

Friday 8th May 2015

## Message from the head:

Thank you very much to our fantastic Parents' Association who organised the wonderful disco on Friday. A great time was had by all, the music was brilliant and the food was the healthiest I have ever seen at a school disco. Well done to everyone.

This week I met with Caterlink, our school meals provider, and some members of School Council were also at the meeting. Our school dinners are healthy and nutritious and we serve around 1,500 meals each week. We have several themed days coming up for the children to look forward to: Italian Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and a French themed menu for Bastille Day on 14<sup>th</sup> July and on 12<sup>th</sup> May 'Discovery Day' will invite children to try fun ways to eat spinach. Next term we will also hold a taster session for families to try the food on offer in school meals.

Best wishes, Marianne.

## Dates for your calendar

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: 27th April—1st May

Attendance KS1: 2H—97.93%

Attendance KS2: 5W—98.89%

Early Bird: 6C—0 lates



## Discovery Day

On Tuesday in the dinner hall there will be an exciting opportunity for the pupils to learn about the goodness and versatility of Spinach. A table will be set up with bite size pieces of food cooked different ways—all containing spinach! Please encourage children to try!

## SATs Timetable Next Week

Year 6 timetable for next weeks SATs is:

**Mon:** Reading Tests—Level 3-5 & Level 6

**Tues:** Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling—Level 3-5 & Level 6

**Wed:** Maths Level 3-5

**Thursday:** Maths Level 3-5 & Level 6

**Remember free Breakfast club for all Y6 next week (and siblings)**

## Message from the PTA...

The PTA officers would like to thank all the parents and teachers who volunteered preparing, donating and manning this year's Brecknock Spring Disco. Thank you DJ Dharsh for keeping the kids dancing and having a good time. We raised approx. £150. We would like to see you at this Friday Tea to discuss the next events (second hand uniform sale/swap, June's Community Festival and Brecknock pick stall at the Camden Square Fair) and nominations for the next PTA officers. There will be also a vote on fund allocation. All welcome!



## The 40th Covent Garden May Fayre—10th May

Its time to indulge the little ones in an overdose of Mr Punch and his antics once again! Next weekend at Covent Garden - come and be overwhelmed by all that is English with overgrown May Queens and Morris Dancers and 40 or so punch and judy men who ought to know better. Back to back Punch and Judy shows all afternoon!!!! Its manic! Covent Garden May Fayre - next weekend!

[www.punchandjudy.com/coventgarden.htm](http://www.punchandjudy.com/coventgarden.htm)

## After School Clubs

If you have any questions about after school clubs—places available etc. Please speak to the office. Class teachers do not have information on this to be able to answer questions you may have. Thank you.



## Quad Kids

QuadKids is the England Athletics endorsed athletics format for children of all abilities, it is quick, fun and a great way to measure progress over time. QuadKids is perfect for children aged up to 12. Cost is £2 per child, no need to pre-register just turn up 30 minutes before the start. Sessions are **At Parliament Hill Track on Sunday's: 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July—12-2pm with registration from 11.30.** For further information email GRAHAM NORRIS at [highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk)



## Cycle training



Camden



ISLINGTON

Camden and Islington are running cycle training sessions for children during the half term break, at Haverstock School. The courses are free—however booking is required to secure a place.

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

**10am-10.45am: Beginner Group**

**11.15am—12pm: Beginner Group**

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

For more information, or to book a child onto a course, please 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](mailto:cycle.training@camden.gov.uk)

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

Our three KS1 and KS2 science week competition winners finally got their prize this week, a fantastic VIP tour and meet the animals experience at

London Zoo. Have a look on the website to find out the amazing things they got to do.



## Science Week Winners VIP London Zoo visit!



Thanks to everyone who came along to last weeks Disco and a huge thanks to all the parents who helped to make it happen. Your support is much appreciated by the school.

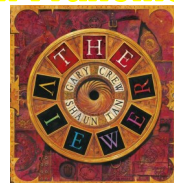


## Spring Disco



## The Death Master - Writing with Francine

Many children have been working hard to improve their reading and writing skills with their work with Francine this term. One of those children is Amina and we wanted to share an extract of one of her pieces with you. It is a short story inspired by a skeletal image ('the wheel of industry' illustration) from the book - *The Viewer* by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan.



### The Death Master by Amina

There was once a skeleton called Death and he had a skeleton horse. He wore old ragged clothes and he loved to take people's lives when there was war. As wars continued people didn't know Death and his horse were coming because he was a light as a feather. Death was a king because he got his own way.



Death's main job was to make sure that war never ended; he loved taking lives – he thought it was fair that he got revenge on the people that had turned him into a skeleton.

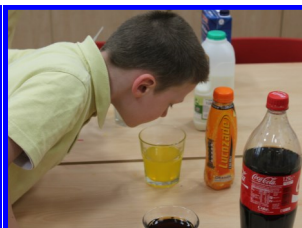
Peace and Good Health were Death's enemies because they always did the right thing and on the other hand Death did the opposite. Peace calmed: countries, towns and crowds. Good Health gave use: medicines, cures and healthy bodies.

None of the three curious men would ever win! Death lied to his old friends. Death, the evil bony man, whispered, "I will never bring war back, so you two can stop coming back down."

Death's old comrades knew that he was lying about not bringing war back to the world. All the humans became enemies because war got worse. Peace and Good Health kept trying to stop War – this terrific struggle is still happening now. If Death continues...

## Science Eggsperiment!

Year 3 began their Science investigation this week. They have been looking at the effects different drinks have on our teeth. Egg shells are the closest things we have to enamel (the tissue on our teeth), so they will be able to measure any holes which the drinks cause, as well as the amount of stain left by each drink. They used sports drinks, coke, juice and milk. The class prediction was that coke would have the worst effect, but some children, after having read the amount of sugar in the sports drink, are beginning to change their minds...!



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



Memati & Sameera—1M, Mustafa & Ayub—1T, Tazmine & Riaz—2B, Timur & John—2H, Esther—3F, Nikita—3N, Alima—4M, Ruwayda—4W, Erona—5M, Keleigh—5W, Rhiannon—6C, Rammy—6G