

Friday 18th December 2015

Message from the head

What a busy final week of term it has been! This week and last we have been enjoying the fabulous shows performed by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children and staff worked so hard to make them perfect and they were absolutely magical. Well done to all. It hasn't been all joy however as today we said farewell to some much loved members of staff. Monica, Kate M and Saba have all made a huge contribution to the school and will be very much missed. They have promised to keep in touch though and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them the best of luck for the future. Finally I would like to wish children, parents, staff and the whole Brecknock community a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year. School opens again for children at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday 5th January, 2016. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mayors Maths Fund—Parental Engagement Project—Yr1-4

We hope you enjoyed doing the activities with your children that were sent home last week with their Scrapbook. This week you will have received some more activities to do over the Christmas break. Remember you can be as creative as you want with your children in recording how you do these tasks. We hope you will find them useful. We know the children will really enjoy sharing these learning opportunities with you.

Spring Term Clubs—apply 5th Jan

You should have received a letter about signing up for clubs for next term. If you have lost the letter please go on the website for a copy. Thank you.

<http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/after-school-clubs-for-spring-term-2016/>

Dates for your calendar

4th January	INSET Day—School Closed
5th January	School Opens—children back
12th January	Jersey Class to CLC
15th January	Guernsey Class to CLC
25th January	Hawaii Class to CLC
1st February	Year 5 to the Royal Observatory
10th February	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
10th February	Tahiti Class to CLC
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
8th March	Year 1 to Unicorn Theatre
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

Starting school in Camden 2016

Parents whose children are starting reception classes in Camden primary schools in September 2016 need to apply by **15th January**. You can apply online. Got to our website for more information and links to the relevant pages at Camden.

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Mathletics Champions!

Well done to KS1 champion, Khalid and Lily who was runner-up. Hamid took the honour in KS2 with Sumaiya second. Sicily and Corsica were first and second in the class competition. Well done and don't forget to encourage your children to practice over the holidays! Here are the top 10.

Place	Class	Total Points
1st	Sicily	175,448
2nd	Corsica	143,235
3rd	Jersey	106,398
4th	Guernsey	96,518



Child	Class	Total Points
Hamid	Sumatra	25,440
Khalid	Guernsey	22,500
Sumaiya	Cuba	16,240
Lily	Skye	15,420
Kabeer	Tahiti	15,390
Marcello	Sicily	15,370
Tomor	Guernsey	15,150
Yuusuf	Sicily	14,440
Abdulrahman	Jersey	13,010
Anas	Corsica	12,350



Attendance

Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

7th-11th December

Attendance KS1: **Skye—98.33%**

Attendance KS2: **Jamaica—97.69%**

Early Bird: **Lindisfarne, Jersey & Sumatra—5 lates**



We're very sorry Ilyas!

In the Newsletter for 4th December an error was made in the Golden Book. Ilyas never had his picture in when he had been selected for Year 4. We would like to say a big 'sorry' and hope this extra big picture makes up for it!

Christmas Fair Thank You!

Thank you so much for coming along and supporting us at this year's Christmas Fair. It was a huge success and we managed to make a **£616.78** profit once all costs were taken into account. The PTA have assigned 20% of this amount (£123) to be donated to Save the Children. To all the parents and staff whose hard work made this event happen - thank you. We'd also like to say thank you to the following businesses and organisations who supported through donations and goods: Bumblebee Natural Foods, Odeon Cinema, Snappy Snaps, JML, Salvino's, Arsenal and Tottenham Football Clubs.



Home Learning Survey

AS you would have read last week we are currently trying to get parent/carer opinions on homework and the new homework matrices being trialled in years 1-5. If you have not done so already please go online and complete the short survey. Thank you.

<http://goo.gl/forms/RyFia3Z1EW>



This week it was the turn of Year 1 and Year 2 to amaze us with their Christmas Shows—The Wizard of Oz and Babushka. If you saw them we are sure you will agree they were brilliant!

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Golden Book of the term...

We are now at the end of the Autumn term and so this week we bring you the children who have excelled all term. Each class teacher has chosen one child from their class that they feel has been a shining example to everyone in their attitude to work and endeavour, their resilience and who embodies the Brecknock Rights Respecting Ethos. Well done to them all!



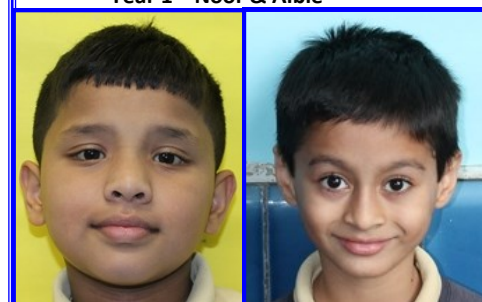
Homework



Year 1—Noor & Albie

Year 2—Eijaz & Daisy

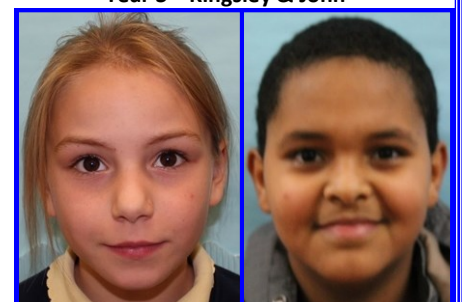
Year 3—Kingsley & John



Year 4—Redwan & Raafi



Year 5—Zuhra & Firdows



Year 6—Chloe & Esrom