

Friday 29th April 2016

## Message from the head

I am sure will all join with me in congratulating Daire for his commitment to the great outdoors. He has been sleeping under the stars on the school roof all week – the coldest last week in April for twenty years! I am sure it will stand him in good stead as he prepares to climb Mount Everest next Easter and it has certainly inspired the children to think about nature and outdoor living. Thank you Daire. Plans are underway to redevelop the ground floor of the school over the summer holidays. The Nursery and Reception classrooms will be renovated and extended and we are hoping to also develop the EYFS outdoor area. This is all happening as a result of our project to provide education for two year olds from January 2017. It is all very exciting, please take time to fill in the questionnaire about this to help us shape the provision (see web address below, QR code to right or get a paper copy from the office). The closing date for completed questionnaires is **next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be holding an open morning for you to come and have a look at the plans over in the next few weeks. Watch this space for more information.



<http://goo.gl/forms/jZPbydQ7tT>

## Table Top Sale

Last Sunday was the first PTA Table Top Sale. Thanks to all the people who were able to come along. Special thank you to Suzanne for bringing in hot chocolate to those with stalls and to Svajune for serving a round of tea! Here's what some of those who made it along had to say:

**Steve (Brecknock parent)** "I really enjoyed the table top sale and even came away with a respectable profit! I hope that more people get involved next time and with a bit more publicity I think it could become a great community event"

**Valerie (Brecknock parent)** "It's a good community gathering event, I made £25. We need more stalls and more visitors. When is the next one?"

**Katherine (visitor from Tufnell Park)** "Will definitely get a table next time"

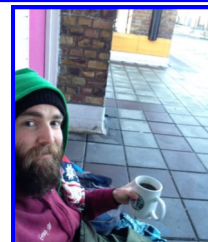


## Mathletics and Reading Egg

Please encourage your children to use both these resources (both are available on iPad as well as computer). If your child cannot remember their username and password, please speak to their class teacher. Thank you. [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk) & [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

## Sleeping under the stars

Well done Daire on completing his chilly week sleeping on the roof of the school. Please help support him in his efforts to raise money for Barnardo's children's charity through his trek to Everest next year and in his efforts to set up a camping club at Brecknock.



<https://www.justgiving.com/DaireFitzharris>.

## May Day Holiday

School is closed on Monday. We hope you all have a wonderful day and we'll see you all on Tuesday 3rd May at the usual time.

Camden Family Learning

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

**PHONICS**

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 Learning

## Maths Maestros!

We are very proud of the children who represented Brecknock at the Mayor's Primary Maths Challenge this week at City Hall. Zaynab, Sumaiya and Shalin were amazing! They have been giving up their time recently to train after school for the different rounds. They practiced the make 24 game, tangrams and pentominoes as well as some code breaking activities. Their hard work paid off with 4th place on the day out of the 13 schools taking part from all across London. If you see them please say 'Well done' - they deserve it.



## Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

So far we've had lots of guesses but no correct answers for last week's puzzle 2. Only Marcello in year 3 has solved puzzle 1 correctly and Goldie who got both. Here they are again for the rest of you with a hint for puzzle 2, there is no relationship based on the jump between numbers, it's something to do with the digits of each preceding number! If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills there is a great website run by the National Numeracy Challenge. Go to [www.nnchallenge.org.uk](http://www.nnchallenge.org.uk) to learn more and sign up for their challenge.

**PUZZLE 1:** After a football match the players on the pitch shake hands with each other. If each player shakes hands with every other player exactly once, how many total handshakes happen?

## Dates for your calendar

2nd May	May Day —School Closed
6th May	Class Photos
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
30th May-3rd Jun	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

**PUZZLE 2:** What comes next in the following sequence?  
58, 26, 16, 14, \_\_

## Say hello to Matilda!

Congratulations to Ella, our fabulous year 5 teacher and her husband Rich who this week welcomed their daughter into the world. She was born safe and well on Tuesday morning, 7lbs 9oz. The new family are all doing well. We can't wait to meet you Matilda Rae Wendon!





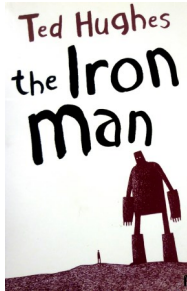
## Tesnim's Amazing Diary

Year 3 have been reading the fantastic Ted Hughes novel, 'The Iron Man'. This week they began writing diary entries from the perspective of Hogarth, the boy in the story. We were very impressed with lots of them but especially Tesnim's. Have a read. We're sure you'll agree it's a great start. If you've not read the book definitely worth a look—a classic for adults and children alike.



Dear diary,

*This evening, I went fishing down in the valley. As it got gloomy, my fishing rod got stuck in the reeds. Just as I was leaving I looked up, two green lights caught my eyes. They looked like headlamps, but they were as big as footballs. Then, I noticed a head shaped like a dustbin, however the size of a bedroom. As it rose higher and higher, I wondered what it could be...It was the iron man!!!*



*As quickly as I could, I sprinted to my house to tell my family about all the horrors. I didn't stop. At last I reached the door. Gasping for breath, I confessed the whole thing with my family. My mother grew pale. My sister sobbed. My dad got his double-barrelled shotgun and we drove frantically to the next farm. The farmer didn't believe us so we drove to the next farm. This time the farmer believed. He said, "Let's go look for tracks in the morning".*

## New Editorial Team for Brecknock Newsletter!



This week, and hopefully moving forward, we had some helpers on the newsletter. We have a new assistant editor, Ayesha in year 5. She was ably supported by her team of researchers and reporters, Rhyanna, Diana and Elara. Thanks girls for your help, see you next Thursday for the next print deadline.

## Year 1 on the Canal



This week Year 1 visited the canal and went on a canal boat as part of their new topic. They had a great time as you can see and the sun even made an appearance for part of the day! Keep an eye on the website for more photos to come.



This week Year 2 went to Camley Street Natural Park to learn about



habitats. They were taken on a 'nature trail', and learned about the four main habitats they could find at Camley Street. These were meadow, woodland, pond and garden. They learned how animal adaptations allowed different animals and insects to thrive in different habitats. Later, they even had the opportunity to do some pond dipping, which was great fun! They found all sorts of insects in their trays - but needed a magnifying glass to see some of them!

They were even blessed with some sunshine, which made their day even more enjoyable!



## A busy week in Year 2

Not only were they at Camley Street this week but they also had their entry point for their Water topic. This term the children will learn all about water and how important to life it is. As part of the entry point, the children played games with water - most of which involved soaking their friends!

The children had a lot of fun, especially when chasing down their poor teachers! (payback for all the SATS tests!)



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



Kyle & Ava—Mull, Teo & Aby—Skye, Daniel & Helin—Guernsey, Sameer & Amy—Jersey, Majida & Adam—Y3, Plator & Esther—Y4, Wazir & Priam—Y5, Chloe & Vanessa—Y6