

Message from the head

This is the last newsletter of the academic year, and what a year it has been! The children have achieved the school's best ever results in national assessments in all phases: EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We will be uploading the results to the website over the summer so do please have a look and feel proud of your children.

I am sure you enjoyed reading about your child's personal achievements this year in their report. As well as academic success the children have benefitted from a huge range of visits and visitors this year to enrich their learning. It has been a brilliant year and I just know that next year will be even better!

Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone. We are looking forward to seeing you all again on **Thursday 3rd September** at 8:50 a.m. to hear all about it.

Children's Books

Please note that we will not be sending children's maths and literacy books home this term. This is because, in line with government guidelines, we will be using new methods of assessment next year and we need to keep the children's books for a year to ensure that progress is maintained. We will be giving you more information about our procedures for assessment next term.



Year 6 End of Year Show

The Year 6 show is on this Monday, the 20th July. The performance for parents, family and friends will be at 6.00pm. They have been working away learning their lines and songs and can't wait to show you. We hope you will be able to attend.



Dates for your calendar

Here is a list of term dates for next year. There is one INSET day still to be arranged. As soon as it is set we will publish it in the newsletter and amend the list of term dates on the website. Thank you.

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 September	School Opens—Children back
26th-30th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
2nd November	INSET Day—school closed
3rd November	School Opens—Children Back
18th December	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
21st Dec-1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
4th January	INSET Day—school Closed
5th January	School Opens—children back
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	School Opens—children back
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Phil the Storyteller

Website Home Access

Following the successful 'Oracy to Writing' project led by storyteller Phil McDermott, we have subscribed to his website 'The Story Emporium' so that you and your children are able to access his stories from home. This is a fantastic resource and we hope you will encourage the children to listen to the stories over the holidays – you can listen too, Phil has a real gift!

STEP 1: Go to the website: www.thestoryemporium.co.uk

STEP 2: Click the 'Register' button

STEP 3: Under 'Home Subscriber' press the Register button.

STEP 4: Once again press the Register button.

STEP 5: Fill out the registration form. Enter the following code in the School Top-Up Code field: **Gsjm_2049**

Fill in the rest of the registration form. Please ensure you read the Terms and Conditions before pressing the submit button at the bottom of the form.



Summer Holiday Cycle Training for Children

Camden are running free cycle training during the holidays. The course is delivered over two days; however booking is required.

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**. Or you can email on cycle.training@camden.gov.uk



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Spring Term: 6th—10th July

Attendance KS1: **2B—93.33%**

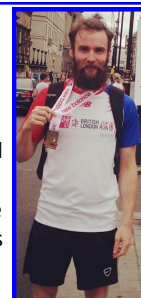
Attendance KS2: **3F—96.67%**

Early Bird: **Rec R & 6G—0 lates**



Well done and thank you!

Congratulations to Valerie (Mum of Naji in Y4, Anis in Nursery) on completing the London 10K last weekend. She was raising money for the nursery and her support is much appreciated, as is that of all those who supported her with donations and kind wishes. Well done to any other parents who ran (we know of Gemma, mum to Henry in Nursery who was raising money for the West London Day Centre and Nabiha mum to Marwan in Y4 and Mohammed in Y6). Lets not forget Daire in Year 3 who also took on the distance and triumphed last weekend. They are an inspiration to us all.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Our ESOL classes were 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. Classes are delivered by the Working Men's College. See last weeks newsletter (available online on the website), ask in the office or contact the Working Men's College Community Learning Manager on: **020 7255 4733** or email: pkar@wmcollege.ac.uk if you would like to know more.



Term A dates : w.b 14 September 2015 – w.b. 30 November

Term B dates : w.b. 4 January 2016 – w.b. 21 March

Term C dates : w.b. 11 April 2016 – w.b. 27 June

Sport fun Days at Brecknock this Summer

Our sports coaches are running two courses 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 Monday 20th July.

Dodgeball Fundays

TIMES:	Thursday 23rd July & Friday 24th July 10am—3pm
COST:	£12.50 per day £20 for both days!

Multi-sport Funweek

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

Camden New Town Community Festival

Brecknock PTA will be running a stand at the Camden New Town Community Festival held at Camden Square this coming weekend. The festival is over both days but Brecknock School will only be there on the Sunday. It would be great to have donations of cakes and/or biscuits to sell (home made obviously) and some volunteers to help out any time between 1200 and 1800. We'll be doing facepainting and paper crown decorations too, as well as telling the community what a wonderful place Brecknock School is! If you would like to help or donate cakes etc. contact the PTA on parentsassocaiton@brecknock.camden.sch.uk or just go along on the day.



Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Please encourage your children to use 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' over the summer. These online resources really help support the learning being done in school and will help support their skills over the long summer break. Even once or twice a week for 15 minutes will make a difference come September. If your child has lost or forgotten their login details please ask their teacher before we break up.

www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Amazing Summer Opportunities in Camden

There are lots of free activities for young people this summer in Camden. There's so much going on we hope you will be able to make the most of them for you and your families.

Free swimming for families this summer details at www.camden.gov.uk/swimming

Visit your nearest Active Space for fun, free activities this summer. More info at 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 www.cmdn.co.uk/registration/
- 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 l.walsh@ymca.co.uk to book.
- 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 l.walsh@ymca.co.uk to book.

If you are looking for things for your children to do this summer these are wonderful opportunities. We are very lucky in Camden to have so much going on that is free for the children. Book now to avoid missing out!

Science Club end-of-year party!



Science club came to an end this week with some rather silly, oozy, gooey and strange party food. We tried all sorts of combinations and predicted if we would like them or not. Then we

tried them and came to our conclusions. Would you try cracker with marmite, squirty cream, gherkins and sprinkles!? We did! Thank you to the children and their parents for making it so much fun!



Five Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day!



On Thursday last week the nursery children nominated their favourite names for the ducklings and we voted for the five best names. The ducklings are called: Fluffy, Donald, Bitey, Cinderelly and Robbie. Over the week the ducklings have changed and grown so much and we have been discussing the changes. "They have flippers so they can swim", Alice said. "Some of them have purple beaks", Tess said. "They are getting feathers", Abdullah said. On Monday the ducklings had their first swim, at first they paddled in the water then the smallest duck started diving under the water and soon all the ducks were diving. It was very exciting. At the end of the term the ducklings will go to live at [Kentish Town City Farm](#). If you would like to visit them

please go to visit the farm. We are very grateful to John from the farm for all his help with the ducklings.



Last Friday was RE Day at Brecknock. In Year 3 they contemplated their big question: "Is this the only life there is?" They looked at what different religions believe, and what they believed as a class. Of course, there was a diverse range of opinions. They then painted pictures representing life, inspired by a story called 'Waterbugs and Dragonflies'. Finally, they thought about bubbles as a symbol for life, and were able to make giant bubbles in the playground to represent how they could fill their lives with love, happiness, and caring.

RE Day in Year 3



As part of their topic 'The Circus is Coming To Town' the children in Year 2 enjoyed face painting this week to make themselves into their own unique Clowns. They had such a good time and they looked fabu-

Here come the clowns!



Goodbye Year 6!

It's been a fabulous year (few years in fact!) for our year 6 children but this will be their last newsletter as pupils at Brecknock. We are so incredibly proud of the young people they have developed into and will miss them terribly, however we know they are going to go on to bigger and better things. We wish every last one of the best of luck for the future. In the last week they have managed to cram in a trip to Joss Bay, their leaving ceremony and lots of rehearsals for their show next week. You're all stars! Don't be strangers— come back and visit from time to time!



Golden Book for the Year

One child from each class who we feel is, quite simply, amazing has been chosen to be the 'Golden Child' for the year. We are very proud of these children and want to share their achievements with you.



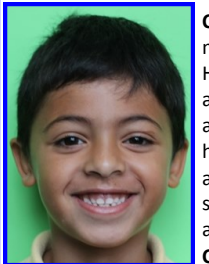
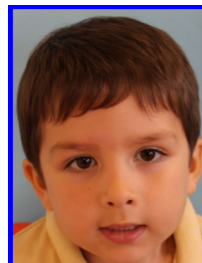
Reception B—Abdullah has made huge progress this year in all areas. He has great perseverance, enjoys learning and always tries his best. Abdullah is a friendly boy who cares and looks after his friends. Well done. Janet and Laura are very proud of you.

Reception R—Tristin is a confident reader and writer, he can work out answers in Maths and he can say how he worked them out. He is also so kind, gentle and looks after everybody at Brecknock. He tells wonderful stories about planting in his garden with Daddy and is generally a complete superstar. Well done Tristin!



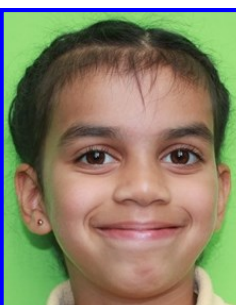
Class 1M—Eijaz: Eijaz is an easy choice for the Golden Book of the year award. He is a fantastic role model to his peers and always shows his understanding of our class charter through his exemplary actions. The three words we would use to describe Eijaz are: kind, thoughtful and focused. Eijaz tackles all tasks set with 100% effort and a smile on his face. He has made great progress this year and we are extremely proud of him and wish him all the best for Year 2. Well done Eijaz!

Class 1T—Diego: Diego is a delight to have in the class. He is polite, kind and caring towards others and has a fantastic sense of humour. He amazes all adults with his general knowledge and helps us to learn new things on a daily basis. Diego has made fantastic progress in all aspects of school life. He is an independent learner and has learnt that hard work absolutely pays off. I'm incredibly proud of him and he is a wonderful representative of Brecknock.



Class 2B—Ayman has blossomed in Year 2 and has made accelerated progress in every area of the curriculum. He has matured and is a sensible role model for all, as well as a becoming a Brilliant Brecknock learner. He's thoughtful and considerate to others and has a positive attitude to all aspects of learning. Toni is so proud of all Ayman's achievements this year.

Class 2H—Valery is hard working, conscientious and friendly. She listens carefully to others, tries her best in all subjects and has shown a real talent for writing. Her sensible choices and gentle nature have not gone unnoticed. She has been a credit to the school this year, relishing her role as Ambassador.



Class 3F—Abdel-Karim has impressed Daire and Jo with his hard work and dedication in Year 3. He only missed one day of school this year and has never been late! He has put so much effort into improving his reading and maths and this can be seen with the amount of progress he has made. Not only does he have the right attitude in class but he is also a good friend who looks out for others. He always managed to put a smile on Daire's face!

Class 3N—Raafi's attitude towards learning is fantastic. He completes his homework on time, never argues with others, or makes complaints when he doesn't get what he wants. He opened the Year 3 show with great confidence, and has been flourishing this year with outstanding progress across all areas. What an amazing year you have had, Raafi! All the adults in Year 3 agree that you deserve this award, and Az couldn't be prouder of you, or happier for you!



Class 4M—Sumaiya excelled herself in academic work, developed her strength of character and cultivated a positive attitude at all times. We're in awe of her ability to apply herself and her range of talents to her independent work. She is opinionated, confident and a true force of nature—three wonderful things. Always be proud of these qualities Sumaiya. Believe in yourself, trust in your capabilities and you will earn the respect and admiration of everyone who has the pleasure to meet and work with you.

Class 4W—Aleyna has consistently shown qualities that not only make her an outstanding learner but also an exceptional person. She shines. She is truly compassionate and loving, and her optimism and enthusiasm make our school a brighter place. Matt has witnessed her meet every challenge head on, whether it be personally, on stage or in her learning, she's always smiling and always succeeding! We should all be more like Aleyna, and when we confront a challenge, rather than being discouraged or downhearted, we will all do well to think *W.W.A.D.*, which stands for, "*What Would Aleyna Do?*"



Class 5M—Amina has made progress in her reading, writing and maths this year but it's her development as a person that was vital to getting this Golden Book Award. She has shown great character this year and has really matured, persevered and challenged herself. Furthermore, she's shown she knows exactly who she is and that no one can take that away from her. She can really hold her own too! Callum is sure you'll continue to grow in Year 6 and wishes you all the best.

Class 5W—Zoe was an easy choice! Without a shadow of doubt this special award has to go to her. Her hard work and upbeat 'can do' attitude has enabled her to be extremely successful this year. Her writing has taken on a new sophisticated style; she's pushed herself in maths; and has played numerous instruments to a high standard, oozing confidence while she does so. She strives to do the best in all that she does and does not stop until each task is completed.



Class 6C—Suddi you're an absolute star! Your kind, caring and bubbly personality is enough to make anyone smile. Your passion and enthusiasm towards every aspect of school life is inspiring – Henry is proud to have been your teacher. Your brilliant SATs results are an indication of the superb progress and success you have had this year and this is all down to your dedication and hard work. You are charming, polite and great fun to be around.

Class 6G—Kwadwo could have been given the golden book every week this year- he truly is one of a kind! His progress has been fantastic: he worked hard, challenged himself and always wanted to do his very best. Monica is so proud of him and all that he has achieved - he has matured into an amazing young man! The teachers at St Aloysius are very lucky to have him joining them next year. We are all going to miss him very much and wish him the very best of luck for the future.



These children have all been amazing, but they are by no means alone. Every teacher in the school could have chosen any one of dozens from each class who have worked incredibly hard, both academically, and in the wider sense of growing as individuals. They are all part of the wonderful Brecknock school community. We're proud of all the Brecknock children. They are what make it such an amazing school. We wish you all a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you all back, rested and ready for the challenges ahead in academic year 2015-16. See you on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 8.50am.