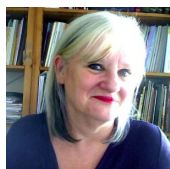


Friday 16th October 2015

Message from the head



We have received four nominations for two positions of parent governor, this means that there will now be a ballot. Please look out for the letter which is being sent home today to each family, this contains your ballot paper and the personal statements of the candidates. You will need to give the matter some thought and then cast your vote by Friday 6th November. The result of the election will be announced the following week.

You may know that we work closely with 'Magic Breakfast', a charity which provides healthy food and ideas for Breakfast Clubs. Following a suggestion from them this week we have been offering free breakfasts to children who arrive at school at 8:30. The normal charge of £1 per day applies to children who arrive at 8:00 but from 8:30 there is no charge and breakfast bagels and a drink are available. We will be continuing this trial next week too so do please see if your child would like to come along, they will be very welcome.

Be alert!

We would ask you to be vigilant and check your children's hair for any sign of head lice. There have been a couple of cases across the school in the last couple of weeks. If you do find any eggs or live lice please treat with appropriate medicated shampoo. Thank you.

Dates for your calendar

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| 19th October | Year 2 to Tower Bridge |
| 19th-23rd October | Year 6 School Journey |
| 26th-30th Oct | Autumn Half Term Holiday |
| 2nd November | INSET Day—school closed |
| 3rd November | School Opens—Children Back |
| 4th November | Year 5 to V & A Museum |
| 4th November | Family Supper @ 5.30pm |
| 12th November | 1/2 Year 6 to Regent Street Cinema |
| 19th November | 1/2 Year 6 to Regent Street Cinema |
| 3rd December | 1/2 Year 2 to Unicorn Theatre |
| 3rd December | Year 4 to Unicorn Theatre |
| 4th December | 1/2 Year 2 to Unicorn Theatre |
| 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 | INSET Day—School Closed |
| 7th June | School Opens—children back |
| 20th July | Last day of term—close @ 2pm |

Train to Teach in Camden – School Direct Open Day on 21st October 2015 9-12.30pm

At Brecknock we play a key role in training new teachers through the School Direct PGCE route. We work alongside UCL/Institute of Education and other excellent local Camden schools – Torriano, Kentish Town, Holy Trinity NW1, Fleet, Christopher Hatton, Thomas Coram, Eleanor Palmer, Primrose Hill and Netley - to deliver a really successful programme. The programme is different because as well as attending all the same lectures as other PGCE students at UCL/IOE, our students get together each week for specific, additional school-based training sessions and they know they will do their placements in a good local school. Last year 15 students graduated and many have jobs within our group of local Camden schools. This year we have 16 students. Reviews from students last year include: "Being part of such an inspirational group of schools has given us the opportunity to observe outstanding practice. We're part of a really supportive group and have been welcomed into our schools from the very start." and "What makes School Direct with the Camden Primary Partnership special is the chance to work and learn hands-on in the best primary schools in the country, each with its own unique teaching and learning ethos and a generosity of spirit in sharing skills, mentoring and expertise." We are now recruiting for 20 graduates (please note age is no barrier!) to join our teacher training programme for entry in September 2016 and we'd like to encourage anyone who is interested to make contact and to come along to our Open Day on **Wednesday 21st October starting at 9am at Eleanor Palmer School before walking down to Torriano School.** Please email sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk or phone Sarah on 020 7485 2155 to book your place. Lots more detail can be found on the Teaching School website: <http://www.camdentsa.org.uk/school-direct/>



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



5th-9th October
Attendance KS1: **Jersey—98.21%**
Attendance KS2: **Madagascar—100%**
Early Bird: **Lindisfarne & Madagascar—0 lates**

Friday Tea—Year 3
Friday 23rd October



Lost property

If your child has lost any items of clothing, please check the lost property box. We will be taking any unclaimed items to a charity shop over half term. Thank you.

Calling All Minecrafters!

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is on patrol for Minecraft fans (aged 7-14 years old) who want to be part of their Beach Builder Challenge, which is running over the half-term holidays. The challenge calls upon creative youngsters to craft epic beaches with awesome lifeguard towers, cool rescue craft and colourful



safety flags and signs with the aim of making the beach safe for the characters and to increase safety awareness amongst those who play it. This project aims to explore how effective Minecraft could be as a platform to engage 7-14 year olds when communicating important safety messages. They are calling for young Minecraft fans to take on the RNLI Beach Builder Challenge in the comfort of their own home. When taking part in the challenge parents are being encouraged to help the RNLI to understand if computer games can help increase children's beach safety knowledge by getting each child to complete a short online questionnaire before they do their crafting and after they have finished and submitted their fabulous creations. The questionnaires will take about 5 minutes and include multiple choice questions about beach safety with all answers remaining confidential. Parents of children who would like to take part in the challenge should email gaming@rnli.org.uk by 21 October to register your child's interest and they will email you back with full instructions ready to start crafting from 23 October. Please include your child's name and your relationship with the child in your email and make sure that Minecraft is installed on a console, tablet or computer.

Hall Art for 2015-16

All the classes across school have been busy getting their class artwork ready to go up in the middle hall. The theme for this years hall art has been 'Journeys'. They should all be up by the end of today. When you come to 'Family Supper' on Wednesday November 4th you will all be able to see them in the flesh. Till then, here's a taster!



Journey of Odysseus in Y5



Jersey Class (Y2) working on their hall art piece inspired by the 'Great Fire of London' and the 'journey' it made across London. And above is their fabulous finished piece in watercolours.



Journey of life by Y4

Last Friday we held our Poetry to coincide with National Poetry Day. Every class learnt a poem which they performed to the rest of the school in a special assembly. The teachers even learnt one to perform! The theme of this years Poetry Day was Light. We will have videos of each classes performance on the website soon for you all to enjoy.

Poetry Day



Diary of Anne Frank in Year 6

Extract from Jamaal's diary entry written as Anne Frank:
...slowly forgetting the local people in Germany I used to play with, Germany is only a matter of memory now. I'm glad I am in this secret annexe but it is only a matter of time before the Nazis find my vulnerable family. Its harsh enough to build a life with a foundation of chaos...

...every ear ringing of the churning plane engines make my legs quiver. Every air raid alarm I whisper to myself, "I'm finished"...



By Jamaal



Recently, pupils from Year 5 visited Westminster Law School to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. They completed a range of activities to introduce law and university life, helped by student ambassadors and University staff.

Pupils attended a mini-lecture on the Magna Carta and took part in a role-play with the character of King John. After lunch they were part of a mock trial with the children playing the roles of barristers and a jury! A great day out, well done to all that took part!



Brecknock Visit Westminster Law School

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Kah Yee & Abdullahi—Mull, Rizwan & Maya—Skye, Lok & Daisy—Guernsey, Ajwad & Charlie—Jersey, Zahra & Isaac—Y3, Elionit & Redwan—Y4, Will & Sophie—Y5, Umar & Ruben—Y6