

# Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 10th July 2015

# Message from the head

On Tuesday we received the Year 6 children's SATs results. These are very important as they show how much the children have learned throughout their time at primary school as they set out on their journey through secondary school and beyond. Last year's SATs results were amazing and I am delighted to tell you that this year's are even better! We will have a breakdown of levels achieved on the website soon.

We are immensely proud of all the children and the people who have worked with them over the years.

As if to underline this, our friends at Arsenal Football Club brought the FA Cup to show the children this week, as you will see elsewhere in the newsletter. Well done Year 6, you truly are WINNERS!



# **Nursery trip to Beach**

We'd like to apologise to all the parents and children that we had to cancel the planned nursery trip to the beach this week. We received a phone call from the bus company late on Wednesday afternoon to inform us the coach we had booked had broken down and would not be fixed in time to



take us. They had no other coaches available. Jackie in the office spent the rest of the afternoon trying to find a company that had a bus we could hire at the last minute but, with the tube strike on Thursday compounding things, there was not a coach to be had from anywhere.

The next available date when we have staff capacity to go and could get a bus is **Monday the 20th**. So this is now the new date for the trip. Thank you for all your understanding in what was circumstances totally outside our control. We look forward to the children having a great time.

### Year 6 End of Year Show

The Year 6 show has been moved to the last Monday of term, the 20th July. Please make a note of this in your diaries. The performance for parents, family and friends will be at 6.00pm. Thank you.

# Dates for your calendar

16th July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation
20th July	Nursery trip to the beach
20th July	Year 6 Show for Parents @ 6.00pm
21st July	Last Day of Term—close @ 2pm
1st & 2nd Sep	INSET Days—school closed
3rd Sep	School Opens—Children back

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Attendance KS1: 2B—95.19% Attendance KS2: 3F—98.89% Early Bird: 6C—0 lates

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# Sport fun Days at Brecknock this Summer

Our sports coaches are running two course this summer for children—two dodgeball fundays and a multi-sports funweek. The office have booking forms if you would like to sign up any of your children. Those who have attended previous holiday courses have had a great time. To secure a booking please hand a booking form (available from the office if your child did not take one home) with payment in to the office by Friday 17th July.

# **Dodgeball Fundays**

•	TIMES:	Thursday 23rd July & Friday 24th July 10am—3pm
	COST:	£12.50 per day

# **Multi-sport Funweek**

TIMES:	Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August 10am—3pm	
COST:	£12.50 per day £50 for full week!	

# Update from Valerie on her fundraising

Don't forget, 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. She will be running to raise money for Brecknock Nursery's

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July Seaside Trip and for the PTA. If you would like to support her please donate what you can (collection box at the office) here's a little update from her!

"I reached my £50 target for PTA with £52.30. I'm half way to reaching the £150 for the nursery seaside trip with £76.70 (a dinghy boat will be purchased and I need an extra £20 pound to pay for a round of ice cream and the rest could go towards a kite). Luckily the trip has been postponed so more noise can be done to raise more money from the nursery trip. I'm not ready for the race but I will definitely be doing it!" I haven't heard from parents/teacher who are joining the race. I'm hoping for some cheering along though!"

# 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

# **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Classes for September**



**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** 

Our ESOL classes were again very successful this year and will be running again from September. Enrolment will take place in the first week of the classes. The deadline for enrolment is week 6 in each term. Classes take place in the dining room on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They are a great opportunity to develop English skills and are free if you meet the criteria listed below. Classes are delivered by the Working Men's College. Ask in the office or contact the Working Men's College Community Learning Manager on: **020 7255 4733** or email: <a href="mailto:pkar@wmcollege.ac.uk">pkar@wmcollege.ac.uk</a> if you would like to know more.

Term A dates:

Week commencing 14 September 2015 – week commencing 30 November 2015

Week commencing 4 January 2016 – week commencing 21 March 2016 Term C dates :

Week commencing 11 April 2016 – week commencing 27 June 2016

Criteria for free ESOL classes for non EU citizens :

• To have lived in the UK for at least 3 years

OR

• To have lived in the UK for at least 1 year on spouse visa (married to an EU/UK citizen)

Students will need to bring their passports and benefit documents, if in receipt of housing benefit, income support or job seekers allowance, during enrolment.



ESOL is the course for you if English is not your main language and you plan to live and work in the UK and make it your home. It can help you get more out of your life here. It will help if you want to study, get a better job, or apply to be a British citizen. If you need to get a qualification which is good for the whole UK, you can choose to take an ESOL exam.



This is an English course for learners whose first language is not English and who cannot study at the college main site. Study English listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar in this class. Citizenship topics are also included. This class is open to beginners as well as advanced level students. The teacher will talk to you, take a short test and put you in the right level. You will get a WMC certificate , a Cambridge University certificate or a City and Guilds certificate after you finish your course.

- Who is the course for? English Course for people whose first language is not English.
- What previous knowledge/skills/experience is required? None
- What level is the course? All levels beginners to advanced
- What will the course cover and what can I expect to do by the end of it? Speaking and Listening: How to give personal details; name, address, phone number, nationality. How to say the alphabet, numbers and tell the time, making a doctor's appointment, buying train/bus tickets, shopping in the supermarket, making a job appointment, life in the UK. Reading and Writing: read short passages, describe yourself and others, write a letter, fill in a form.
- What teaching and learning methods will be used on the course? Small groups. Maximum 15. Group, pair and individual work. All materials, worksheets provided. Access to cd players and sometimes computers.
- How we will assess your progress on the course? Classroom assessments in Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills, individual learning plans and tutorials with your teacher.
- What type of qualification will passing this course give me? Working Men's College certificate OR Edexcel ESOL certificate
- What can I do after completing this course? Progress onto the next level at the community centre, join the Working Men's College for ESOL or other courses, find a job
- What extra study/practice we expect you to do outside the class? Your teacher will give you regular homework.



The college for women and men

# Parent Academy

### Remember to complete your Parent **Academy Survey!**

This year the Parent Academy programme was conducted at your



Parent Academy

There are lots of free

activities for young

people this summer

much going on we

in Camden. There's so

hope you will be able

to make the most of them for you and

Free swimming for

Visit your nearest

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school in partnership with the University of Chicago. The researchers have invited most Key Stage 2 parents to participate in an end-of-year survey that takes about 15 minutes to complete.

#### Get a £30 Argos voucher & a raffle ticket for this week's £150 prize if you hurry!

Vouchers are limited and will be given to the first parents who complete the survey. Each week, one parent will also win a £150 Argos voucher.

#### Find us in the School Reception area before and after school only until Thursday 16th July.

Contact us to return a paper survey or to receive a voucher and raffle ticket for a survey you completed online.

www.camden.gov.uk/active-spaces/. Active Spaces are original, imaginative, challenging and never-before-seen structures in the playgrounds of seven schools.

- Energy Club at Torriano Infant and Junior School: free, drop-in family activities 28 July-29 August 2015, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 4pm.
- Energy Club at Argyle School: free, drop-in family activities 29 July-28 August 2015, Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3pm and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.
- Summer Energy Club at Carlton School 23 July- 29 July (excluding weekends) from 9am -1pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Carlton on 0207 485 1947. Places are limited.
- Active Boost at Carlton Primary school and St Dominics Primary school starts September 2015, free healthy living programme combining active play with education for children aged 5-18yrs and parents/carers. At other locations this summer, call 0208 323 1725 to find out more.

Free activities for young people secondary school age – Active spaces

- Free Parkour course for girls at Acland Burghley secondary school starts Monday 10 August – Friday 14 August 2015, 2-4pm, for young people aged 14-19, sign up at Camden Summer University <a href="www.cmdn.co.uk/registration/">www.cmdn.co.uk/registration/</a>
- Free Parkour course at Acland Burghley secondary school starts Monday 17 August -Friday 21 August 2015, 2-4pm, for young people aged 14-19, sign up at Camden Summer University www.cmdn.co.uk/registration/
- Active fitness sessions at Haverstock Secondary school for pupils in year 6-8: 3-4pm Monday 20th July, Wednesday 22nd July, Monday 27th July, Wednesday 29th July Email
- Fab Fitness for girls at Haverstock secondary school for pupils in years 9- 12: 11-12pm, Tuesday 21st July, Thursday 23rd July, Tuesday 28th July, Thursday 30th July. Email I.walsh@ymca.co.uk to book.



Amazing Summer Opportunities in Camden

Summer Energy Club

at Camden Active Spaces Playgrounds





Camden Active • Summer Energy Club at Camden Active Spaces Playgrounds JOIN US for FREE outdoor activities and physical recreation during the summer holidays! the summer nolicalysi
Enjoy open play on the Active Spaces
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special activities including:
Latin dance, Capoeira, Zumba and Yoga. Children can earn "Energy Points" for participation, redeemable for prizes at the end of the summer holiday. (siblings also welcon Argyle Primary School
Tonbridge Street, London WC1H 9EG This programme is open to the community and not limited to Wednesdays 12-3pm and Fridays 10am-1pm 29 July - 28 August Argyle students. PARENTS & CARERS!

# **Building for the future!**

This week, Year 6 had a visit from an architect. It was part of the work they have been doing recently on careers. Paddy was grilled by them on all aspects of his job with some challenging and thought provoking questions. They were amazed at the detail on the model he brought in to show them of a project he and his company are currently working on for the charity 'Maggies'. Once they were done grilling him, Paddy tasked them with making some model buildings of their own and creating their own city with him as client. Paddy certainly inspired a few of them as after he went a group got together and, entirely on their own initiative, decided to design and build a model of a country park. They landscaped it with grass, trees, a lake, waterfall, campsite—complete with campfire and benches, a bridge and a boat. This term alone, year 6 have met with the owner of an events company, a doctor, a digital animator and now an architect, not forgetting their experience of pitching their business ideas to the

with some football coaches in school every week during the Autumn term.



nanks Paddy for coming to speak to u

'Dragons' - business experts who came in and grilled them. They never cease to amaze us with the level of their thinking, questioning and ideas.



Special mention to the landscape architects: Anisa, Abdi, Demi, Mia, Vivian, Kwadwo, Reece, Laura and Ronnie from 6G & Anisa from 6C.

# Thank you Arsenal!

On Tuesday we had a very special guest—the FA Cup (oh, and Adam the schools liaison officer from Arsenal!). There was a lot of excitement among the children (and many of the staff too!). We must say a huge thank you to Adam and Arsenal for bringing it in. Arsenal have been great this year. So far: Year 2 visited the stadium as part of their buildings topic; Years 2,3 and 4 attended a multi-sports morning at the market road pitches with Arsenal coaches; Year 6 played on the new 4G pitches by the stadium and used the classrooms their last week; and every holiday this year we have sent 10 children to the Arsenal Double Club holiday provision. We're very lucky to have such a supportive local club. We look forward to continuing to work with them next year. We already have next years year 4 and 5 booked to work



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



Musa & Charlie—1M, Tomor & Ziad—1T, Ryan & Tazmine—2B, Callum & Isaac—2H, Said—3F, Ava—3N, Abbi—4M, Ivy—4W, Kellycia—5M, Robert—5W