

Friday 22nd May 2015

Message from the head:

As another half term draws to a close I would like to thank the children for all their hard work and enthusiasm for learning. What a half term it has been! We danced our socks off at the disco, Year 6 gave everything to their SATs, Year 5 went to Paris and Maths and Programming Week provided a wonderful finale. We can all enjoy a well earned rest now and look forward to Sports Day, Community Festival, end of year reports and lots more exciting learning at Brilliant Brecknock.

Do take advantage of everything that London has to offer at half term. Please remember that Monday 1st June is an INSET day so the school will be closed to children, we will look forward to welcoming you all back at 8:50 on Tuesday 2nd June and hearing about the exciting things you have done. On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a happy, restful and sunny half term break.

Lost Property

We have stacks of children's clothing in lost property again. We will be putting it out today after school and again on Friday 5th June. Please check for any that belongs to your family.



Next Meet Marianne
Tuesday 2nd June
3.45pm—Dining Hall



Dates for your calendar

25th-29th May	Half-Term Holidays
1st June	INSET Day—School Closed
2nd June	Year 6 to Coram's Fields
2nd June	Reception B to Camden Garden Centre
3rd June	Reception R to Camden Garden Centre
3rd June	Bike Dr in the playground—morning
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

Friday Tea —Year 6 on Friday 5th June



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Spring Term: 11th—15th May

Attendance KS1: **2H—98.62%**

Attendance KS2: **3F, 5W & 6G—100%**

Early Bird: **Rec B & 6G—0 lates**



Nut Allergies

We would like to remind you that there are a number of children in the school who have nut allergies. While we know it is very difficult to check all food for traces of nuts we would ask for your support in trying, whenever possible, not to bring in products to school with nuts in them. This is especially important when bringing in food items to share to celebrate a child's birthday with their class. We really appreciate your support with this.



Bike Doctor—free bike checks

We really believe in children keeping fit and healthy and as such would encourage children to cycle. This year some of our year 6 children will be doing a 'cycle Safety' course in school. In preparation for this we have a 'Bike Dr.' coming in to school on the morning of Wednesday 3rd June. They will be carrying out free safety checks on bikes, testing their road-worthiness and advising on any work that might need to be done to get them up to scratch. We are waiting on confirmation of the exact time they will be in and as soon as we know we will text them out to you. We would encourage you to bring your child's bike along to get checked out—many of the staff will be making the most of the visit to have their bikes checked by a professional!



Apologies to Zahra...and well done!

We would like to say a huge sorry to Zaha in Year 1. Last week she was in the Golden Book for being simply fantastic and the wrong picture was put in. To make matters worse, this was the second time it's happened! Somehow the class pictures had been named wrongly so when we searched for Zahra to put her in we had the wrong face! To make up to her we are putting her picture in now—extra big! Hopefully Zahra will forgive us. Well done on your Golden Book achievement!



Cycle training

Camden and Islington are running free cycle training sessions for children at half term, at **Haverstock School**. 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

Half Term Dodgeball Fundays at Brecknock

There are still some places available on this half-terms Dodgeball Fundays being held at Brecknock on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th. They run from 10am—3pm. £12.50 per day or £20 for both days. See the office for a form or email funweeks@primarysportingdevelopment.co.uk for more information.

Brecknock Maths and Programming Week!

This week has been action packed at Brecknock as the children, from nursery to Year 6, have been involved in celebrating Brecknock's Maths and Programming week. We've had visits from Quantum Theatre with their very own action packed Maths Shows for KS1 and KS2. We had a visit from 'The Puzzle Company' for a special KS2 puzzle day and there were special maths challenges for Years 4, 5 and 6. In Key Stage 1 the children were programming Bee Bot robots to move around a maze and knock over obstacles while adding up their total scores. In Years 4, 5 and 6 the children had a very challenging activity to tackle—they had to programme the Lego Mindstorms robots to move around a slalom course. The challenge winners were awarded a class prize of a Robot for their class in KS2 while in KS1 the winning teams in the Bee Bot demolition derby won 'build your own' cardboard robots or National Geographic books on Robots. On top of this children have been using different Apps on the ipads to develop their programming skills and logical reasoning. At Thursday's class assembly, year 5 shared some of the programming they had been doing using the 'Scratch' software to animate the story of Odysseus. On Tuesday year 6 were visited by a journalist from 'Tech City News' to see the amazing technology teaching we do at Brecknock. They are writing an article on the new computing curriculum and Haythem in our Year 6, a fantastic coder, is going to be on the cover! On Thursday afternoon we were visited by 15 student teachers currently working in Camden on the School Direct scheme. They came to look round the school, observe some Computing lessons in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and then had some training looking at the Computing curriculum and how we deliver it at Brecknock. The children at Brecknock really are at the cutting edge of technology and maths which will really hold them in good stead for the future. Ask your children about what they did this week and what they enjoyed the most. Photos of the prize winners will be in the next newsletter.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Hadi & Sameer—1M, Mustafa & Daisy —1T, Benet & Teo—2B, Belle & Callum—2H, Goldie—3F, —3N, Akram—4M, Shalin—4W, Zione—5M, Zoe—5W, Al-Mumin—6C