

Friday 5th June 2015

Message from the head:

Welcome back for the final half term of the academic year – time flies! The children have returned full of stories about the exciting things they did at half term. The sun is shining and there is lots of exciting learning ahead. We are already starting to think about next year, planning classes and teachers, but there is still a lot to look forward to before July. The first big event is Sports Day on Wednesday, please read on to find out more, and then the Community Festival on Friday 26th June. This event really relies on support from all of you so do please volunteer to help, we are looking forward to it already!

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

We have a book fair on a the moment in the reception area by the office. It will be selling books after school everyday until next Wednesday. Each class will visit it once during school time to have a look at what they have. They have a special summer 3 for 2 offer on so please come along and have a look.



Birthday Cakes

At Brecknock we are a 'Healthy Eating School'. Our EYFS are taking part in 'The Little Steps to Healthy Lives Award'. Our food policy has been updated to reflect this and will be on the website shortly once agreed by Governors. We are now asking families who wish to bring in cakes to celebrate their child's birthday with their class to try to provide cakes with high fruit or vegetable content. No chocolate or sweets on top please. In terms of managing the distribution of the cakes at the end of the day we would continue to ask you to provide these cakes in small individual portions so they can be given easily to the children. If your child is in early years the portion will be handed directly to the parent so you can decide if and when your child can eat cakes. If you have any good recipes for healthy fruit or vegetable based cakes we would love to hear about them and put them on the website for other parents to try.

Dates for your calendar

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
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

Lost Property

We still have stacks of children's clothing in lost property. We will be putting it out today after school and again on Friday 12th June. Any unclaimed clothing that is left after that will be taken to a charity shop—except for any clean school uniform which will be sold at the summer fair. Please check for any that belongs to your family before it's given away.



Sports Day—Wednesday 10th June @ Hampstead Heath

Next week is our sports day for Reception to Year 6. As usual we will be holding it at the running track at Parliament Hill in Hampstead Heath. Reception and Year 1 will be travelling by coach, while years 2-6 will walk there. We would love you to join us in cheering on the children and enjoying what is always a fantastic day so feel free to come along (not forgetting the chance of glory for yourselves in the parents race!).



We are aiming for a 10.30am start to the events at the Heath. As the event is out in the open please make sure your children are prepared for the weather—warm clothing and waterproof jacket if rain and/or cold is expected, or cooler clothes, hats and sun cream if it will be hot. Obviously, as this is a Sports Day, children need to bring their PE kit and trainers.

Children will require a packed lunch for the day and plenty of water to drink. If your child is usually school dinners a school lunch will be provided. The races will finish in the afternoon and children will walk back to school (or take the coach for Rec-Y1). KS1 will leave at approximately 2pm to return to school with KS2 heading back just after that. If you wish to take your child directly from the Heath please make sure you speak to their teacher so they can be marked off the register as collected. Don't take them without informing us. We look forward to seeing you there and fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

Friday Tea —Year 3 on Friday 5th June



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

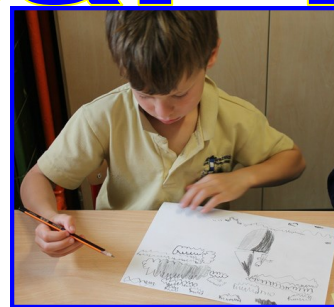
Spring Term: 18th—22nd May
Attendance KS1: **1T—95%**
Attendance KS2: **3F—100%**
Early Bird: **Rec R & 3N—0 lates**



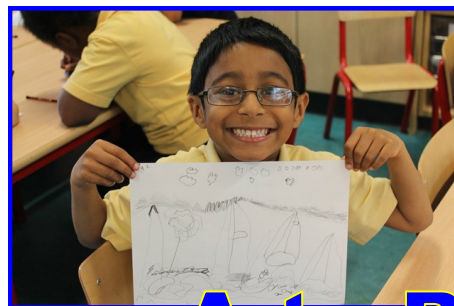
Monet in Year 1



Recently 1M children looked closely at the famous artist Monet's painting called 'Red Boats'. They did a sensory gallery walk, writing down what they could see, but also imagining what they would be able to hear, smell and feel. Children then drew their own version thinking carefully about the types of line to use (Monet preferred natural lines). Next the children added tone by shading areas that were darker in their pictures. Children were encouraged to continuously evaluate their own work and that



of others, which is a very important art skill. The final sketches are fantastic and show that we have some aspiring artists here at Brecknock!



From A to B!

As part of the end to their topic 'From A to B' the children in year 1 have been making vehicles comprising of axles and wheels. They used the language of forces to describe the movement of their vehicle and had a great time.



Bike Doctor Visit

The visit from the Bike Doctors on Wednesday was a huge success. We'd like to thank you all for supporting us in this initiative and bringing in your children's bikes. Our bike storage area has never been so full! During the day, they managed to service over 40 bikes! They replaced brake cables, brake blocks, fixed buckled wheels, serviced gears and adjusted wheels and seats. Nearly all the bikes they saw were able to be fixed. A couple needed parts or repairs beyond what they could do on the day but good advice was given in these cases. Camden Council are to be applauded for investing in this initiative and offer it to you free of charge—they didn't even charge us for the parts they replaced! We'd like to make this an annual event and going by the demand we are sure you will support us next year by bringing your bikes along again. Remember, they will service your bikes as well as your children's. We hope those whose bikes were serviced and all of you with bikes will encourage your children to exercise and get out and about on them while the sun shines.



Dramatic Endings in Year 2!



Year 2 have been making predictions about how the story the class have been reading might end. They thought about the type of story it was and what they would expect to happen. The children worked in groups to compose a series of freeze frames to tell the ending. They showed excellent inference skills and a few were very close to the true ending of the story. Well done!



the prizes for the best demolition derby Bee Bot programmers in KS1 during the recent Programming Week.

Well done to the winners of

Programming Week - KS1 Bee Bot Competition Prize Winners!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Oscar & Maha—1M, Che & Dylan—1T, Maisie & Yuusuf—2B, Jubaira & Kyleene—2H, Dean—3F, Khadija—3N, Rhyanna—4M, Ziyad—4W, Chloe—5M, Hamid—5W, Oliver—6C, Denizil—6G