

Friday 26th June 2015

Message from the head

What a busy term the summer one is! Last week we all enjoyed 'Work Week' when children visited a huge range of work places and enjoyed visits from people from different professions. It is so important that children begin to develop awareness, knowledge and skills for adult life.

This week we had the Community Festival to look forward to and we would also like to say 'Ramadan Mubarak' to all our Muslim families who are fasting this month. Fasting is intended to help teach Muslims self-discipline, self-restraint and generosity, and is a reminder of the suffering of the poor. Thank you to all of you who, whatever your beliefs, help to make the Community Festival such a celebration of life and learning at Brecknock.

Storyteller—Parent Workshops: 30th June @ 9.10-10.20am

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. Help us to help you to inspire a love of stories in your children!

Moving on to secondary school in Camden

Parents of primary pupils in Years 5 and 6 can find out more about the excellent education on offer at Camden's secondary schools at open events in September and October. Whether your child is aiming to go on to university, work or an apprenticeship, our schools will help them succeed. Applications for autumn 2016 places open this September. The closing date to apply for Year 7 places at a Camden secondary school is 31 October 2015.

To find out more about what Camden secondary schools can offer your child:

- Visit the schools on their open days and evenings in September and October (see camden.gov.uk/admissions or individual school websites for details)
- Come to the Moving On to Secondary School event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 primary pupils from **3.30pm to 6.30pm on Tuesday, 15 September 2015** at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross, London WC1H 9AU. **Parents will need to register** for Moving On at eventbrite.co.uk (Search for 'Camden Moving On 2015').

'Meet the Parents' also hosts informal forums for primary parents to find out more about their local secondary schools. Find out more at:

camden.gov.uk/admissions & meettheparents.info

Dates for your calendar

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: 15th—19th June

Attendance KS1: **2H—96.9%**

Attendance KS2: **3F—98.15%**

Early Bird: **Rec R & 6C—0 lates**



Give it a Go! Festival—12th July

This summer, Camden's annual Give it a Go! Festival returns with a range of **free sports, music, arts and other activities for the whole family** to get moving more.

Taking place at Parliament Hill Fields on **Sunday 12th July from 1 to 5.30pm**, you can try out sports including badminton, tennis, boccia, martial arts, dance classes and a climbing wall. For younger children, there will be activities including an inflatable bounce-run, graffiti t-shirt making and face painting. You can also relax with healthy smoothies from our smoothie bike while enjoying music live from the bandstand. The festival is run in partnership with the City of London Corporation, Pro-Active Camden and COO-L, and celebrates the year-round programme of sport and physical activity available to residents in Camden.

For more information and latest updates on the day, visit camden.gov.uk/giveitago



Summer Holiday Cycle Training for Children

Following on from the successful cycle training that some of our year 6 children took part in recently we want to draw your attention to the summer course Camden are running during the holidays. The course is free and delivered over two days; however booking is required to secure a place.

3rd and 4th August at Haverstock School

10.00am-10.45am—Beginner Group

11.15am-12.00pm—Beginner Group

1.00pm—3.00pm—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 on **02079745537** or **02079745071**. Email cycle.training@camden.gov.uk



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



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>

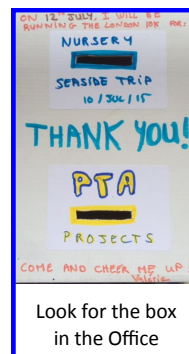
She is now training to be able to run the 10k race in July. She will be running to raise money for Brecknock Nursery's July Seaside Trip and for the PTA. If you would like to support her please donate what you can (collection box at the office) and she will also appreciate some cheering during the run—find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



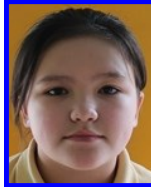
BRITISH 10K LONDON RUN



Writing in Year 6

We have just finished moderating the writing for year 6 and assigning them their final levels. We have been so impressed with the standard of writing from the children this year and how dedicated to improving they have been. Here are two extracts from much longer pieces of writing that came out of the work the children have been doing with Phil the Storyteller.

Katie jumped into the cold crisp night. As she fell she couldn't see anything but the undisturbed crystal white snow lying on the frosted ground. Clenching her fists tightly the freezing cold caught her breath, she could hardly breathe and her heart took the last bit of warmth in her small pale figured body. She rolled over and glared at the birthstone blue stars. They winked at her from the endless arch of void-black beyond the moon's corona. In places they were sequin silver and beautiful. The ones furthest away, almost outside the span of human comprehension, were like flashing pinpricks in a veil of darkness. They had a faint, silver tint and they looked like they were the distant, glittering sparks of angel fire. All of them were scattered like moon dust, it seemed to her that there was a snowfall sparkling in outer space and Katie felt privileged to witness it. She thought that she disappointed her baby brother 'Dave' and mum and dad. Whilst she lay there hopelessly a noise from the umber-brown forest subdued through her delicate ears. Slowly the sound got louder and louder, until she heard it clearly, she turned around cautiously, there it was...



By Demi

As Katie jumped from the ghost train into the star lit sky she landed in a thick blanket of cold wet snow. She tried to get up but she slipped on the freezing cold ice and hurt her leg. She could not carry on so she waited and waited until she had fallen asleep. Minutes later a dark figure appeared from the atrocious blizzard and carried her. When she woke up she heard the birds tweeting and found herself in a quiet forest. But it was not all quiet. Katie heard whistling. So she carefully followed the noise and there was a tall man who had big brown eyes, pale white skin and long dark hair. "Did you save me?" said the trmebling girl. "Yes Katie I did." "How do you know my name," Katie said. "I am Vincent, Morthius's loyal assistant and I know a lot of things. I have been summoned to help you in your quest to defeat the evil Ganchana. "Do you actually mean that, but how are we going to get there?"...



By Haythem



Brecknock's Forest School!

This week at forest school the children helped to light a 'Kelly kettle'. First they collected sticks for the fire then they lit a fire in the base of the kettle. Once they had some roaring flames they put the kettle on top and continued to feed the fire through the hole in the top. It was really exciting to see the flames, the smoke and feel the heat of the fire. After the water had boiled they made hot chocolate, yum yum! For the rest of the morning they chose where they wanted to play, some of them did some more leaf bashing, others went off to climb trees and race around, some found some unfamiliar insects and others were using the palm drills.

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Kew Gardens yesterday and the sun shone all day for them! First they visited the Palm House, which has lots of different plants that grow in very hot places in the world, like the Amazon Rainforest. They saw bananas growing, leaves bigger than them and even a 3D movie about phytoplankton (tiny single celled plants that live in the oceans). Next they went to the Waterlily Pond, and Dylan's group spotted a giant toad in the water! After that they walked through the Rock Garden (looking out for the troll hiding under the bridge, but luckily he must have been asleep). After lunch their next adventure was to visit the treetop walkway. It was so high and they felt like we were in Jurassic Park! Even though it was a bit scary for some people, everyone was brave and had a go. On the train home some of them took the opportunity to have a little nap as the day was super fun, but also a bit tiring. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to come along and help out. There are more photos on the website.

Year 1 at Kew Gardens



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Musa & Natasha—1M, Sumiyah & Zara—1T, Penelope & Emma—2B, Shun & Sam—2H, Naila—3F, Hiway—3N, Remy—4M, Mohammed—4W, Mohamed—5M, Jamaal—5W, Rhiannon—6C, Demi—6G