

Friday 11th March 2016

Parent Conferences
Dear Parents If you were unable to meet your child's teacher last week, please make sure you book another appointment as soon as possible. Thank you..

Message from the head

Please remember that we will be holding a special Friday Tea after school on 18th March. This is honour of Janet Dickin-son who will be saying goodbye after many happy years of working at Brecknock. It is our turn to serve Janet a lovely cup of tea and I do hope you will all be able to come along. The usual food sale will be happening and we would like as many of you as possible to bring in contributions of cakes and healthy snacks and also of course to bid Janet a fond farewell. We always need people to help prepare for Friday Tea, cutting up fruit etc, and this would be especially useful on the 18th as we expect it to be busier than usual.

School Funding

Some of you may have heard that schools are facing unprecedented reductions in funding and it looks like the situation will be very difficult over the next few years. Councillor Angela Mason, who is the Camden Cabinet Member for Children has written an important letter to families about this. Please use the QR code to see the letter on our website to read it. Let's work together to keep London schools great!



Breakfast Club

We have recently reviewed our Breakfast Club provision. We are delighted that we are able to provide this service for families but have discovered that we need to make some changes to the pricing in order to make this viable. From the beginning of next term the price of Breakfast Club will be **£1.50 a day** for children who arrive between 8:00 and 8:30. Breakfast Club is free for children arriving after 8:30. If there are any special family circumstances which make these payments difficult please talk to Tiggy and we will be able to come to an arrangement with you. As well as helping out working parents Breakfast Club sets children up for a day's learning with a healthy breakfast and opportunities for exercise – a perfect start to the day!

Camden Family Learning

Find out how your children learn Phonics (letter sounds) at school and what you can do to support them at home!



Support your child with the phonics screening tests coming up in June 2016

This FREE week course starts on

Thursday 7th May. 9.15am-11.15am

In the dining hall

Clubs

There are **NO CLUBS** in the last week of this term (21st-24th). They will start back the second week back after the Easter Break, week beginning 17th April.

Good luck Ella!

We'd like to say good luck to Ella who goes on maternity leave today. We know she will be a fantastic mum and we look forward to meeting the baby when it arrives. Enjoy the peace while you can Ella—you'll be very busy before too long even if you're not here!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird

Winners

29th—4th March

Attendance KS1: **Skye—97.67%**

Attendance KS2: **Hawaii—100%**

Early Bird: **Lindisfarne & Jersey — 0 lates**



Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Don't forget to encourage your children to us their 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' accounts.

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

Dates for your calendar

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
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

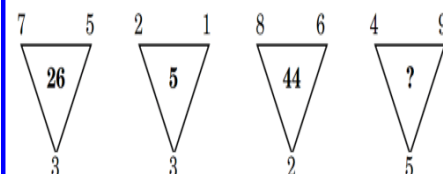
Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Well done to those who solved the puzzles last week. The car one of course just needed turned upside down to see the answer was 87. The second was trickier—only Goldie in Year 4 and her mum solved this one (it was 20cm). Have a go at this weeks.

PUZZLE 1: Put the numbers where the letters are to make the sum become true.

TWO
+ THREE
SEVEN
TWELVE

PUZZLE 2: What is the missing number in triangle four?



Brecknock Allotment

Following on from last weeks newsletter, if you are interested in getting involved in the Brecknock Allotment at Caledonian Park please speak to Daire. This should be an exciting new venture we'd love you all to be part of. Email: d.fitzharris@brecknock.camden.sch.uk



Friday Tea—Goodbye Janet!—Friday 18th March

Brilliant Brecknock Book Week!

This was no normal week at Brecknock. From Monday morning the appearance of a mysterious ice hand in the playground and some rather strange messages on walls, windows and floors around the school had the children buzzing! Things got even stranger on Tuesday when a second hand appeared overnight. It certainly got the children thinking and writing. On Wednesday, the excitement continued with a visit to EYFS and KS1 by the children's author Jessica Souhami. This was followed by a visit from another author on Thursday, S.F. Said, Mr Varjak Paw himself! Book week came to close today with many of the children (and adults) dressing up in some fantastic outfits for the theme Heroes and Villains. A huge thankyou to Az for organising everything again. You did a great job!



Brecknock News

BIG TROUBLE AT BRECKNOCK PRIMARY

By our correspondent:
PHUK TAO



At 6am on Monday morning, a large, mysterious hand and many threatening message were found all around Brecknock Primary School in Camden, London. It has caused enormous panic and confusion.



Curtis Blackman (the school's caretaker) first discovered the mysterious object, made completely out of ice, the the far corner of the playground, surrounded by multi-coloured gloves. When he checked around the school, he found threats and big, bold, blood-red eyes, frosted to the walls, windows and the corridors. He stated that it was surprisingly cold inside (below freezing temperature) even though the school was very hot at that time.

Later that morning, when the children arrived, they were horrified and confused. How and why this happened, they could not tell us.

Chief Tao was as confused as everyone else. He stated that his team were working as hard as they could and he was confident that they could solve the case.

Scientists were baffled but excited, "Magnificent! This is a fantastic discovery. What is this? Where has it come from? How has it not melted yet when it's this hot?" questioned Albert Einstein, the smartest scientist in history.

Marianne Porter (the school's head teacher), was very concerned about the incident. She commented that she was contemplating sending the children home if anything else happened. She told our reporter that she was worried about the children's safety more than anything else because they are her responsibility.

The school is a hive of rumours and speculations. A nine year old boy in year three, Corsica Class, stated that an ice giant rose out of the ground and the story has been spreading around the whole school.

Who? How? Why? That's the questions we are still left with, until the police or scientists find out more.



This amazing Bookmark was designed and drawn by Alima.



What you can't see in this picture is the little book glued to the centre is 3D—it opens and has pages! Very cool Alima. Well done.



'I had a great day and the children were terrific - so open to new ideas and so enthusiastic. Which just shows how respected they are at your school.'

Jessica Souhami



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Etienne & Maisy—Mull, Gaith & Alfie—Skye, Hanna & Yahya—Guernsey, Natasha & Saabir—Jersey, Shukri & Aayaz—Y3, Abdel Kerim & Olti—Y4, Ibrahim & All of Cuba—Y5, Tito & Jennifer—Y6