at 9:15 in the bottom hall on Tuesday 5th May. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nepal Earthquake—Tea Sale and 'Bring a Pound Day' Friday 8th May

On Saturday Nepal was hit by a devastating earthquake, its worst in over 80 years. More than 5000 people are reportedly dead and 50,000 more injured. The numbers of dead and injured are expected to be much higher as thousands lie trapped in the rubble. Thousands of children are in danger. As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we would like to support the UNICEF appeal to raise funds to help those most affected by this tragedy and provide life-saving emergency assistance. Next Friday we are going to be holding our usual Friday Tea Sale in aid of this appeal. We would also like to join with UNICEF's 'Bring-a-Pound' Day. So next Friday, 8th May, we would encourage anyone who can to donate items to the Tea Sale and/or come along after school and buy a snack. Also, if children could bring £1, or any spare change on this day—whatever amount you can spare, no matter how small, for a collection. Just £55 can provide 5 families with clean drinking water. Thank you for your support.



Parent Academy

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



Private Educational Support Companies

A letter was sent home regarding a private company offering families the opportunity to express an interest in their learning support resources to support your child's learning at home. This letter was sent home in error. Brecknock does not endorse any individual company or its approach to supporting learning at home. Obviously it is a personal decision for you as to how you best support your child's learning at home and we would not presume to direct you to fee paying organisations outside the education system. At Brecknock we pay extra from the school budget for online resources such as 'Mathletics' and 'Reading Eggs' to enable children to be supported in their learning, and for free, from outside school. There are also a number of links on the school website to freely available resources that you can access. Please disregard the letter that was sent. There is no need to send any slips from it back in to school. If you were interested in the service the company offered we would advise you to contact them directly. Ensure you are given very clear information on what they offer and what the cost will be to you if you did go ahead. The web address for Mathletics and Reading Eggs are shown below. If your child has forgotten their password please ask their teacher. www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk



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



Lost Property

If your child has misplaced any items of clothing this week please check lost property. The basket is overflowing! Thank you.



This week a number of our Year 5 children have been visiting Paris. As you can see they have been having a great time, sampling a French market, travelling by boat up the Seine, going up the Eiffel Tower, Archery and other outdoor activities as well as a visit to Euro Disney! Have a look at the website for more information on what they have been up to.



Year 5 in France

Year 3 say 'Brush your teeth!'

This week, year 3 began learning about teeth as part of their 'Shaping Up Topic'. They had a visit from Andy, from the British Dental Association. They learned what certain teeth are called, what they are for, a brief history of teeth. They rounded it all off with games about teeth! The best part for most of the children was when they got to create their own mouthwash using liquid, peppermint, fennel, salt and sugar! Later in the week they started to learn about the causes of tooth decay and plaque. Using disclosing tablets, the children were able to see any plaque, and rigorously brush it out with their own toothbrushes—new and provided, of course!



Reception



Reception have started their new topic 'Animals' and have been enjoying 'The Leopard's Drum', a tale from West Africa. They have been making their own drums and exploring the sound of them. They have also been dressing up as animals, making their own props and using them when acting out the story. Here are some of the things they have said:

Nourelhouda: *We are going to play the drum and make a bang noise today!*

Charlotte: *I made a tiger bracelet and then I wrapped a tiger skin on me. I look like a tiger!*



On the Canal with Year 1

Year 1 recently went on a trip down the Grand Union Canal as part of their topic looking at transport. Lots of fun were had by all and soon they are going to be making their own Canal Boats out of fruit juice cartons. We can't wait to see them!



Important Reminder!

It is class photos next Friday, 8th May. Please ensure all children are in their school uniform—school polo and sweat tops and navy blue bottoms (navy or gold hijabs). Thanks for your support.



Year 4 took part in a 'Young Entrepreneurs' workshop this week. Lisa, from the charity 'Inspire' visited us to talk to us about company logos, brands, products, services and trade. We looked at the currency in different countries and international companies too. Then volunteers from the local area came to talk to them about how they set up their own companies from scratch. One company was a new cosmetics company and the other was a graphic designer. It was really informative and will help the children with the work they are covering in this terms 'Young Entrepreneurs' topic. Hopefully it will help inspire the next Alan Sugar or Richard Branson to come out of Brecknock!



Year 4 Young Entrepreneurs

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Abdulrahman & Nilima—1M, Yaqub & Daniel—1T, Masa & Ayman—2B, Saki & Kerriann—2H, Cheyanne—3F, Tanima—3N, Ayesha, Priam and Sam—4M, Marwan—4W, Nasra—Y5, Umar—Y5, Ali—6C, Demi—6G