

Friday 19th June 2015

Message from the head

Next Friday is Community Festival and we are all really looking forward to it. We are keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine but just know that a good time will be had by all whatever the weather. There will be lots to do, tombola, bouncy castle, singing and dancing and maybe a few surprises. Do get in touch with a member of the Parents Association if you can spare some time to help to set up or tidy away after the event many hands make light work!

Fasting

Please can any children intending to do a fast for Ramadan ensure that a signed permission slip from parents is in the office. The children will be expected to be out of the playground, having quiet reflection time, to avoid feeling ill from too much rushing around in the heat.



From the PTA:

Community Festival Friday 26th June

We will be running a token system at this year's Community Festival. We aim to sell some in advance. It will be 25p a token. Stalls will cost between 1 and 4 tokens depending on the activity. Tokens can be reimbursed at the end of the festival if any are left over and not spend but it is the responsibility of the parents to purchase within reason. There will be more tokens sold at the festival.



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

Hopefully as many of you as possible will come along to these workshops. Working together we can help the children to enrich their spoken language and story telling and in turn inspire their love of stories and support the development of their writing skills. You are never too old to hear a new story and be supported in how to tell them! 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 come along if you can—you won't regret it.

Camden Special Parents Forum Workshop—How to have an Effective Voice in Your Child's Education Health and Care Plan:

Wed 24th June, 10.30 – 12.30pm or
Wed 1st July, 7 – 9pm. 2nd floor Training Room,
Voluntary Action Camden, 293-299 Kentish Town Road, NW5 2TJ. (buzzer 5) - The entrance is between Snap-naps and Iceland. VAC is near Kentish Town tube station and buses C4, 134 and 393 stop nearby.



If your child is transferring from a Statement to an Education and Health Care plan now or in the future, or if you will be applying for an EHC plan soon, this workshop is for you! This workshop will give you the chance to find out more about Section A of the new EHC Plans (children's, young people's and parent's views) as well as Section E (outcomes) and to leave feeling more confident about contributing to them. A free handbook will be provided.

To book onto this workshop please email

Rachel.Dixon@kids.org.uk

Or call KIDS on 0207 359 3635 and ask for Rachel, Samantha or Linnet or leave a message.

Early Years Focus Groups

Focus groups are being held in an attempt to get public opinion about how childcare is allocated across the borough and in particular the idea of having 5 lead Children's Centres in light of changes to funding. We encourage you to go along, hear more and have your say in the decisions being made. Focus Group 1 met this week.

Focus group 2 - Tuesday June 23rd Harmood Community Centre 10.30 – 12 noon for parents with children with special education needs and disabilities

Focus group 3 - Belsize Library Wednesday June 24th with the Cradles to Crawling group in the morning

Focus group 4 - Kingsgate School – Wednesday June 24th 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: Sun 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



Dates for your calendar

25th 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

Please help...

On Sunday 12th July 2015 Valerie Baudry (Mum of Naji in Y4, Anis in Nursery and PTA Member) will be taking part in the British 10k London Run.

Being a first time runner, she started to train in February following the NHS programme From Couch to 5k which she recommends.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/c25k/Pages/couch-to-5k.aspx>

She is now training to be able to run the 10k race in July. She will be running to raise money for Brecknock Nursery's July Seaside Trip and for the PTA. If you would like to support her please donate what you can (collection box at the office) and she will also appreciate some cheering during the run—find the map here <http://www.thebritish10klondon.co.uk/41/race-route>.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you are a runner, register for the run and join her.

<http://www.thebritish10klondon.co.uk/runner/cancer-research-uk>



BRITISH 10K LONDON RUN



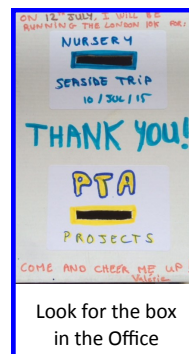
Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 8th—12th June

Attendance KS1: **1M—97%**

Attendance KS2: **3N—98.28%**

Early Bird: **1M—1 late**



Work Week 2015

During this weeks work week every class has had visitors coming in to talk to them about the world of work. Many classes have been visiting different types of workplace too and learning about the variety of jobs out there. Every job, no matter how simple it might seem, is important to the smooth running of our society. Here are a few photos from the week—keep an eye on the website as teachers get up the pictures from their various workshops and visits they have had.



Well done to Daire and the Gardening Club. This week they harvested some of the potatoes they have grown. Steve the cook is going to cook them for them. We just know they will taste amazing—home grown always tastes best!

Gardening Club - Harvest Time!



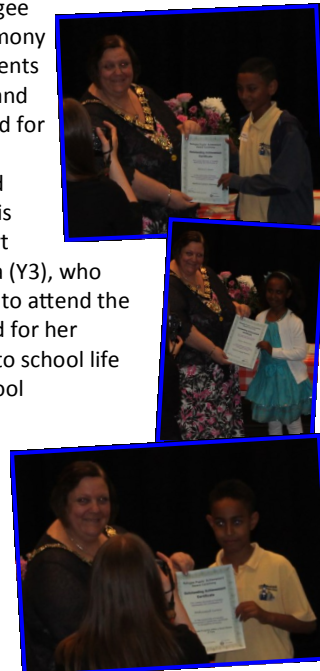
School Council, year 3 to 6, visited the Houses of Parliament this week. They saw the House of Lords where there was a lot of building work going on and the House of Commons. They weren't allowed to go into the where the MPs sit in the House of Commons as they were debating but they did get to see them discussing the problem of affordable housing. The House of Lords is red and gold and the House of Commons is green and brown. They saw the golden chair that the queen sits in for the opening of Parliament as well as her dressing room, which is never shown on TV. The Lords are not voted in but chosen by the government. Both the House of Commons and the House of Lords have to agree for a new law to become agreed. Perhaps one of Brecknock's School Council will be back there one day as an MP!

School Council



Camden Refugee Awards 2015

Congratulations to the four Brecknock children recognised at the 2015 Camden Refugee Awards. The awards ceremony was held this week at Regents High School. Ahmed (Y6) and Hafsa (Y3) were recognised for outstanding academic achievement. Mohammed (Y6) was recognised for his rapid progress over a short period of time while Sahra (Y3), who unfortunately was unable to attend the ceremony, was recognised for her outstanding contribution to school life for her work with the School Ambassadors. We're very proud of all four of them and their achievements and also all our children from a refugee background who help make Brecknock the special and diverse place it is.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Hannah & Akhenatan—1M, Mehjabeen & Art—1T, Riaz & Aayaz—2B, Anas & Timur—2H, Alex—3F, Tanim—3N, Fred—4M, Shanikah—4W, Kenza—5M, Phuk—5W, Zahra—6C, Jennifer—6G