

Friday 12th June 2015

## Message from the head:

To finish the year on a high note I would like you all to make a special effort with punctuality, both at the beginning and the end of the day. Although most children arrive and are picked up in good time there are still some families who are persistently late. Children who arrive late to class miss important introductions to lessons and are unsettled for the rest of the day. The school gates for Years 1 – 6 open at 8:50 and close again at 9:00 for the York Road entrance and 9:05 for the Cliff Villas entrance. Our registers close at 9:05 so any child arriving after that time will be marked late. We have been advised by our Education Welfare Officer to send warning letters to any family who are late for school more than three times in any term.

Equally, at the end of the day some families are persistently late in picking up their children who feel distressed when they are left in school when the other children have gone home. School finishes at 3:25 for children in Years 1 – 6 and at 3:20 for children in Early Years Foundation Stage. Any children who are not picked up by 3:35 are brought indoors. If you are unavoidably late please phone the school office but we expect that this will only happen in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## Work Week Special Visits:

Next week is our work week and there are a lot of interesting visits and trips planned.

15th June	3F to Bank of England
16th June	3N to Bank of England
16th June	4M to Shaka Zulu Restaurant
16th June	1T to Marks and Spencers
17th June	2B to Shoreditch Fire Station
17th June	4W to Caravan Restaurant
18th June	1M to Waitrose Camden
18th June	2H to Shoreditch Fire Station

## Phil the Storyteller—Parent Workshops: 23rd June & 30th June @ 9.10-10.20am

As we mentioned in previous newsletters we have Phil McDermott, Storyteller Extraordinaire, working across the school this term. He has been with all the classes from Nursery to Year 6. He is going to be running a couple of workshops for parents which we think will be fantastic. We would encourage as many of you as possible to come along if you can. Working together we can help the children to enrich their spoken language and story telling which in turn inspires their love of stories and supports the development of their writing skills. You are never too old to hear a new story and be supported in how to tell them! The teachers, as well as the children, have found his sessions inspiring, we're sure you all will too. It is open to all parents and carers, no matter what age your children are. Please do come along. You won't regret it.

## Book Fair

The book fair will be here until Wednesday. If you have not had a chance to take a look it will be open after school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They have a special summer 3 for 2 offer on so please come along and have a look.



## Early Years Focus Groups

You may or may not be aware of the changes happening in early years provision across the country and especially in Camden that will affect our children's centre and others like it. There are some focus groups coming up which are an attempt to gauge public opinion about how childcare is allocated across the borough and in particular the idea of having 5 lead Children's Centres. We would encourage you to go along and hear more and have your say in the decisions being made.



## Dates for your calendar

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
25th June	Year 1 to Kew Gardens—CHANGED DATE
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

**Focus group 1** - Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> probably at Kingsgate Community Centre (TBC) in the morning with translation for the Somali community

**Focus group 2** - Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Harmond Community Centre 10.30 – 12 noon for parents with children with special education needs and disabilities

**Focus group 3** - Belsize Library Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> with the Cradles to Crawling group in the morning

**Focus group 4** - Kingsgate School - Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning

For more information contact Barbara Ludlow, Parent Participation and Development Co-ordinator on **0207 974 7249** or **07903 934704**.

## QuadKids—Parliament Hill Track Sunday 14th June & Sunday 12th July : 12-2pm

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.

For further information email **GRAHAM NORRIS** at **highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk**



## Sports Day

What a fantastic day! The children were incredible and really enjoyed all the events put on for them. A huge thank you to John and the Sports Coaches for all the organisation that went in to the day. Also a big thank you to all the parents, family and friends who came along to cheer the children on. Another great Brecknock day. See the photos on the back page and keep an eye on the website where we will soon have even more up.



**Friday Tea** —Year 2 on Friday 19th June



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

**Spring Term: 2nd—5th June**

Attendance KS1: **1T & 2B—96.55%**

Attendance KS2: **6G—100%**

Early Bird: **Rec B & 3N—0 lates**





# Sports Day 2015



## Year 1 Summer Scavenger Hunt

Year 1 recently went on their final seasonal scavenger hunt to the Clock Tower Park. They were set the challenge of finding evidence that the season is changing from Spring into Summer.

"Wow! It looks totally different now!" commented Max (1M).

He made a great observation; it was so different to the skeleton trees and dead flowers we observed in the Winter months.

## Freya's fantastic WWII Diary

Dear Diary,  
Last night the symphony of war struck again; starting with the wails of sirens that indicated the hell of Hitler was approaching.

The sky was pouring down bombs that destroyed 5 years of labour in seconds. People made homeless over night, their lives ruined by heartless German bombers: creatures of the night. My worst nightmare had turned into a reality. Each time I heard the deafening sound of bombs I knew more people were stuck in the mountains of rubble. Pain filled my heart but I knew I couldn't change anything. Churchill's words were repeating in my head, "We'll give it to them back!" I knew I must stay strong for my country and loved ones. Small rays of light were peeking through the deathly black sky; only the lurid glow shone bright. It was 6am and the nightly visitor was gone. Citizens were waking up to this strange new peace. The perseverance of our country was keeping everyone going. Calmness reigned, but I knew it wouldn't last...war had only just begun.



## Bikeability in Year 6

This week some of our Year 6 children have been doing the Camden Bikeability Course. It has been a great success. Both groups have made it out onto the roads and really put the cycle safety skills they learnt to the test. We aim to make this course a yearly feature in the Brecknock calendar as we believe that cycling safely in London is a vital life skill.



## Programming Week - KS2 Robot Competition

During Brecknock Programming and Maths Week years 4-6 were set the challenge of programming the Lego Mindstorms Robots to navigate their way around a slalom course. Points were awarded depending on how close the robot could get to the red slalom markers (without touching it!) and then finishing the course and parking at the end! It was a very tricky challenge but the children did amazingly well. Have a look at the video on the website to see the robots in action. Well done to 4W and especially Samuel, Terri-Lee, Ivy, Ziyad, Aleyana and Ibrahim who programmed the winning Bot.



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



Saïda & Sameer—1M, Donya & Daisy—1T, Zainab & Emma—2B, Shun & Majida—2H, Casey—3F, Vera—3N, Aimee—4M, Charlotte—4W, Vanessa—5M, Freya—6C, Laura—6G